

Rural Procedural Grants Program

Training Models Fact sheet

Procedural GPs are doctors who have a specialised skill, such as in obstetrics, anaesthetics, surgery, emergency medicine, and emergency mental health. The Rural Procedural Grants Program (RPGP) provides grants of up to \$32,000 to rural GPs who hold procedural and emergency medicine advanced skills. This helps with the cost of attending continuing professional development (CPD) activities, to maintain or enhance their procedural and emergency medicine (including emergency mental health) skills.

Under the RPGP, participants can undertake eligible continuing professional development (CPD) activities as face-to face training, online interactive training or under a hybrid model combining both face-to-face and associated online training activities. The hybrid training model will be implemented and available for participants to claim for from 1 October 2025.

These 3 models of training are defined as:

- **Face-to-face training** – A minimum of 6 hours of face-to-face training in one day or a minimum of 4 hours of face-to-face training and 2 hours of related online training in one day.
- **Hybrid training** – A minimum of 3 hours of face-to-face training and 3 hours of related online training in one day.
- **Online training** – A minimum of 4 hours online interactive training in one day.

RPGP participants can claim for a variety of training models within the relevant RPGP streams (Procedural, Emergency Medicine and Emergency Mental Health) up to a set maximum amount of financial support. Participants can claim for CPD activities for all relevant streams.

The amount of financial support per participant each financial year differs by stream. However, the type of training model(s) claimed will not impact the overall maximum amount of financial support available. The maximum number of claimable training days will be variable depending on the type(s) of training models undertaken. The table below summarises the daily and maximum rates of financial support per participant by financial year.

Training Model	Face-to-Face Training	Hybrid Training	Online Training
Daily Rate	\$2,000	\$1,500	\$1,000
Maximum Annual Financial Support – Procedural Stream	\$20,000		
Maximum Annual Financial Support – Emergency Medicine Stream	\$6,000		
Maximum Annual Financial Support – Emergency Mental Health Stream	\$6,000		
Maximum Claimable Annual Number of Training Days (if training is 100% face-to-face)	10 Days	3 Days	3 Days

Examples of Claims for CPD Activities Across the Training Models

Example 1 – Dr Priyanka

Dr Priyanka is a rural GP with advanced skills in obstetrics and emergency medicine. She is practising in an MM7 location, utilising her advanced skills in her regular practice. Due to the remoteness of her location, Dr Priyanka opted to undertake 4 days of her procedural CPD as online training and 3 days as hybrid training. Dr Priyanka also undertook 3 days of face-to-face emergency medicine CPD.

Based on the figures outlined on the previous page, Dr Priyanka was able to claim a total of \$14,500 in financial support for her CPD broken down as:

- \$4,000 for 4 days of online procedural CPD
- \$4,500 for 3 days of hybrid procedural CPD
- \$6,000 for 3 days of face-to-face emergency medicine CPD

Example 2 – Dr Ross

Dr Ross is a rural GP with an advanced skill in surgery which is a component of his regular practice. Dr Ross is located in an MM3 location. Dr Ross undertook 6 days of face-to-face procedural CPD, 2 days of hybrid procedural CPD and 5 days of online procedural CPD. Dr Ross also undertook 3 days of face-to-face emergency medicine CPD.

Based on the figures outlined on the previous page, Dr Ross was able to claim a total of \$26,000 in financial support over 16 training days for his CPD broken down as:

- \$12,000 for 6 days of face-to-face procedural CPD
- \$3,000 for 2 days of hybrid procedural CPD
- \$5,000 for 5 days of online procedural CPD
- \$6,000 for 3 days of face-to-face emergency medicine CPD

Example 3 – Dr Katya

Dr Katya is a rural generalist who holds an advanced skill in emergency medicine and who also provides emergency mental health services as a component of her practice. Dr Katya lives and works in an MM5 location. Dr Katya undertook 3 days of face-to-face emergency medicine CPD, 3 days of online emergency mental health CPD and then completed an additional 2 days of face-to-face emergency mental health CPD.

Based on the figures outlined on the previous page, Dr Katya was able to claim up to the maximum amount of financial support of \$12,000 over 8 training days for her CPD broken down as:

- \$6,000 for 3 days of face-to-face emergency medicine CPD
- \$3,000 for 3 days of online emergency mental health CPD
- \$3,000 for 2 days of face-to-face emergency mental health CPD

Dr Katya's claim for emergency mental health CPD activities within the current financial year reached the maximum amount of financial support available. She was able to receive \$3,000 towards her online emergency mental health CPD and then \$3,000 for 2 days of face-to-face emergency mental health CPD (the second day received the remaining \$1,000 in financial support available).

Example 4 – Dr Mateo

Dr Mateo is a rural GP with an advanced skills in anaesthesia and emergency medicine. Dr Mateo also provides emergency mental health services as a component of his practice. Dr Mateo lives and works in an MM4 location. Dr Mateo undertook 5 days of face-to-face procedural CPD, 1 day of hybrid procedural CPD, 3 days of online procedural CPD, 2 days of face-to-face emergency medicine CPD, 2 days of online emergency medicine CPD, 2 days of hybrid emergency mental health CPD and 3 days of online emergency mental health CPD.

Based on the figures outlined on the previous page, Dr Mateo was able to claim financial support of \$26,500 over 18 training days for his CPD broken down as:

- \$14,500 for 9 days of procedural CPD
 - \$10,000 for 5 days of face-to-face procedural CPD
 - \$1,500 for 1 day of hybrid procedural CPD
 - \$3000 for 3 days of online procedural CPD
- \$6,000 for 4 days of emergency medicine CPD
 - \$4000 for 2 days of face-to-face emergency medicine CPD
 - \$2000 for 2 days of online emergency medicine
- \$6,000 for 5 days of emergency mental health CPD
 - \$3,000 for 2 days of hybrid emergency mental health CPD
 - \$3,000 for 3 days of online emergency mental health CPD