

2022 JOINT MEDICAL PROGRAM

Assessment of rural/remote status

In order to be considered under RRAS an applicant must have resided in a rural/remote location for at least five years consecutively or ten years cumulatively.

An applicant's rural/remote status will be assessed based on information provided on the applicant's RRAS direct online application. This includes details of schools attended (Kindergarten through to Year 12), work experience, work history and a statement from a rural community leader (supporting and validating the rural/remote status). Details should be listed on the RRAS direct University application in chronological order starting with the most recent.

RRAS supporting documentation must be received by 1 October 2021.

RRAS applications with no supporting documentation or incomplete documentation will be transferred to the standard non-rural application pool after 1 October 2021. It is recommended that copies of supporting documentation be provided as it is not possible to return original documentation. Hard copies must be certified by a Justice of the Peace.

The University of Newcastle/University of New England will classify an individual's background as rural or non-rural based on the Federal Government's ASGS-RA (2016) Classification.

The University of Newcastle/University of New England reserve the right to check all information provided in support of a RRAS application. RRAS applicants may be asked to provide additional documentation to validate the information provided.

RRAS applicants who do not to satisfy the rural/remote criteria will be advised by email and their applications will be automatically transferred to the standard (non-rural) CSP applicant pool.

Verification of rural/remote status

All RRAS applicants are required to provide a statement in support of their rural/remote status - this statement needs to be from a local rural community leader. The purpose of the statement is to validate an applicant's rural/remote status - it is not a character reference. The statement must include the rural/remote location in which you resided (street address, town, postcode) and the period of residence covered by the statement.

For your convenience, a form is available on the next page.



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Rural Remote Admissions Scheme (RRAS)

The Rural Remote Admissions Scheme (RRAS) is aimed at increasing the number of rural/remote origin students selected for entry to the JMP. Thirty percent of available Commonwealth Supported Places in the JMP will be allocated to students entering under this scheme. To satisfy the rural/remote criteria all RRAS applicants are required to provide a signed statement(s) from a rural community leader which substantiates/validates that they have resided for five (5) years consecutively or ten (10) years cumulatively, in a designated rural/remote region. Applicants who have resided in a number of different rural/remote locations may need to submit separate statements verifying different periods of residence. Statements cannot be completed by a member of the applicant's immediate family. The Universities reserve the right to conduct checks on any documentation provided in support of a RRAS application.

VERIFICATION OF RURAL/REMOTE STATUS

I _____
(Full name of person making the declaration)

am able to confirm that _____
(Full name of applicant)

has resided at the following address(es).

HOME ADDRESS(ES) <i>(include street, suburb and postcode)</i>	PERIOD OF RESIDENCE		TOTAL		RRAS CLASSIFICATION <i>(Office Use Only)</i>
	<i>mm/yyyy</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>mm/yyyy</i>	<i>Years</i> <i>Months</i>	
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The University of Newcastle/University of New England will classify regions as being rural/remote using the Commonwealth Government's Australian Statistical Geography Standard-Remoteness Area classification (ASGS-RA 2016) - doctorconnect.gov.au/internet/otd/publishing.nsf/Content/locator. Rural/remote locations are classified as RA2 to RA5 (i.e. excluding RA1).

Signature

Date

Occupation/Position

Business/Employer

Business/Employer Address

Suburb

Postcode

Phone

Email

PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMPLETED STATEMENT BY:

Mail:

RRAS Supporting Documentation - Joint Medical Program
School of Medicine and Public Health
Bowman Building
University of Newcastle
Callaghan NSW 2308

Or scan and email to:

jmpadmissions@newcastle.edu.au

