



Practice Incentives Program Teaching Payment

What is the Practice Incentives Program?

The Practice Incentives Program (PIP) aims to encourage continuing improvements in Australian general practice through financial incentives to support quality care and improve health outcomes for patients.

The PIP teaching payment

The PIP teaching payment encourages general practitioners to provide teaching sessions to medical students who are preparing for entry into the Australian medical profession.

Practice eligibility

To be eligible to participate in the PIP, a practice must be accredited or registered for accreditation against the RACGP Standards for general practices: 4th edition.

Non-accredited practices must obtain full accreditation within 12 months of joining the PIP and must maintain full accreditation to continue to be eligible for the PIP.

General practitioner eligibility

Eligible general practitioners include Fellows of the RACGP and ACRRM, vocationally registered general practitioners and medical practitioners undertaking approved training.

For the purposes of the PIP, a general practitioner will include non-specialist medical practitioners, known as 'other medical practitioners', who provide non-referred services but are not general practitioners.

Eligible teaching sessions

An eligibility teaching session must be:

- Provided to a student enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate medical course accredited by the Australian Medical Council.
- Provided to a student studying at an Australian-based campus that is preparing them for the entry into the Australian medical profession.
- Part of the student's core curriculum.
- Provided by a general practitioner who is responsible for the teaching session.
- Provided by a general practitioner from a practice participating in the PIP when the teaching sessions took place.
- A minimum of three hours in length.

Ineligible teaching sessions

Teaching sessions are not payable:

- for registrars, junior doctors, nursing, allied health or pharmacy students,
- if the supervising general practitioner is paid for teaching activities through other Australian Government funded teaching programs, such as the John Flynn Placement Program,
- where the practice has closed or withdrawn by the point-in-time date for the payment quarter in which the teaching session was claimed.

Whilst all care has been taken in preparing this document, this information is a guide only and subject to change without notice.

Who can take a medical student?

Teaching sessions can:

- Be undertaken by general practitioners who enjoy having students and are prepared to let them get involved, preferably seeing patients on their own, under supervision, so the students can practice doing their own assessments, diagnoses and forming management plans. Ideally the practice will have a spare room where students can see patients on their own or be involved with an emergency department where students can clerk patients.
- Be undertaken by medical schools, especially value preceptors that do their own on-call, have admitting rights and/or are procedural.
- Include consultations outside the practice, such as home visits and consultations in hospitals or aged care facilities.

Student placements

The University of Western Australia (UWA) and The University of Notre Dame Australia (UNDA) medical degrees are now four-year post-graduate courses. Students will complete placements with a general practice as follows:

- Metropolitan placement in a general practice: during 3rd year
- Rural Clinical School placement (if applicable): during 3rd year
- Rural general practice placement during 4th year

Rural Clinical School

Approximately 25 per cent of medical students undertake one year of training at the Rural Clinical School (RCS). The RCS takes 3rd year students and involves general practice, specialist rotations and hospital work. RCS's are located at:

- Albany
- Broome
- Bunbury
- Busselton
- Carnarvon
- Derby
- Esperance
- Geraldton
- Kalgoorlie
- Karratha
- Kununurra
- Narrogin
- Northam

- Port Hedland

PIP payments

The PIP teaching payments aim is to compensate practices for the reduced number of consultations performed by a general practitioner due to the presence and participation of a student.

For each teaching session:

- Practices will receive \$200 for each 3-hour teaching session.
- Practices can claim a maximum of two sessions per general practitioner, per calendar day.
- If there is more than one student in a teaching session, practices can still only receive the prescribed amount for each session.
- A rural loading will be added to the payment if the practice is in a rural or remote area. The loading varies with the remoteness of the practice.

Teaching payment claim

Practices can submit teaching payment claims using:

- HPOS, or
- the Practice Incentives Program Teaching Payment claim form

Further information

Department of Human Services
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<https://www.humanservices.gov.au/health-professionals/enablers/practice-incentives-program-teaching-payment-guidelines>

More information

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See also

Practice Assist Fact Sheets and Resources:

- [After-hours Incentive](#)
- [Asthma Incentive](#)
- [Cervical Screening Incentive](#)
- [Diabetes Incentive](#)
- [eHealth Incentive](#)
- [GP Aged Care Incentive](#)
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