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***Return of Service Obligations under the Program***

- The Program is a critical component of the Australian Government's Stronger Rural Health Strategy. The aim of the Program is to ensure Australia's medical workforce is well distributed, flexible and directed towards locations in need.

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- Both the Program and the BMP Scheme provide students with a Commonwealth Supported Place in a medical course at an Australian university, in return for a commitment to work in an eligible location for a specified period of time after completion of their medical course.
- The Program provides a wide range of options as to when, where and how participants can choose to complete RoSO within the Program's required timeframe and requirements.
- 18 months can be completed pre-fellowship and 18 months completed post fellowship.
- RoSO can be non-continuous, full or part-time work, and fly in/ fly out work in eligible locations may be counted towards RoSO.
- There is more choice and more locations with participants able to complete their RoSO in MM2-7 locations, and in Distribution Priority Areas (DPA) for General Practitioners (excluding Inner Metropolitan Areas) or District of Workforce Shortage (DWS) for Specialists (excluding Inner Metropolitan Areas) for their chosen medical speciality.
- There are no restrictions on the work undertaken, however work undertaken in ineligible locations will not count towards reducing the RoSO.

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