



Opt In from 1 January 2020

What are the new arrangements for the Bonded Medical Programs?

The Bonded Medical Program, established in 2001, provides students with a Commonwealth supported place in a medical course at an Australian university, in return for a commitment to work in a regional, rural or remote area for a specified period.

The commitment to work in a regional, rural or remote area is referred to as a Return of Service Obligation (RoSO).

The new arrangements of the Bonded Medical Program provide a more flexible approach in undertaking RoSO; clear and consistent processes to assist participants in managing their arrangements and an online application facilitating easier management of RoSO.

The Bonded Return of Service System

The Bonded Return of Service System (BRoSS) is an online application available from 1 January 2020 to all new students entering the program from 2020.

A mobile phone application will also be available in 2020.

Opt in considerations for new participants

From 1 January 2020, all new students will enter the Bonded Medical Program under the new arrangements.

Once the universities have provided the Department of Health (the department) with their list of firm offers to prospective students, the department will provide these students with log in details for BRoSS.

Students will need to log into BRoSS to review and accept the terms and conditions of the new arrangements. Once this is complete, the student has entered the Bonded Medical Program.

Opt in considerations for existing scheme participants

Eligible existing participants can choose to opt in to the new arrangements any time from 1 January 2020. Opt in is voluntary for existing participants.

The decision to choose to opt in will depend on the benefits the new arrangements offer a participant and the current stage or phase of their existing arrangement.

Participants who choose not to opt in will keep their existing contract or deed of agreement.

All participants are encouraged to keep their existing contract or deed of agreement obligations up to date.

How can existing scheme participants opt in to the new arrangements?

From 1 January 2020, existing participants will be able to email the department at BRoSS@health.gov.au advising they would like to opt in.

The department will then review the participant's record to check all contractual or deed of agreement obligations are up to date. Participants will then be notified of their eligibility to opt in to the new arrangements and will be provided with log in details for BRoSS.

Existing participants will need to log into BRoSS to review and accept the terms and conditions of the new arrangements. Once this is complete, the participant has entered the Bonded Medical Program under the new arrangements.

What if my existing scheme contract or deed of agreement is not up to date?

Participants can contact the department to discuss the options available. This is recommended regardless of whether a participant chooses to opt in to the new arrangement or stay on their existing contract or deed of agreement.

Where can I work to complete the RoSO?

The Modified Monash Model (MMM) defines whether a location is a city, rural, remote or very remote. A fact sheet is available at:

<https://www.health.gov.au/health-workforce/health-workforce-classifications/modified-monash-model>.

Distribution Priority Areas (DPA) identifies locations in Australia with a shortage of General Practitioners (GP). The District of Workforce Shortage (DWS) is a health workforce classification for non-GP specialists. A fact sheet for DPA and DWS is available at:

<https://www.health.gov.au/health-workforce/health-workforce-classifications/distribution-priority-area>.

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Further information

Please see the Department of Health website: <http://www.health.gov.au/new-arrangements-bonded-medical-program>.



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