

# THE JOINT MEDICAL PROGRAM®

## Rural and Remote Admissions Scheme (RRAS)

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

An applicant's rural or remote status will be assessed based on information provided on the applicant's RRAS direct 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 or 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 3 October 2025.**

RRAS applications with no supporting documentation or incomplete documentation will be transferred to the standard non-rural application pool after 3 October 2025. It is recommended that copies of supporting documentation be provided as it is not possible to return original documentation.

The University of Newcastle and the University of New England will classify an individual's background as rural or non-rural based on the Federal Government's MMM-2019 map.

The University of Newcastle and the 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 satisfy the rural or remote criteria will be advised by email and their applications will be automatically transferred to the standard (non-rural) CSP applicant pool.

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## Rural Communities Entry List (RCEL)

In order to be considered under RCEL an applicant must meet the requirements of the RRAS, have resided in the Hunter New England, Central Coast or Mid-North Coast Local Health District for at least five years consecutively or ten years cumulatively and reside in either of the LHDs above at the time of application.

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

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## Verification of RRAS or RCEL status

All RRAS or RCEL applicants are required to provide a statement in support of their rural or remote status - this statement needs to be from a local rural community leader. (Examples of rural community leaders are: School Principals, School Teachers, Member of Local, State or Federal Government, Pharmacist, Registered Nurse, Accountant or Veterinarian). The purpose of the statement is to validate an applicant's rural or remote status - it is not a character reference. The statement must include the rural or 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.**



**Health**  
Hunter New England  
Local Health District



**Health**  
Central Coast  
Local Health District



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The RRAS and RCEL are aimed at increasing the number of rural or 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 the RRAS. To satisfy the rural or 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 or remote region. Applicants who have resided in a number of different rural or 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 either a RRAS or RCEL application.

### VERIFICATION OF RURAL OR 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)<br>(include street, suburb and postcode) | PERIOD OF RESIDENCE |    |         | TOTAL |        | MMM<br>CLASSIFICATION<br>(Office Use Only) |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|----|---------|-------|--------|--------------------------------------------|
|                                                           | mm/yyyy             | to | mm/yyyy | Years | Months |                                            |
|                                                           |                     |    | -       |       |        |                                            |
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The University of Newcastle and the University of New England will classify regions as being rural or remote using the Federal Government's Modified Monash Model - 2019 map.  
[doctorconnect.gov.au/internet/otd/publishing.nsf/Content/locator](http://doctorconnect.gov.au/internet/otd/publishing.nsf/Content/locator). Rural or remote locations are classified as MM2 to MM7, excluding MM1.

Signature

Date

Occupation/Position

Business/Employer

Business/Employer Address

Suburb

Postcode

Phone

Email

Please include as part of your direct application or return via email to : [jmpadmissions@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:jmpadmissions@newcastle.edu.au)

Forms submitted via email must be received by 3 October 2025.



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