ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT TO PHARMACY SCHOOLS SCHEME

(a component of the Rural Pharmacy Student Placement Allowance)

Effective from 1 July 2015

Programme Specific Guidelines are currently available in draft form and will shortly be updated to comply with the Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines. Updates to these programme guidelines will not change the intent of this programme, but will provide additional clarity for participants. This programme will continue to operate under these draft guidelines until updated programme guidelines are published.
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1. **INTRODUCTION**

This document outlines the Programme Specific Guidelines governing the Administrative Support to Pharmacy Schools Scheme (a component of the rural Pharmacy Workforce Programme). This document must be read in conjunction with 6CPA General Terms and Conditions. Definitions in the 6CPA General Terms and Conditions apply in these Programme Specific Guidelines.

The Administrative Support to Pharmacy Schools Scheme is an initiative of the Rural Pharmacy Workforce Programme (RPWP). The RPWP is designed to strengthen and support the rural pharmacy workforce, in turn to provide increased access to quality pharmacy services for consumers residing in rural and remote regions of Australia.

RPWP is part of the suite of Rural Support Programmes funded under the Sixth Community Pharmacy Agreement to support targeted programmes and services which improve access to Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) medicines and services for people living in rural and remote regions of Australia.

2. **BACKGROUND**

The Administrative Support Allowance provides financial support to Universities to facilitate placements for students in rural and remote areas, and to promote the Placement Allowance, the Rural Pharmacy Scholarship Scheme (RPSS) and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Pharmacy Scholarship Scheme (ATSIPSS).

3. **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

Australian Universities that provide pharmacy undergraduate or graduate entry courses leading to a registrable qualification as a pharmacist are eligible to participate.

4. **PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS**

Eligible Universities must enter into a formal agreement with the Guild and agree to:

1. organise rural placements for students in accordance with the Placement Allowance Scheme Guidelines;
2. publicise and promote the Placement Allowance, the RPSS and the ATSIPSS where appropriate;
3. acknowledge financial assistance provided by the Australian Government Department of Health through the Administrative Support to Pharmacy Schools Scheme in any promotional material or public statements made in relation to any of these Schemes using the following acknowledgement;
4. provide biannual reports to the Guild in relation to the Administrative Support to Pharmacy Schools Allowance Scheme including what specific activities have been conducted using the funding and which elements of the RPWP have benefited from the use of the funding; and
5. provide biannual reports to the Guild detailing funding expenditure and commitment.

5. **REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

To assist with the monitoring of the Programme, each University is required to submit the following reports to the Guild on a biannual basis. Copies will be provided to the Department of Health. These include:

1. a Report outlining what activities have been undertaken using the funding, including promotional activities relating to the Placement Allowance, the RPSS and the ATSIPSS undertaken; and
2. a Statement of Income and Expenditure for the Administrative Support to Pharmacy Schools Scheme.

6. **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

The Guild will provide the Department of Health with information about the Scheme, the use of funds under this Scheme and on any issues that may arise in relation to a particular circumstance.

7. **RESOURCES**

Administrative Support Scheme Programme resources are available for download at [www.6cpa.com.au](http://www.6cpa.com.au)

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