

## Abbreviations

AASW	Australian Association of Social Workers
ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ACCRM	Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine
ADA	Australian Dental Association
AGPN	Australian General Practice Network
AHP	allied health professions
AHW	Aboriginal Health Workers
AIHW	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
AMA	Australian Medical Association
AMWAC	Australian Medical Workforce Advisory Committee
APA	Australian Physiotherapy Association
APS	Australian Psychological Society
ARIA	Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia
ASGC-RA	Australian Standard Geographical Classification-Remoteness Area
ASGS	Australian Statistical Geographical Standard
BMP	Bonded Medical Placements
CD, CCD	Census Collection District
COAG	Council of Australian Governments
Congress	Central Australian Aboriginal Congress
COSA	Clinical Oncological Society of Australia
CRERRPHC	Centre of Research Excellence in Rural and Remote Primary Health Care
CSU	Charles Sturt University
DH&AC	Department of Health and Aged Care
DWS	District of workforce shortage
FGAMS	foreign graduates of an accredited medical school
FTE	Full-time equivalent
FWE	Full-time work equivalent
GISCA	National Centre for Social Applications of Geographic Information Science
GP	General practitioner

GPALS	GP Anaesthetist Locum Scheme
GPRIP	General Practice Rural Incentives Program
GPV	General Practice Victoria
HECS	Higher Education Contribution Scheme
HWE	Health Workforce Australia
HWQ	Health Workforce Queensland
IMG	International medical graduates
JCU	James Cook University
MABEL	Medicine in Australia: Balancing Employment and Life
MBS	Medicare Benefit Schedule
MJA	Medical Journal of Australia
MRBS	Medical Rural Bonded Scholarship
MSOAP	Medical Specialty Outreach Access Program
NAHRLS	Nursing and Allied Health Rural Locum Scheme
NAHSSS	Nursing and Allied Health Scholarship and Support Scheme
NRAS	National Registration and Accreditation Scheme
NRF	National Rural Faculty (of RACGP)
NRHA	National Rural Health Alliance
NTGPE	Northern Territory General Practice Education
OTD	Overseas Trained Doctors
PBS	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme
PIP	Practice Incentive Program
QAMH	Queensland Alliance for Mental Health
RA	Remoteness Area
RACGP	Royal Australian College of General Practitioners
RACP	Royal Australian College of Physicians
RAMUS	Rural Australia Medical Undergraduate Scholarship
RCNA	Royal College of Nursing Australia
RCS	Rural Clinical Schools
RCTS	Rural Clinical Training and Support
RDAA	Rural Doctors Association of Australia
RGPLP	Rural GP Locum Program
RHWA	Rural Health Workforce Australia

RHWS	Rural Health Workforce Strategy
RPGP	Rural Procedural Grants Program
RRIG	Rural Relocation Incentive Grant
RRMA	Rural, Remote and Metropolitan Areas
RUSC	Rural Undergraduate Support and Coordination
SARRAH	Services for Australian Rural and Remote Allied Health
UQ	University of Queensland
VAST	Viewer Access Satellite Television

