Budget October 2022-23

This information is accurate as of 25 October 2022.

Rural and Regional Health

This measure will provide further incentives to doctors with additional skills and education to practise in regional, rural, and remote communities.

Doctors will get additional payments of up to $10,500 if they have additional skills and experience, such as in:

* Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander health
* anaesthetics
* emergency medicine
* mental health
* obstetrics
* surgery.

This measure will help deliver the Australian Government’s election commitment to provide regional, rural, and remote communities with a higher level of health care.

Services Australia has been allocated $2.5 million in 2022-23 and $7.5 million over 4 years to support the implementation of this measure.

This measure is not subject to the passage of legislation.

Who does this measure affect?

This affects people living in regional, rural, and remote communities. It also affects doctors with advanced education and skills who will practise in these areas.

When will this start and finish?

This will start on 1 January 2024 and will end on 30 June 2026.