



RURAL PLACEMENT SUPPORT FOR DOMESTIC HEALTH STUDENTS:

TYPE OF SUPPORT	For <u>Eligible</u> UTAS Students	For <u>Eligible</u> Interstate Students
 RURAL ACCOMMODATION	Students who must travel more than 30 km to rural placements of 2 weeks or more are offered free accommodation in areas classified as MM3-7 or New Norfolk.¹ If UTAS accommodation is not available, students may be authorised to book commercial accommodation for themselves up to a maximum of \$120 per night and be reimbursed for the cost.	Free accommodation is provided (if available) in areas classified as MM3-7 or New Norfolk for placements of 5 weeks or more AND students are not receiving financial support from another source.
 <u>CLAIM FOR</u> TRAVEL ALLOWANCE	Students are reimbursed for the cost of one return trip (≥60 km) for each two-week period of placement. This reimbursement is either \$0.40 per kilometre for those using their own vehicle (carpooling is strongly recommended) or the cost of public transport.	
 AIR TRAVEL	One return flight for students placed on King or Flinders Island is arranged and funded on their behalf. Students are also reimbursed for the cost of traveling to and from the flight departure point and may be eligible for reimbursement of airport parking and overnight accommodation for the night before their departure.	A flat rate travel subsidy of \$400 is paid after placement completion.
 FERRY TRAVEL	Ferry travel for students placed on Bruny Island is arranged and funded on their behalf. Daily ferry travel will be funded if students are not staying on the Island.	
 <u>CLAIM FOR</u> LIVING ALLOWANCE	\$90 per week is paid to assist students with the cost of living away from home during a rural placement.² An additional \$50 per week is paid to students placed in remote areas (King Island, Flinders Island and Queenstown). Payments are generally made after a placement is completed. For split placements, students can claim support after the completion of each period of rural placement.	Paid after placement completion Split placements are not eligible

KEY POINTS TO NOTE:

- Placement accommodation must be requested through the [Rural Placement Accommodation Portal](#)
- Bookings will be confirmed at least 6 weeks prior to the start of the placement
- Once a booking is confirmed it will not be cancelled except at the request of the student
- When there is an excess demand for accommodation in a location, priority is given to UTAS students over interstate students and longer placements over shorter placements. Sometimes UTAS students may be authorised to book commercial accommodation for themselves and be reimbursed if there is no other alternative.
- While international students are not eligible for support under the terms of the Commonwealth funding agreement, some international students may be offered accommodation if they are not displacing domestic students and the accommodation would be otherwise vacant. No allowances are paid to international students.
- Students must submit a claim for travel and living allowance via a link provided by Rural Placement Support.

¹ Rural locations are those classified as MM3-7 under the Modified Monash Model - classifications can be found [here](#)

² Away from “home” refers to students travelling away from their normal place of residence