

MEDI7315 - Rural and Remote Medicine (RRM)

Guidelines for RRM Special Consideration

Students have an opportunity to submit an application for RRM Special Consideration prior to preferencing placement sites.

You will be required to provide a detailed explanation of why and what is required in regard to RRM Special Consideration. Compelling reasons **ONLY** will be considered as justification for students to be afforded RRM Special Consideration.

Students are required to provide documentary evidence to substantiate their claim for RRM Special Consideration.

RRM Special Consideration process can be used for domestic students:

- who find themselves in circumstances that they feel prevents them from undertaking a rural placement (see EXEMPTION from Rural Placement), OR
- students with a rural background or connection (i.e. completed TREES Observership) and may wish to complete a rural placement at a specific site (see PRIORITY PLACEMENT).

Application Process

Students must complete the attached form and submit with supporting documents via email to med.rrmstudents@uq.edu.au

Application Closing Dates

	CCP Semester 1, 2023	CCP Semester 2, 2023
RRM Special Consideration Closes	Midday, Monday 26 Sept 2022	Midday, Monday 6 March 2023

Please note, students who apply must still submit their preferences in [Placements](#).

Eligibility

Students are eligible to apply for a RRM Special Consideration based on compassionate grounds (medical, Elite Athlete, carer responsibilities, Research Higher Degree commitments); connection with a rural or remote community i.e. completed Yr 1 TREES Observership, family connection and support, rural background).

Support Documents

All applications for RRM Special Consideration must be supported by documentary evidence (eg a Statutory Declaration, Medical Certificate), will be assessed on a case-by-case basis, and will be made at the sole discretion of the Head of Discipline.

PRIORITY PLACEMENT

Students have the opportunity to nominate their preference (rank order) for allocation to a rural and remote site through *Placements* in order to best meet their needs.

In certain circumstances, students may seek to be assigned to a specific rural or remote placement from the available options in *Placements*. It is recognised that for some students, exceptional compassionate grounds may limit their ability to undertake a placement at some of the rural and remote sites. Conversely, the Discipline encourages students who have a strong connection with a rural or remote community to apply for a Priority Placement.

While the Discipline will make every attempt to cater to a priority placement request, approval cannot be guaranteed. Students must still submit their RRM preferences in *Placements*.

EXEMPTION from Rural Placement

By default, domestic students will undertake the Rural and Remote Medicine MEDI7315 (RRM) course.

However, it is recognised that some domestic students may find themselves in circumstances that prevent them from undertaking a rural placement. In this instance, students will need to apply for an exemption from RRM with compelling reasons and supporting documentation and, if approved, undertake a Medicine in Society MEDI7321 (MIS) placement in the Brisbane region instead.

Approval cannot be guaranteed, and students will receive an email to indicate the outcome. If approved for RRM, students must submit their preferences in ***Placements for MIS***.

The following will NOT be considered grounds for Exemption from RRM:

- Private accommodation and/or transportation arrangements;
- Financial considerations (including employment and/or business arrangements);
- Location of partner or family (except where special consideration has been approved due to carer responsibilities);
- Family celebrations and/or social events (for example, weddings, holidays and birthdays);
- Religious grounds.

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Student Application for RRM Special Consideration

Application Type	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIORITY PLACEMENT <input type="checkbox"/> EXEMPTION from RRM (to complete MIS instead)		
Student Name		Student Number	
Contact Number		UQ Email Address	
Clinical Unit		Application Date	
Placement 1, 2 or 3 in Sem1 4, 5 or 6 in Sem2		Preferred placement sites <i>if applicable</i>	
Reasons for Application <i>refer to the Guidelines on Page 1</i>			
Documentation attached to support application <i>please list</i>			

SUBMIT your completed application and supporting documents to med.rrmstudents@uq.edu.au