



## More General Practitioners and First Nations doctors

The Australian Government is continuing to invest in medical schools to train future General Practitioners and First Nations doctors.

This includes \$48.4 million over four years for:

- 100 new medical places a year from 2026, increasing to 150 from 2028, with a focus on primary care outcomes.
- Demand driven places for First Nations medical students from 2026.

### How will this initiative work?

The Government's investment in new medical places will grow the pipeline of GPs. The new places will be allocated on a competitive basis to medical schools which guide students towards careers in primary care.

First Nations students will be guaranteed a medical Commonwealth supported place (CSP) when they are accepted into eligible medical schools. This will help to bring First Nations participation in medicine to population parity.

### Why is it important?

There have been longstanding shortages of doctors in primary care, making it harder for Australians to get the help they need.

The Government is continuing to invest in medical training to build a strong and self-sufficient medical workforce which meets the needs of Australian communities.

### Who will benefit?

All Australians benefit from care delivered by a highly skilled and well supported workforce that is working to its full scope of practice.

Training more doctors is part of the Australian Government's \$8.5 billion investment in strengthening Medicare.

### How much will it cost?

The Government will invest \$48.4 million over four years to support new CSPs and related staffing, student placement and maintenance costs.