Everyone in Western Australia deserves access to quality healthcare
Working hard to ensure distance is no obstacle to quality healthcare.
Healthy communities with access to quality healthcare

Rural Health West is a not-for-profit organisation funded by the Australian Government Department of Health and the Government of Western Australia WA Country Health Service.

We provide a medical and health workforce recruitment service and offer a wide range of programs to attract and support rural and remote health professionals including general practitioners, practice nurses and allied health professionals.

An important aspect of our work is providing support mechanisms which encourage health and medical professionals to remain working in rural communities. This is done through providing locum support, continuing professional development, business and practice support, and helping medical and health professionals and their families settle into rural life.

Our efforts also extend to showcasing the benefits of rural practice to medical and allied health university students and junior doctors to encourage them to consider a rural career. We engage with them through a wide range of activities including professional development, immersion experiences and sponsorships.

Rural Health West administers several outreach programs on behalf of the Australian Government Department of Health. These outreach programs provide rural communities with additional access to visiting health professionals closer to home.

With more than 25 years in the rural health sector, we are known as the ‘go to’ people for rural health workforce and work collaboratively with government agencies, private organisations and other non-government organisations at local, state and national levels.
Recruitment of medical and health professionals for general practice, allied health practice, Aboriginal Medical Services and aged care facilities.

Locum placements for general practice

Visiting medical and health professionals through funded outreach programs.

Fellowship and examination support for International Medical Graduates.

Continuing professional development and upskilling workshops and conferences.

Orientation of new rural general practitioners and allied health professionals.

Acquisition of Medicare Provider Numbers for new rural general practitioners and non-vocationally registered International Medical Graduates.

Contact us for information on or assistance with:
Support and advice for families of rural medical and health professionals.

Mentoring and clinical attachment opportunities for procedural general practitioners.

Financial incentive programs aimed at retaining medical and health professionals in rural and remote locations.

Data and information management for needs assessment planning.

Rural health workforce planning.

Business and practice support services for general practice, including advice and support for accreditation, operational processes, revenue enhancement and business processes.

Information, career navigation and rural immersions for new graduates and medical and allied health students.
One of the strengths of Rural Health West is that our independent status means we are highly responsive, flexible, agile and able to identify and implement solutions to health workforce issues.