



Rural GP Child Care Grant

Applicant Guidelines

1. Program Description

RDWA recognises that rural GPs and registrars who are primary carers of pre-school aged children are valued members of the rural SA general practice workforce. The Rural GP Child Care Grant provides funding of up to \$1,000 as a contribution toward the costs of child care. This grant can be paid whether or not the GP or registrar is accessing other financial benefits that offset or subsidise the full cost of child care.

The aim of the grant is to provide the support for greater participation by primary carers of pre-school children in the South Australian rural GP workforce.

2. Program Scope

The grant offers up to \$1,000 per eligible applicant, which is paid as \$250 for each eligible quarter in the 2021-22 financial year. Up to 50 grants may be awarded in the financial year.

Resident rural GPs or GP registrars may apply for one grant in a financial year regardless of the number of pre-school aged children for whom they are the primary carer.

The primary carer is the person who is the major provider of ongoing daily care for the child; who most meets the child's needs; and makes the day to day decisions about the child's welfare, care and development.

Primary carers make their own arrangements for the care of their child independent of this grant.

To understand whether this grant assists in increasing the participation of primary carers of pre-school children in the rural GP workforce, RDWA will ask applicants to provide feedback if they are awarded a grant.

3. Eligibility

You can apply for a grant if you are a rural GP or GP registrar who is:

- living in a SA rural location; and
- practising in general practice in a SA rural location; and
- the primary carer of a pre-school aged child; and
- the child will be less than 5 years of age as at 30 April 2022, and
- have at least one child in paid childcare arrangements in the relevant quarter to enable you to work.

The application will be assessed in terms of the eligibility criteria and available resources. RDWA may ask you to provide additional information to assist in assessing eligibility.

A rural SA location is defined within the Modified Monash Model as MMM 2-7 in South Australia. You can check if your home address and your practice address are in MMM 2-7 by using the on-line tool: <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/health-workforce-locator>



4. Process

4.1. Application

GPs and GP registrars who can demonstrate they meet the eligibility criteria can apply on-line www.ruraldoc.com.au/pre-school-childcare-subsidy. When completing the application, you will be asked to provide personal details and a short description of your pre-school child care arrangements.

4.2. Assessment and notification

RDWA will review applications for eligibility and will send successful applicants a letter of offer confirming details of the grant.

4.3. Payment of the grant

RDWA will send a claim form at the end of the relevant quarter which you complete and return to RDWA. RDWA will review the claim and make the payment to the nominated bank by electronic funds transfer.

5. More information

Please contact Paula Wood, Manager Primary Health Care Workforce if you have any questions. You can reach Paula via email to paula.wood@ruraldoc.com.au or phone 8234 8277.

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