

Commonwealth Update

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New Government

- Policy authority and funding for the 2022/23 Budget measures and election commitments will be sought through a government approval process.

2022/23 Budget Measures - RHMT



\$14.8 million for a Charles Sturt University Rural Clinical School



\$36.2 million for two more University Departments of Rural Health



\$14.3 million to extend the RHMT program in Aged Care Services

2022 Budget Measures – medical schools



Capital and establishment funding for up to 8 new rural campuses for existing medical schools



80 new medical CSPs will be created on top of the existing national allocation



\$4.3 million to support the Evaluation of the Murray-Darling Medical Schools Network

More rural campuses and CSPs

- To support universities to deliver full medical school programs from rural training locations
- Capital and establishment costs for up to 8 schools
- 80 new rural CSPs
- Competitive process
- Joint process with Health and DESE

Grant Opportunity

- Building on 2018-19 Budget measures of
 - Stronger Rural Health Strategy
 - Assessment Framework
 - Murray-Darling Medical Schools Network
- Pandemic has highlighted need to continue to build a self-sufficient and well distributed medical workforce

Eligibility

- Universities with existing medical schools
- New or existing rural campuses
- Universities will be required to also allocate commensurate CSPs from within their existing allocation to the rural campus
- Evidence of support from jurisdictions to accommodate additional internships and postgraduate training places
- Aligns with Assessment Framework

Timing

- Grants process to open in late 2022
- Funding available from late 2022-23
- New CSPs to commence from 2024

Assessment Framework

- Introduced in 2018-19 Budget measures and used for MDMSN schools
- Currently under review to ensure remains in line with National Medical Workforce Strategy priorities

RHMT Assurance Project

- Department to work with RHMT universities to conduct an audit focussed on rural integrity.
- Designed to be value add to universities
- Educative approach and also informs future program design.
- Four universities will be selected as the first tranche
- Further advice to be provided soon.

National Medical Workforce Strategy

The National Medical Workforce Strategy 2021–2031 identifies achievable, practical actions to build a sustainable highly trained medical workforce.

5 key priorities:

1. collaborating on medical workforce planning and design
2. rebalancing the supply and distribution of doctors across specialties and locations
3. reforming medical training pathways
4. building the generalist capability of the medical workforce
5. building a flexible and responsive medical workforce.

Questions?

Further Information

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