



# Student Clinical Placement Grant Grant Guidelines 2025-2026



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# 1. Before you start your application

**Please read** the guidelines before you commence your application

Ensure you have completed 5 days of placement between 1 July and 31 December 2025

Ensure you have a letter or email from your university or health service that includes;

- Applicant name
- Placement dates
- Placement location

**OR** you may use the Student Placement Letter template, which is attached to these guidelines, Appendix 1.

Submitting your application does not guarantee you will be successful.

## 2. Grant Overview

Rural Workforce Agency Victoria (RWAV) is a not-for profit government-funded organisation aimed at improving health care for rural, regional and Aboriginal communities in Victoria.

RWAV's Student Clinical Placement Grant supports medical, nursing, and allied health students to undertake placements in regional or rural Victoria. The Student Clinical Placement Grant is funded by RWAV as part of the Australian Government Department of Health Rural Health Workforce Support program

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- The purpose of the Student Clinical Placement Grant is to support students undertaking clinical placements. Eligible applicants are entitled to a flat rate of \$300 per financial year. This grant is administered on a retrospective basis, meaning that the eligible grant activity (the completion of 5 clinical placement days) has already taken place once an application is made.

### 3. Eligibility

To qualify for funding, you must meet the following criteria

- Full-time or part-time study at a Victorian university campus or Albury/Wodonga University campus in undergraduate, graduate, or postgraduate.
- Or full-time/part-time study with a Victorian Vocational Training provider in a discipline that offers a clinical health qualification e.g. Diploma of Nursing.
- Applicants must have completed five or more days of a clinical placement for the purposes of fulfilling educational training requirements as required by the applicant's educational institution. The five days can be consecutive or non-consecutive.
- The placement needs to have started between 1st July and 30th December 2025
- Applicants must be able to provide a letter or email from the health service or university confirming that 5 placement days have been completed. The letter or email must include;
  - o Applicant name
  - o Placement dates
  - o Placement location
- Placement must be undertaken in regional or rural Victoria (MMM 2-7) or MMM1-7 in an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (ACCHO). See <https://www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/doctorconnect> for MMM location information.
- 5 placement days (consecutively or non-consecutively) must be completed prior to submitting an application.

## 4. Eligible Professions

- Midwife
- Nurse
- Nurse Practitioner
- Nutritionist
- Occupational Therapist
- Optometrist
- Orthoptist
- Orthotist/Prosthetist
- Osteopath
- Paramedic
- Pharmacist
- Physiotherapist
- Podiatrist
- Psychologist
- Social Worker
- Sonographer
- Speech Pathologist
- Aboriginal Health
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health practitioner
- Aboriginal Health Worker
- Audiologist
- Chinese Medicine Practitioner
- Chiropractor
- Dental Assistant
- Dental Hygienist
- Dental Practitioner
- Dental Prosthetist
- Dental Therapist
- Oral Health Therapist
- Diabetes Educator
- Dietitian
- Exercise Physiologist
- Medical Practitioner
- Medical Radiation Practitioner

## 5. Funding Available

The Student Clinical Placement Grant provides payments of \$300

- Applicants can apply for one grant per financial year (1st July 2025 – 30th June 2026)
- Applicants do not need to provide receipts of any expenses. Only a letter or email from the health service or university is required.
- Limited funding is available. Applications will be assessed and approved on a first in first served basis until available grant funds are expended.

## 6. Application process

All applications must be made through the MyRWAV portal accessed on the RWAV website

You may be asked to provide more information to support your application. Submitting your application does not guarantee you will be successful.

The placement needs to have started between 1st July and 31st December 2025

Applications must include a letter or email from the health service or university confirming that 5 placement days have been completed. RWAV will not accept screenshots of InPlace or 'before your placement handbooks' etc. The letter must include;

- Applicant name
- Placement dates
- Placement location

A Student Placement Letter template is available below that can be copied and sent to your university or health service. Refer to Appendix 1

You may be asked to provide more information to support your application.

## 7. Notification of applications

RWAV will notify you of the outcome of your application via email. Please note applications may take up to six (6) weeks to be assessed, approved, and processed. Grant funding will be released within 10-14 business days from notification.

If your application is unsuccessful, RWAV will provide an explanation as to why your application has been declined.

## 8. Complaints and Appeals

Unsuccessful applicants who wish to appeal the outcome of their application should initially email the grants team at [grants@rwav.com.au](mailto:grants@rwav.com.au) to determine if they may be eligible to access funding and/or support from other sources to meet their upskilling or professional development needs. If the matter is not resolved applicants can appeal to the Manager-Strategy and Partnerships to consider their case.

## 9. More information

Any questions relating to the Student Clinical Placement Grant should be directed to the Grants Administrator at [Grants@rwav.com.au](mailto:Grants@rwav.com.au) or via phone on 03 9349 7800



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## 10. Appendix 1 Student Placement Letter Template

RWAV Student Clinical Placement Grant – Placement Confirmation Letter

(Your Name)

(Your address)

(Date)

Dear RWAV,

This letter certifies that (insert grant applicants name) has completed 5 days of clinical placement at (insert name of placement location) between (insert placement dates).

Thank you,

(include digital or analogue signature)