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Relocation Incentive Grant

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What are the Relocation Incentive Grants?

- The Relocation Incentive Grants are designed to encourage doctors into outer metropolitan areas.
- The Grants are a financial incentive of up to \$40,000 to doctors who relocate from an inner metropolitan location to an outer metro practice.



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Why did the Measure start?

- Outer metropolitan areas of Australia's capital cities have undergone rapid growth over recent years.
- The Australian Government recognises and is responding to the need to improve services in outer metropolitan suburbs.



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Where are the eligible areas?

- All outer metropolitan areas of the capital cities and all of Darwin are eligible for the relocation incentive Grants.
- A location in the outer metro zone is eligible regardless of other workforce classifications such as workforce shortage & Area of Need.



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Where are these Outer Metro areas?

Map of Melbourne showing eligible areas.
 Please contact 1800 727 899 for further information.



Note: Some suburbs may contain eligible and non-eligible areas

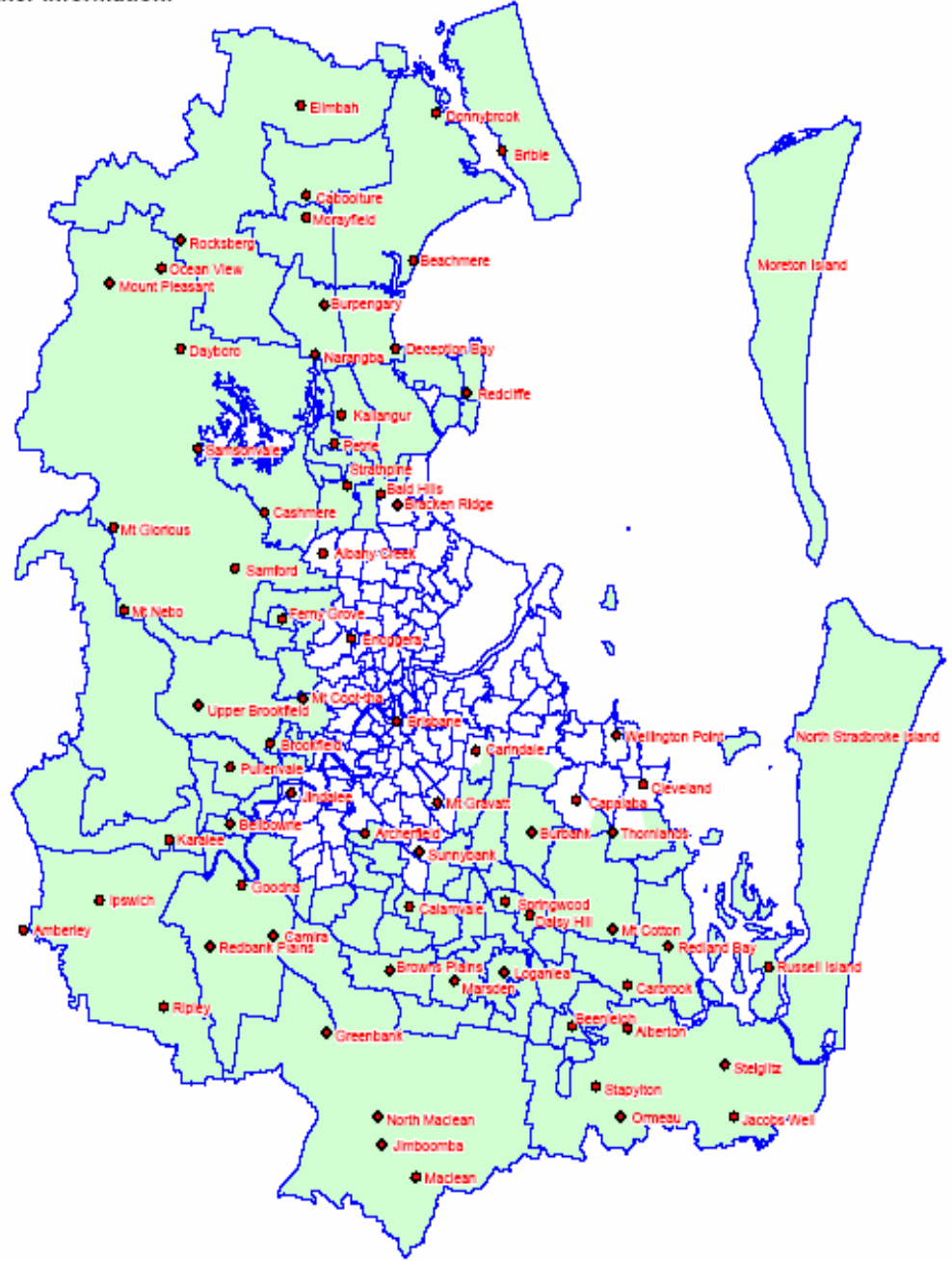
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Map of Brisbane showing eligible areas.
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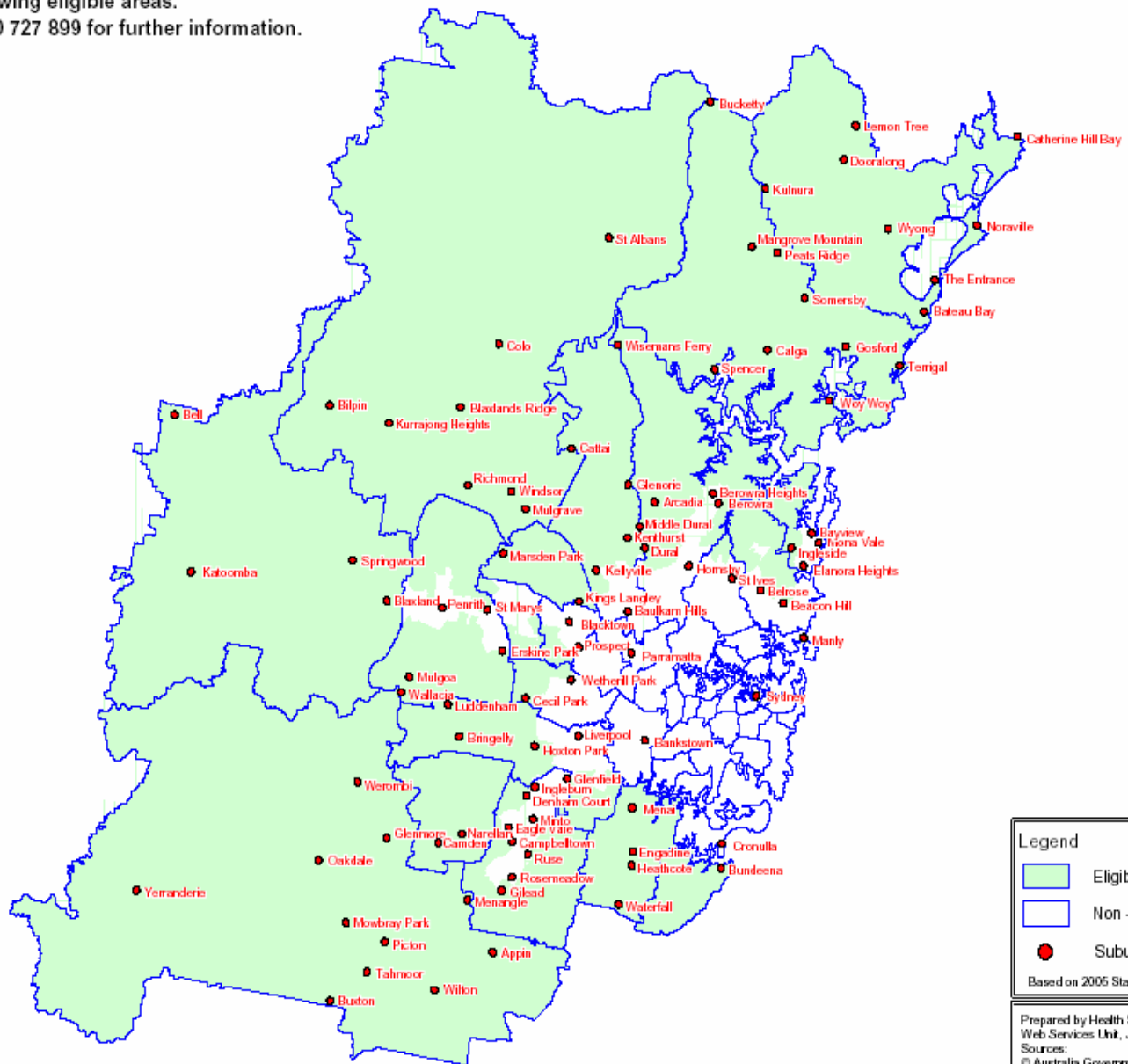
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Map of Sydney showing eligible areas.
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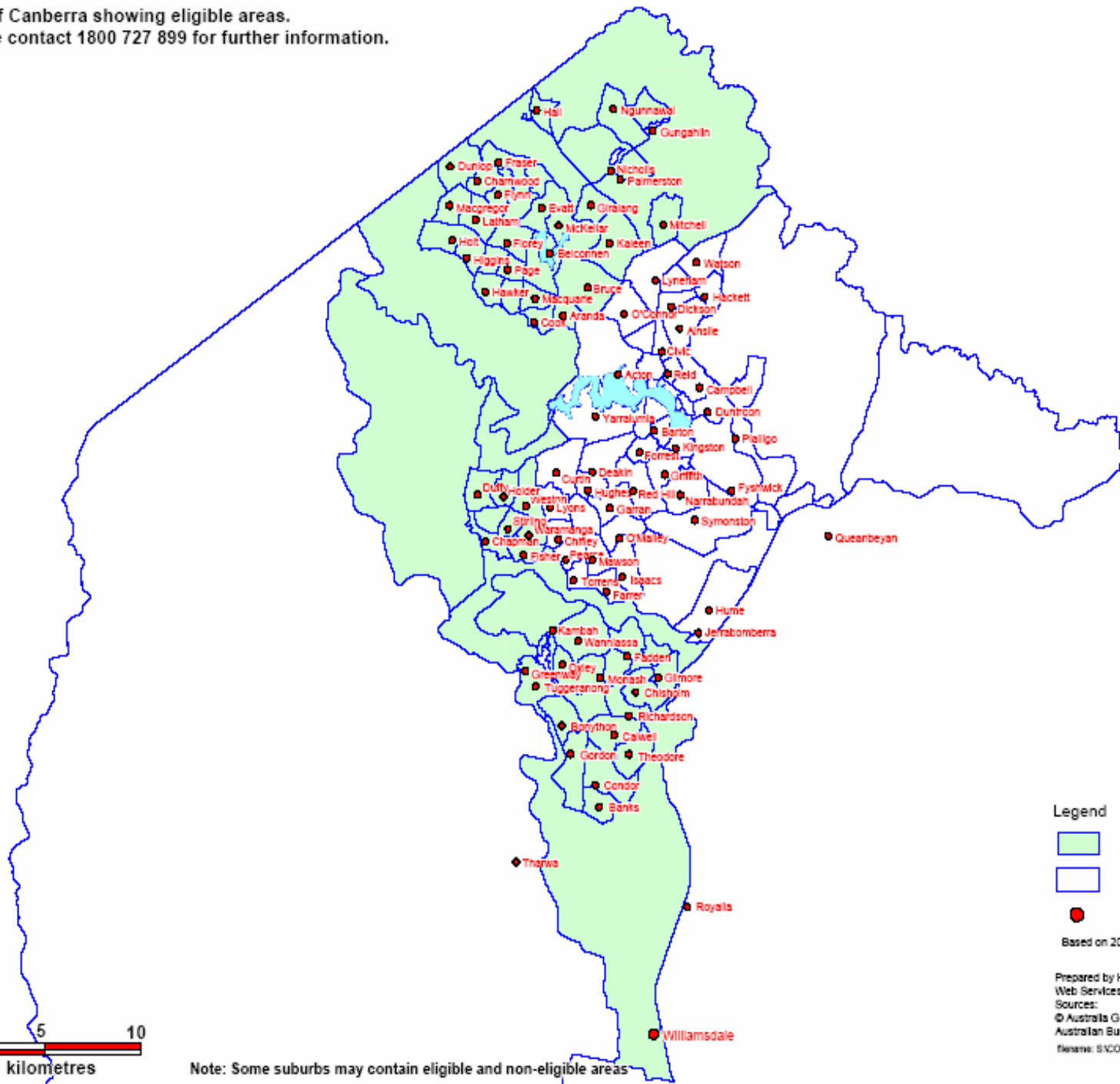
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Map of Canberra showing eligible areas.
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Who can apply for the Grant?

- GPs and Specialists wishing to relocate to outer metro from an inner metro location.
- GP Registrars who have completed the General Pathway and achieved Fellowship.



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How much is the Grant ?

- The Grant has increased from \$20,000 to up to **\$30,000** for a doctor who relocates to an existing outer metro practice.
- The Grant has increased from \$30,000 to up to **\$40,000** for a doctor to relocate and set up a new practice in an outer metro location.



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Requirements for the grant?

General Practitioners

- Need a Medicare provider number without restrictions.
- Need to have been working Inner Metro for past 12 months and have not worked in a rural area.
- Need to apply for the grant before starting in new location.
- Need to commit 2 yrs or 3 yrs if setting up new practice.



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Requirements for the grant?

GP Registrars

- Need to have completed the General Pathway.
- Need to have gained Fellowship.
- Need a Medicare Provider number without any restrictions.
- Have a 3 month window from gaining Fellowship to apply.
- Still eligible even if last training placement is rural or outer metro.



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Requirements for the grant?

GP Registrars cont

- Registrars can apply for the grant before achieving Fellowship.
- Applications will be pre-approved pending Fellowship confirmation, which will allow for Registrars to plan ahead.



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Can I work part time and get the grant?

- Yes.
- Partial grants are available on a pro rata basis for those who want to work part time.
- Part time is considered less than 30 hours per week or less than 4000 standard consultations per year.
(F/T considered 4000 std consultations)



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When will the Grants be paid?

- The grants will be paid in three instalments:
 - 40% when agreement signed by Department.
 - 40% when the Department has verified the doctor has commenced practicing at location.
 - The final 20% 12 months after the doctor was eligible for the second grant payment.



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Tax and GST?

- The Grants are considered as taxable income.
- Recommend obtain further guidance from financial adviser.
- GST will be paid on top of Grant if have ABN & registered for GST.
- If no ABN recommend obtain advice from financial adviser.



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Using the Grant as an additional recruitment tool

- Eligible practices can advise potential doctors that they may also be eligible for a \$30,000 grant.
- Eligible practices can advise **Registrars on the General Pathway** that once they have completed Fellowship can stay on and receive up to \$30,000.



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How do I find out if a location is eligible?

- Visit www.health.gov.au/outermetro to view maps of each capital city.
- Email the location's address to outermetro@health.gov.au.
- Call the Outer Metro Hotline on **1800 727 899**



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Summary

- All capital cities outer metro zone and all of Darwin are eligible for the Relocation Incentive Grant.
- Grant is a financial incentive of up to \$40,000.
- GPs and Specialists with unrestricted Medicare provider number eligible.



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Summary continued

- GP Registrars completing the General Pathway with Fellowship eligible.
- Doctors need to commit 2 yrs to outer metro, 3 yrs if setting up own practice.
- Practice and Division recruitment strategy can utilise the Grant as an extra recruitment tool.



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