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**Department of Health,
Disability and Ageing**



BONDED RETURN OF SERVICE SYSTEM (BROSS)

PARTICIPANT USER GUIDE

-PROGRAM INFORMATION-

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2. Program Information

2.1 Participants Obligations

The Program is delivered and supported by the following legislation:

- [Part VD of the Health Insurance Act 1973](#) (the Act).
- [Health Insurance \(Bonded Medical Program\) Rule 2020](#) (the Rule).

More information about the Program is available on the [Department of Health, Disability and Ageing \(the department\) website](#).

Once you are a Program participant, you must adhere to the obligations listed in the relevant legislative instruments. These include:

- completing your Return of Service Obligations (RoSO) in an eligible regional, rural, or remote (Modified Monash Model (MMM) 2-7) area
- informing us about your RoSO in accordance with subsection 16(1) of the [Rule](#).
- ensuring all notifiable events and milestones are up to date in BRoSS, in accordance with subsection 15(1-4) of the [Rule](#).
- keeping your personal details up to date, as per subsection 15 (1-2) of the [Rule](#), so you continue to receive all necessary correspondence.
- logging into BRoSS at least every 6 months. If no changes are necessary, you can log out of BRoSS without editing any information. We will be able to see that you have met this requirement as your log in date and time are recorded in BRoSS.

2.2 Completing your RoSO

As stated in section 124ZF of the [Act](#), as a Program participant you have 18 years to complete your RoSO from the date you complete your medical course.

If you joined the Program as a new student, you must enter at least one RoSO plan in BRoSS prior to completing your medical course. If you joined the Program from a legacy program, you must enter at least one RoSO plan in BRoSS within 3 months from the date you entered the Program. The 156 weeks of RoSO can be completed over an 18-year period and can be undertaken in the following ways:

- full-time, part-time or on a per-day basis.
- as a fly-in/fly-out doctor in eligible locations.
- on-call services in an eligible location.
- paid leave that is accrued from the rendering of such a professional service.
- outreach services in an eligible location.
- aeromedical evacuation and retrieval services to patients in an eligible location; and
- telehealth services in an eligible location and delivered to patients in an eligible location.



Under section 9(3) of the Rule, you are only able to reduce your RoSO by up to 78 weeks prior to fellowship or within the first 12 years of your 18-year period. Once you attain fellowship or where you have commenced the 13th year of your 18-year period, whichever occurs first, can you complete the remaining 78 weeks, totalling 156 of RoSO. All completed RoSO plans, and uploaded evidence, will be reviewed by us. If required, further evidence will be requested to determine eligibility.

2.3 Notifiable Events

As a Program participant you are required to regularly review section 15 the Rule to assess whether any *notifiable events* are applicable given your circumstances. You must update your BRoSS record within 6 months of a notifiable event occurring.

Notifiable events include:

- Any change in name (marriage or deed poll certificate).
- Any change in your primary or secondary contact details, including your phone number, email address or postal address.
- Any change which impacts on the completion time of your course of study in medicine.
- Completion of course of study in medicine.
- Provisional registration with AHPRA.
- Commencement of an internship.
- Completion of an internship.
- General registration with AHPRA.
- Commencement of vocational training.
- Attainment of medical specialisation.

2.4 Eligible RoSO Locations

When seeking confirmation on eligible locations, we recommend that you use BRoSS. BRoSS will advise you immediately if the location is eligible while accounting for your individual circumstances. Refer to section 11 of the Rule '*Entering a planned RoSO event*' for more information.