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## **Medical Deans welcomes new medical school places for future Australian doctors**

Medical Deans Australia and New Zealand (MDANZ) welcomes the announcement of an additional 100 Commonwealth supported places (CSPs) that will enable more Australian students to study medicine. The new CSPs will be spread across 10 medical schools and are the result of a competitive tender process in which schools demonstrated innovative approaches to primary care training.

The medical schools that have received these additional CSPs for 2026 are committed to work together and with stakeholders across the health sector to target these new CSP to general practice training.

“This investment from the Australian Government recognises the important role medical schools play in shaping our future medical workforce,” said Professor Michelle Leech AM, Medical Deans President. “Medical schools can and do deliver innovative learning opportunities for students that showcase the rigour, dynamism and rewards of a career in primary care. These new places will allow these medical schools to build on the work taking place in all Australian medical schools.”

Professor Leech also noted the importance of ensuring GPs are appropriately incentivised to supervise student learning. “The incentive payments for GPs to supervise medical students have not increased in the last decade,” said Professor Leech. With the Albanese government’s very welcome expansion of GP registrar training places it is critical that general practices across Australia are incentivised to place medical students to ensure that these new GP registrar training places are fully subscribed.

Medical Deans has proposed a modest increase to the PIP (Teaching) Payment – which is paid to GP practices that host student placements. “We need to ensure that our medical students have every opportunity to learn in primary care settings and from our inspiring GP supervisors in order to grow the GP workforce.”

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*Medical Deans [annual survey of medical graduates](#) provides valuable information and insights on the make-up of our future doctors, including demographics, education, experience, and future career preferences.*

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