

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

**3GA History Letter** - Letter from the Department of Health confirming applicant's 3GA history including length of time. Applicants can apply directly to the Department by emailing [19AA@health.gov.au](mailto:19AA@health.gov.au)

**3GA Program** - All medical practitioners restricted by section 19AA of the Act who do not hold specialist qualifications are unable to access Medicare benefits unless they apply and participate on an approved training or workforce program under section 3GA of the Act.

There are placements in various approved training and workforce programs, which satisfy the requirements of section 19AA of the Act. These allow doctors to access the Medicare benefits arrangements while undertaking vocational training to gain Fellowship of a recognised medical college. List of approved programs under section 3GA of the Act:

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/publications/publishing.nsf/Content/work-pubs-mtrp-16-toc~work-pubs-mtrp-16-chapter-6~work-pubs-mtrp-16-chapter-6-section-3ga-programs>

**Confirmation of Employment** – Where an applicant is already employed in the practice and moving from another 3GA program. The letter needs to include details of employment i.e.: full time, part time, hours per week etc.

**Distribution Priority Area** - A DPA is an area where the general population's need for medical services is deemed to be unmet. An area is a DPA if it has less access to medical services than the national average. The current DPA status of every location in Australia for the medical specialty of general practice is available through the locator map at

<http://www.doctorconnect.gov.au/internet/otd/publishing.nsf/Content/locator>.

The DPA status of a particular medical practice can be confirmed by typing the exact street location in the locator map. Further information regarding what is a Distribution Priority Area (DPA) is also on the DoctorConnect website at

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

**Exam Enrolment Confirmation** - Acknowledgement by provider of Exam enrolment/registration. Please contact the colleges directly.

**Exam Transcript** – A transcript showing exam dates and outcomes. Please contact the colleges directly.

**Health Workforce Certificate** – required for all temporary residents. <https://visasforgps.com.au/>

**Letter of Offer** - is a formal written document sent by an employer to a job candidate selected for employment. The letter of offer should be on company letterhead and detail the position title, location(s), commencement date, hours of work, employment term (permanent full time etc.) Letter of offers should also be signed and dated by an authorized person.

**Medicare Provider Number Application** - <https://www.humanservices.gov.au/organisations/health-professionals/forms/hw019>

**Medicare Support Letter** - letter of support from the practice on practice letterhead. It must include the following statement: *Practice Name* supports a Medicare Provider Number application for *Doctor Name* to access Medicare benefits at *Practice name, Practice full address* for the period of *Start date* on the MDRAP program.

**Modified Monash Model (MMM)** b The Modified Monash Model is a classification system that better categorizes metropolitan, regional, rural and remote areas according to both geographical remoteness and town size. MMM classification of every location in Australia is available through the locator map at <http://www.doctorconnect.gov.au/internet/otd/publishing.nsf/Content/locator>.

**'Other Medical Practitioner' (OMPs)** - programs are workforce programs that were designed to provide access to higher Medicare rebates for non-vocationally recognised doctors who provided services in approved locations and met other eligibility criteria specific to the particular program. There are four OMPs programs with differing eligibility and requirements. The OMPs programs ceased to new entrants on 1 January 2019. Existing OMPs program participants will be grandfathered until 30 June 2023 as long as they continue to meet program requirements. A ROMPs application should be completed for each location to the Rural Workforce Agency as part of the MDRAP application (if eligible) <https://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/work-pr-romps>

**Plan for Professional Development and re-entry to practice to AHPRA** - GPs are required to submit a professional development plan for re-entry to practice to Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA). Evidence of submission will need to be supplied to the Rural Workforce Agency as part of the MDRAP application. Template- Plan for professional development and re-entry to practice can be accessed on the AHPRA website.

**Position Description** - A job description is a document that describes the general tasks, or related duties, and responsibilities of a position. The position description should detail the clinical responsibilities, safety and quality responsibilities, qualifications for the role as well as other clinical and general requirements.

**Supervision Plan** – email [mdrap@healthworkforce.com.au](mailto:mdrap@healthworkforce.com.au) for a template of the Supervision Plan prior to submission.

## HELPFUL WEBSITES

- Health Workforce Queensland - <https://www.healthworkforce.com.au/page/workforce-support/general-practitioners/more-doctors-for-rural-australia-program/>
- Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) - <https://www.ahpra.gov.au/>
- Health Workforce Locator - <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/health-workforce-locator>
- Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) - <https://www.racgp.org.au/home>
- Australian College of Rural & Remote Medicine (ACRRM) - <http://www.acrrm.org.au/>
- Primary Health Networks (PHN) - [http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/content/primary\\_health\\_networks](http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/content/primary_health_networks)
- Australian Medical Council (AMC) - <https://www.amc.org.au/>
- Australian Medical Association (AMA) - <https://ama.com.au/>