



University Information

From 1 January 2020, the Bonded Medical Program (Program) new arrangement came into effect. Universities can manage their firm offer applicant lists through the Bonded Return of Service System (BRoSS).

The Bonded Medical Program, established in 2001, provides students with a Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) in a medical course at an Australian university, in return for a commitment to work in eligible regional, rural or remote areas for a specified period after completion of their medical course.

This commitment is referred to as a Return of Service Obligation (RoSO).

The Program provides:

- a standard 3 year RoSO to be completed over an 18 year period
- a more flexible approach in undertaking RoSO, where RoSO can be on a non-continuous basis, full-time or part-time work, and fly in/fly out work in eligible locations
- clear and consistent processes to assist participants in managing their obligations using an online web portal facilitating easier self-management of RoSO

The Bonded Return of Service System

To support the new arrangement, the Department of Health online web portal, the Bonded Return of Service System (BRoSS), will allow bonded students and doctors to self-manage their RoSO and will be able to identify eligible locations where they can work.

Functions of BRoSS will be released throughout 2020. Further information will be communicated to all participants as features become available.

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University employees who manage the bonded Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP) application process will have a secure user access to BRoSS to:

- enter firm offer applicant contact details
- view, edit and update their firm offer list
- check the status of firm offer applicants to monitor who has accepted the program's terms and conditions

- access resources to inform and support applicants and bonded medical scholars
- monitor the number of bonded medical students at their university

New Applicants

From 1 January 2020, all new students will enter the Program under the new arrangement.

When universities have finalised their firm offer lists in BRoSS, the department will provide these students with log in details to access BRoSS.

Students need to log in to BRoSS to review contact details and must agree to participate in the Program. Once this is complete, the student has entered the Program.

Participants can also provide consent in BRoSS for the Rural Workforce Agency (RWA) in their state/territory of study to access some of their personal details. This enables RWAs to provide support services during the participant's medical course and throughout the length of the Program.

Participants in the Program

- existing BMP Scheme participants can opt in to the new arrangement from 1 January 2020. This includes participants still completing their medical course
- existing MRBS Scheme participants who have completed their medical course can opt in to the new arrangement from 1 January 2020. MRBS Scheme participants who are still receiving a MRBS scholarship can opt in after completion of their medical course
- applicants who may have received an offer of a future bonded Commonwealth supported place in the years 2017-2019 from their university but do not commence study until after 1 January 2020 will be offered the new arrangement with 3 year RoSO

Benefits of BRoSS to universities

- streamlined administration of firm offer applicants
- BRoSS dashboard capability to enter, track and manage applicants
- BRoSS dashboard reporting capability

Further information

Department of Health website: health.gov.au/new-arrangements-bonded-medical-program

Contact the Department of Health

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