



Community
Pharmacy
Agreement

RURAL PHARMACY STUDENT PLACEMENT ALLOWANCE

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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.

PROGRAMME SPECIFIC GUIDELINES



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1. INTRODUCTION

This document outlines the Programme Specific Guidelines governing the Rural Pharmacy Student Placement Allowance. 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 Rural Pharmacy Student Placement Allowance 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 PBS medicines and services for people living in rural and remote regions of Australia.

2. BACKGROUND

The Rural Pharmacy Student Placement Allowance provides financial support to encourage and enable Australian Universities offering pharmacy courses that lead directly to registration as a pharmacist to deliver student placements in rural communities.

3. ALLOWANCE VALUE

Each allowance has a maximum value of \$3000 plus GST per student per eligible placement and will be paid via the University. Funds may only be used to assist with travel and accommodation costs for students traveling to eligible rural areas to undertake a placement.

4. PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

4.1 Eligibility of applicants

Students must:

- 1 be an Australian citizen or a permanent resident;
- 2 be enrolled as a full time student in an undergraduate pharmacy degree or as part of a graduate entry course (a course that leads directly to registration as a pharmacist) at any Australian University;
- 3 apply for the allowance through their University;

- 4 provide a brief report detailing the activities undertaken while on placement once the placement is complete; and
- 5 agree to participate in longitudinal studies on the recruitment of rural pharmacists to rural practice.

Recipients are encouraged to seek employment in rural areas following graduation.

Universities must:

- 1 provide application forms and these Guidelines to students;
- 2 allocate allowances in accordance with these Guidelines;
- 3 publicise and promote the allowance where appropriate;
- 4 acknowledge assistance provided by the allowance in any public statements in relation to the performance of an allowance holder;
- 5 provide biannual reports to the Guild in relation to the distribution of the allowance and activities undertaken by allowance holders; and,
- 6 provide de-identified copies of student reports to the Guild.

4.2 Eligible rural locations

For the purpose of the allowance, 'rural and remote' will be determined by the Pharmacy Accessibility Remoteness Index of Australia (PhARIA).

Placements funded under this programme must take place in PhARIA 2–6 locations.

Applicants may apply for funding to undertake one placement to their 'home' town (that is their address used on admission to the course) during their degree, provided that their 'home' town is located in a PhARIA 2–6 area.

Placements in the student's own University town are not eligible for funding.

PhARIAs for a particular location can be found by visiting the following website:

<http://gisca.adelaide.edu.au/projects/pharia.html>

In the event of a dispute, the Guild reserves the right to determine whether a location is deemed eligible based on the categories above.

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5. FUNDING ALLOCATION

Funding will be allocated to each participating University at the beginning of each calendar year. The funding will be calculated based on the total number of student placement hours (placement hours undertaken in rural areas only) from each University from the previous calendar year.

Each University will be required to submit to the Guild a report providing the total number of student placement hours during the previous calendar year and this will be used to determine the allocations for the next calendar year.

6. APPLICATION PROCESS

Allowances are awarded by the student's University on the basis of individual student application. Application forms are available from the applicant's University and are assessed by the University. Payment of an allowance is conditional upon the applicant satisfying the administrative requirements of the University.

Students may apply for more than one allowance in a given academic year. Forfeited allowances are not transferrable to another student.

Holders of Rural Pharmacy Scholarships under the RPWP and holders of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Pharmacy Scholarships are eligible to apply for an allowance.

Any disputes arising from the Rural Pharmacy Student Placement Allowance will be dealt with through the Guild in conjunction with the appeals procedures of the University concerned.

7. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

University reporting requirements

To assist with the monitoring of the allowance, 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 completed Report outlining the placement location, type of placement, duration of placement, the actual cost of placement, the allocation made to the student, and other statistical data;
- 2 a Statement of Income and Expenditure for the allowance;
- 3 de-identified copies of each students' placement activity report;
- 4 an updated Intellectual Property register.

8. IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Allowances are limited on the basis of available funds. Lodging an application does not guarantee receipt of an allowance. Consequently, applicants satisfying the eligibility criteria will not necessarily receive payment of an allowance.

The Guild may provide the Department of Health with information about the assessment and allocation of allowances, the allocation of funds for this allowance and on any issues that may arise in relation to a particular application

9. RESOURCES

Rural Pharmacy Student Allowance resources are available for download at www.6cpa.com.au

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