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Bachelor of Health Science - Rural Background Criteria

For the purpose of admission to the Bachelor of Health Science, rural background is defined as residency for 5 years consecutively or 10 years cumulatively in an ASGS-RA 2-5 area.

If you have lived in an Australian rural area, ASGS-RA 2 to 5, for 5 years consecutively or 10 years cumulatively, you may be eligible for consideration in rural schemes and sub-quotas. You will need to complete the Rurality Section in the Bachelor of Health Science Supplementary Form and submit supporting documentation in your main Bachelor degree application to be considered.

For information about rural sub quotas or bonus points please view the ANU Medical School entry requirements pages: <http://medicalschool.anu.edu.au/>

The ASGS-RA Classification System

The ANU Medical School will use the ASGS-RA guidelines in the processing of Rurality Claims for admission to the Bachelor of Health Science. These guidelines are also used by the Graduate Entry Medical School Admissions System (GEMSAS) in the processing of Rurality Claims for admission to postgraduate medicine programs.

The ASGS-RA is a geographical classification tool developed by the Australian Bureau of Statistics in 2011. The purpose of the RA structure is to classify data from census Collection Districts (CDs) into broad geographical categories, called Remoteness Areas (RAs). The RA categories are defined in terms of 'remoteness' – the physical distance of a location from the nearest urban centre based on population size. Under this classification system remoteness is updated each census. The most recent classification is the one by which we will assess your rurality.

The ASGS-RA system is made up of 5 categories:

- RA-1 Major city
- RA-2 Inner regional
- RA-3 Outer regional
- RA-4 Remote
- RA-5 Very remote

If you have lived in an ASGS-RA 2-5 area for 5 years consecutively or 10 years cumulatively and wish to be considered for rural schemes and sub-quotas, you will need to provide documentary evidence to substantiate your claim. You can check your ASGS-RA status at:

www.doctorconnect.gov.au/internet/otd/publishing.nsf/Content/ASGSRA_locator

Supporting Documents

To apply to the Bachelor of Health Science rural sub-quota, please be aware that the rural residence/s must have been your primary residence/s.

Acceptable supporting documents include:

- Supporting letters from a GP, school, university or workplace (signed originals on letterhead). Supporting letters must include your rural residential address details
- Documents to prove residence such as invoices for telephone, rates, utilities, or bank statements showing your (or your family's) address

Further Information

- School reports are not sufficient documentation as we need to clearly see your rural residential address.
- Documents can be copies and do not need to be certified. The exception to this is letters that have been written specifically in support of your claim, which must be original letters.
- Please ensure your documentation supports 5 years consecutively or 10 years cumulatively of rural living.
- If selecting 5 years consecutive then the supporting documentation must support 5 full years and must be consecutive.
- If selecting 10 years cumulative then the supporting documentation must support 10 full years and documentation will be needed for each time period, one document for the start of each time period and one for the end of each time period.
- You cannot claim time in the future as part of the 5 or 10 years, as there is no way to establish proof that you will continue to reside in a rural setting.
- Time spent at a holiday home (second residence) or during school holidays in a rural setting will not be considered.
- All rural living should be included in the online application, but supporting documentation only needs to support 5 years consecutive or 10 years cumulative rural living.

Enquiries

For further information, visit the ANU Medical School entry requirements pages:

<http://medicalschoo.anu.edu.au/>

Alternatively, contact the ANU Medical School for advice.

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