

2025 Rural Community Residency Program Frequently Asked Questions

How can I apply?

- Applications are only accepted via MedCareersWA.
- Applications open 27 May and close 01 July 2024, 4:00pm AWST.
- o Eligibility criteria can be found within the MedCareersWA advertisement.
- Note: This is separate to the centralised RMO recruitment. You will still need to apply / confirm your employment through the RMO recruitment.

Can I apply if I am unsure which hospital I will be employed at in 2025?

• Yes. As applications for this program are only open once per year, we encourage you to apply and see which hospital you are contracted to.

What about spilt contracts (e.g. FSH/PCH)?

• We encourage you to apply for a CRP placement and if successful, you can complete the placement during your time at either FSH, RPH or SCGH.

I am considering a Registrar position in 2025, should I still apply?

- We encourage you to apply if you are keen on a CRP term.
- Once the hospital and Registrar contract start date is known, you and the CRP officer can make an informed decision on if a placement is an option for you.
- You can withdraw or decline your CRP offer during the year if your situation changes.

Can I do both a Rural CRP and Metro CRP placement? What about the standard rural rotations through my employer?

- Yes, you can complete a standard rural rotation, a rural CRP placement and a metro CRP (Silverchain) placement over the course of the year.
- o It is not a case of one or the another, and you will not be disadvantaged if you apply to multiple programs.

How long and where do I go?

- The rural CRP is for a single term only (10/11weeks).
- o Locations and an overview of the position is detailed in the rural CRP flyer.

How do I let you know my preferences?

- In your application you will be asked to preference which term you would like to go in (Term 1 to Term 5) and the location (7 locations available). You can also place the reasoning behind your preferences within your application for context.
- The CRP officer will do their best to take your preferences into account when offering positions and creating the matrix.

Will WACHS cover travel and accommodation?

- Yes. WACHS will either organise or reimburse your travel to and from your placement.
- Accommodation will be provided to you.

When will placements be offered from? I haven't been offered a CRP placement yet?

- $_{\odot}$ $\,$ Offers will be made from October 2024 for the 2025 clinical year $\,$
- Please do not be deterred if you are waitlisted, recruitment to the rural CRP can take several weeks/months due to a lot of movement (e.g. Registrar contracts, training placements and changing personal circumstances)

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