



University Information

The statutory Bonded Medical Program came into effect on 1 January 2020. Since then, any students that have accepted a bonded place in a course of study in medicine have entered the Bonded Medical Program.

The Bonded Medical Program (the Program) provides students with a Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) in a medical course at an Australian university, in return for a commitment to work in eligible regional, rural or remote areas for a specified period after completion of their medical course. This commitment is referred to as a Return of Service Obligation (RoSO).

The Program provides:

- a standard 3 year RoSO to be completed over an 18 year period
- a more flexible approach in undertaking RoSO, where RoSO can be on a non-continuous basis, full-time or part-time work, and fly in/fly out work in eligible locations
- clear and consistent processes to assist participants in managing their obligations using an online web portal facilitating self-management of RoSO

Universities can manage their firm offer applicant lists through the Bonded Return of Service System (BRoSS).

To support the Program, the Department of Health online web portal, the Bonded Return of Service System (BRoSS), will allow bonded students and doctors to self-manage their participation, including identifying eligible work locations and implementing their RoSO plan.

BRoSS has been available for all students who accepted a bonded CSP since 2020. Students from previous years who have accepted a bonded CSP under a legacy scheme can request to opt-in to the Program and they will be provided access to BRoSS.

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University employees who manage the bonded CSP application process will have a secure user access to BRoSS to:

- enter firm offer applicant contact details
- view, edit and update their firm offer list

- check the status of firm offer applicants to monitor who has accepted their placement in the program
- access resources to inform and support firm offer applicants and bonded participants
- monitor the number of bonded participants studying at their university.

New applicants

When a university has finalised their firm offer list in BRoSS, the department will provide those students with log in details to access BRoSS.

The firm offer applicant will then need to log in to BRoSS to review their contact details and must agree to participate in the Program. Once this is complete, the student has entered the Program and becomes a bonded participant.

Legacy scheme participants can opt-in to the statutory Program

There are two existing legacy schemes: the Medical Rural Bonded Scholarship (MRBS) Scheme and the Bonded Medical Places (BMP) Scheme. The MRBS and BMP Schemes are closed to new participants. Opt-in is voluntary for eligible participants.

- MRBS Scheme participants can opt-in after completing their course of study in medicine.
- BMP Scheme participants can opt-in to the Program at any time. This includes participants still completing their medical course.

Bonded participant obligations

Bonded participants under the Program are subject to *Part VD of the Health Insurance Act 1973* and the *Health Insurance (Bonded Medical Program) Rule 2020*.

Bonded participants under the Program agree to complete their medical course in accordance with the requirements of their university and to complete 3 years of RoSO in eligible regional, rural or remote areas within 18 years of completing their course of study in medicine.

Individuals should obtain independent legal advice before accepting the firm offer of a bonded CSP (or, as a legacy scheme participant, before seeking to opt in to the Program).

Further information

Department of Health website: www.health.gov.au [Search: "Bonded Medical Program"]

Contact the Department of Health

- Telephone: 1800 987 104 (Monday-Friday, 8:30am – 5:00pm AEST)
- Email: BondedMedicalProgram@health.gov.au using the subject line:
'[Scheme/Program] – [Participant name] – [Request type]'