

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing.

Curtin Medical School

Question

Regarding the proposed Curtin Medical School, MYEFO says that Curtin will “select and train students predisposed to work in underserviced geographic locations and discipline areas.” Will students be required to sign up to any kind of bond to ensure they spend some time practicing in these areas on graduation?

Answer

Curtin University medical students accepting a place in the Bonded Medical Places (BMP) Scheme will be required to work in a district of workforce shortage or Modified Monash Model location 4-7 for a period of time equal to 12 months. This period can be completed any time from the time a medical graduate commences an internship and five years after fellowship is achieved. Under the BMP Scheme, recipients are not bound to work in specific medical disciplines.

Further questions on the BMP Scheme should be referred to the Department of Health, which administers the programme.