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| GP grants program |
| Eligibility framework |
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# Background

The Victorian Government’s $32 million GP grants program will deliver a total of up to 800 grants (400 in 2024 and 400 in 2025) and $40,000 per successful applicant. The grants aim to:

* increase the number of GP trainee enrolments in 2024 and 2025;
* provide a top-up payment for first year trainees of $30,000; and
* provide $10,000 to support the costs of exams to be undertaken during GP training.

# Purpose

The purpose of the eligibility framework is to:

* prioritise grants when there is an oversubscription for the 400 grants in 2024 and when there is an oversubscription for the 400 grants in 2025; and
* successfully deliver 800 grants based on a prioritisation process.

# Scope

Eligible doctors who can apply for the Grant are:

* doctors who have been successfully accepted and commenced GP training in Victoria 2024 and 2025 (2024 cohort and 2025 cohort); and
* doctors who have applied, enrolled and were accepted on or after 27 November 2022 and commenced GP training in Victoria in 2023 (2023 cohort).

Grants will be allocated to the cohorts as follows:

* 400 grants in 2024: 2023 cohort and 2024 cohort
* 400 grants in 2025: 2025 cohort, and the 2023 and 2024 cohorts where deemed applicable by the respective GP college.

# Enrolment numbers

Actual and projected numbers received in late 2023 from the GP Colleges (The Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM) and The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP)) and the Remote Vocational Training Scheme (RVTS) as per Table 1 indicated that there would be an oversubscription for both the 2024 and 2025 batches.

Table 1. Actual and projected GP training numbers for RACGP

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| GP College | 2023 cohort | 2024 cohort  | 2025 cohort  |
| **RACGP total** | 65 | 381 | 377 |
| **RACGP total per batch** | 446 | 337 |
| **ACRRM** | 4 | 39 | 45 |
| **ACRRM total per batch** | 44 | 45 |

# Priority groupings

Grants will be prioritised by the priority groupings outlined in Table 2.

 Table 2. Priority groupings

| Priority | Grouping |
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| Priority 1 | Australian Citizens who are Australian Medical Graduates in MMM 7-6 location |
| Priority 2 | Australian Citizens who are Australian Medical Graduates in MMM 5 location |
| Priority 3 | Australian Citizens who are Australian Medical Graduates in MMM 4 location |
| Priority 4 | Australian Citizens who are Australian Medical Graduates in MMM 3 location |
| Priority 5 | Australian Citizens who are Australian Medical Graduates in MMM 2 location |
| Priority 6 | Australian Citizens who are Australian Medical Graduates in MMM 1 location Distribution Priority Area (DPA) |
| Priority 7 | Australian Citizens who are Australian Medical Graduates in MMM 1 location (all other locations) |
| Priority 8 | New Zealand Citizens who are Australian Medical Graduates in MMM 7-6 location |
| Priority 9 | New Zealand Citizens who are Australian Medical Graduates in MMM 5 location |
| Priority 10 | New Zealand Citizens who are Australian Medical Graduates in MMM 4 location |
| Priority 11 | New Zealand Citizens who are Australian Medical Graduates in MMM 3 location |
| Priority 12 | New Zealand Citizens who are Australian Medical Graduates in MMM 2 location |
| Priority 13 | New Zealand Citizens who are Australian Medical Graduates in MMM 1 location Distribution Priority Area (DPA) |
| Priority 14 | New Zealand Citizens who are Australian Medical Graduates in MMM 1 location  |
| Priority 15 | All other Australian Medical Graduates who are Permanent residents in MMM 7-6 location |
| Priority 16 | All other Australian Medical Graduates who are Permanent residents in MMM 5 location |
| Priority 17 | All other Australian Medical Graduates who are Permanent residents in MMM 4 location |
| Priority 18 | All other Australian Medical Graduates who are Permanent residents in MMM 3 location |
| Priority 19 | All other Australian Medical Graduates who are Permanent residents in MMM 2 location |
| Priority 20 | All other Australian Medical Graduates who are Permanent residents in MMM 1 location Distribution Priority Area (DPA) |
| Priority 21 | All other Australian Medical Graduates who are Permanent residents in MMM 1 location |
| Priority 22 | All other Australian Medical Graduates who are Temporary residents in MMM 7-6 location |
| Priority 23 | All other Australian Medical Graduates who are Temporary residents in MMM 5 location |
| Priority 24 | All other Australian Medical Graduates who are Temporary residents in MMM 4 location |
| Priority 25 | All other Australian Medical Graduates who are Temporary residents in MMM 3 location |
| Priority 26 | All other Australian Medical Graduates who are Temporary residents in MMM 2 location |
| Priority 27 | All other Australian Medical Graduates who are Temporary residents in MMM 1 location Distribution Priority Area (DPA) |
| Priority 28 | All other Australian Medical Graduates who are Temporary residents in MMM 1 location |
| Priority 29 | Australian Citizens who are not Australian Medical Graduates in MMM 7-6 location |
| Priority 30 | Australian Citizens who are not Australian Medical Graduates in MMM 5 location |
| Priority 31 | Australian Citizens who are not Australian Medical Graduates in MMM 4 location |
| Priority 32 | Australian Citizens who are not Australian Medical Graduates in MMM 3 location |
| Priority 33 | Australian Citizens who are not Australian Medical Graduates in MMM 2 location |
| Priority 34 | Australian Citizens who are not Australian Medical Graduates in MMM 1 location Distribution Priority Area (DPA) |
| Priority 35 | Australian Citizens who are not Australian Medical Graduates in MMM 1 location (all other locations) |
| Priority 36 | New Zealand Citizens who are not Australian Medical Graduates in MMM 7-6 location |
| Priority 37 | New Zealand Citizens who are not Australian Medical Graduates in MMM 5 location |
| Priority 38 | New Zealand Citizens who are not Australian Medical Graduates in MMM 4 location |
| Priority 39 | New Zealand Citizens who are not Australian Medical Graduates in MMM 3 location |
| Priority 40 | New Zealand Citizens who are not Australian Medical Graduates in MMM 2 location |
| Priority 41 | New Zealand Citizens who are not Australian Medical Graduates in MMM 1 location Distribution Priority Area (DPA) |
| Priority 42 | New Zealand Citizens who are not Australian Medical Graduates in MMM 1 location (all other locations) |
| Priority 43 | Permanent residents who are not Australian Medical Graduates in MMM 7-6 location |
| Priority 44 | Permanent residents who are not Australian Medical Graduates in MMM 5 location |
| Priority 45 | Permanent residents who are not Australian Medical Graduates in MMM 4 location |
| Priority 46 | Permanent residents who are not Australian Medical Graduates in MMM 3 location |
| Priority 47 | Permanent residents who are not Australian Medical Graduates in MMM 2 location |
| Priority 48 | Permanent residents who are not Australian Medical Graduates in MMM 1 location Distribution Priority Area (DPA) |
| Priority 49 | Permanent residents who are not Australian Medical Graduates in MMM 1 location (all other locations) |
| Priority 50 | Temporary residents who are not Australian Medical Graduates in MMM 7-6 location |
| Priority 51 | Temporary residents who are not Australian Medical Graduates in MMM 5 location |
| Priority 52 | Temporary residents who are not Australian Medical Graduates in MMM 4 location |
| Priority 53 | Temporary residents who are not Australian Medical Graduates in MMM 3 location |
| Priority 54 | Temporary residents who are not Australian Medical Graduates in MMM 2 location |
| Priority 55 | Temporary residents who are not Australian Medical Graduates in MMM 1 location Distribution Priority Area (DPA) |
| Priority 56 | Temporary residents who are not Australian Medical Graduates in MMM 1 location (all other locations) |

If the cut-off point falls within a priority group, successful applicants will be determined based on the population size of the placement location, prioritised from smallest to largest population based on ABS postcode population data, whereby locations with smaller populations are generally further away from cities and large centres. This will then be followed by time of grant application received from earliest to latest.

# Priority stage process

## Prioritisation

A proposed number of grants will be allocated to RACGP and ACRRM for the delivery of the 2024 and 2025 batches, as per Table 3. This is inclusive of grants for RVTS trainees. The GP Colleges will be required to allocate their set number of grants based on the priority groupings.

Table 3. Grant allocation to GP Colleges

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| GP College | 2024 | 2025 | Total |
| RACGP | 356 | 355 | **711** |
| ACRRM | 44 | 45 | **89** |
| **Total** | **400** | **400** | **800** |

Prioritisation will occur in two rounds per year, which will inform the allocation of grants to trainees as per Table 4. This is to accommodate for multiple intakes within each enrolment year for a number of GP training programs. To strive for equitable allocation of grants according to the priority groupings, GP Colleges can quarantine a portion of grants, as well as be able to refer a portion/all unsuccessful applicants, for later rounds as outlined in Table 4.

Table 4. Prioritisation rounds

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| Stage  | Date of prioritisation  | Cohorts being prioritised  |
| 2024 Round 1 | By February 2024   | Eligible 2023 cohort 2024 cohort |
| 2024 Round 2 (quarantined grants if applicable) | By August 2024  | 2024 cohort (unsuccessful Round 1 applicants if applicable)2024 cohort (new applicants commencing mid 2024) 2023 cohort (unsuccessful Round 1 applicants) |
| 2025 Round 1  | By February 2025  | 2025 cohort2024 cohorts (unsuccessful 2024 Rounds 1 and 2 applicants, if applicable) |
| 2025 Round 2 (quarantined grants if applicable) | By August 2025  | 2025 cohort (unsuccessful Round 1 applicants)2025 cohort (new applicants commencing mid 2025)  |

## Grant allocation

At the end of each stage, applicants will be notified if they are successful or not successful for a Grant. Successful applicants of the total 800 grants will be allocated three instalment payments totalling $40,000.

## Reporting

GP Colleges are required to keep the department abreast of their prioritisation process as part of reporting requirements stipulated in the Service Plan.

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