



Australian Government

Department of Health, Disability and Ageing

# OTHER MEDICAL PRACTITIONER EXTENSION PROGRAM GUIDELINES

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## **Important Notice:**

The Other Medical Practitioners Extension Program (OMPEP), introduced 1 July 2023 was available to eligible medical practitioners participating and actively billing on one of the following legacy programs on 30 June 2023:

- After Hours Other Medical Practitioners Program (AHOMP)
- Outer Metropolitan Other Medical Practitioners Program (OMOMP)
- Rural Other Medical Practitioners Program (ROMP)

The AHOMP, OMOMP and ROMP programs closed 30 June 2023.

The Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (department) does not accept applications for participation on the OMPEP. Medical practitioners currently enrolled in the OMPEP who meet the eligibility requirements of their legacy program will be automatically extended on OMPEP. The extension of the OMPEP was implemented from 1 July 2026 until 30 June 2030.

These Guidelines have effect from 1 July 2026 and replace all previous versions of the Guidelines.

### **1. Introduction**

The intent of the 2026 extended OMPEP is to recognise the value of services provided by medical practitioners who do not hold specialist registration in general practice. This extension of the OMPEP provides for eligible medical practitioners actively registered in OMPEP on 30 June 2026 to continue to provide general practice services available in the Medicare Benefit Schedule (MBS), from 1 July 2026 until 30 June 2030.

The OMPEP provides access to higher Medicare rebates for medical practitioners who have provided general practice services through the OMPEP program. The participant must continue to meet the eligibility criteria of their legacy OMPs program.

The OMPEP is not available to medical practitioners who were not registered in OMPEP on 30 June 2026.

The OMPEP is administered by the department in accordance with these Guidelines. All decisions under the program are made by senior and executive officers in the department who are authorised by the Minister for Health and Ageing and the Minister for Disability and the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

Where your legacy program was the ROMPs program, the ROMPs program guidelines are available on the department's website and should be referred to in conjunction with these OMPEP Guidelines.

Where your legacy program was the AHOMPs program, the AHOMPs guidelines are available on the department's website and should be referred to in conjunction with these OMPEP Guidelines.

## **2. Eligibility**

Eligibility to participate on the extended OMPEP program, required a medical practitioner to be an active participant in OMPEP on 30 June 2026 and to continue to meet the requirements of the legacy OMP program that allowed them to be included in the OMPEP on 1 July 2023.

Continued enrolment on the OMPEP will only be granted to participants currently enrolled in OMPEP, under the parameters of their current program placement. No new applicants will be considered.

Applications are not necessary as eligible OMPEP program participants will be automatically extended on the OMPEP, provided they continue to meet the requirements of the legacy OMP program that underpinned their initial eligibility for OMPEP.

Ongoing eligibility for an OMPEP placement extension requires continued participation in accordance with the OMPEP program guidelines under which the participant was registered on 30 June 2026 and the ROMPs or AHOMPs program that underpinned their eligibility on OMPEP.

## **3. Eligible Locations**

Eligible OMPEP participants will automatically be extended at their current location from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2030.

Additional locations may be approved if the OMPEP participant and the required location meet the eligibility criteria set out in the legacy program guidelines dated 1 July 2026.

## **4. Claimable MBS item numbers**

Claimable MBS item numbers under the OMPEP are the same as those relevant to the legacy ROMPs or AHOMPs program the participant was enrolled in on 30 June 2023.

## **5. Participant obligations**

Whilst participating in the OMPEP program, participants must:

- ensure they comply with the requirements of their legacy program.
- ensure their Medicare provider number is correct and up to date.
- ensure any information provided to the department is accurate and current.
- advise the department of any change in circumstances which is relevant to continued eligibility for the OMPEP program

## **6. Further information**

Further information about the OMPEP program is available at:

- [www.health.gov.au](http://www.health.gov.au) and search "Other Medical Practitioners programs"
- [OMPS@health.gov.au](mailto:OMPS@health.gov.au)