If you are an Indigenous student or have a rural background you may be able to boost your chances of entry into the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (Honours) at Monash University by submitting an application for the Dean’s Indigenous List or Dean’s Rural List schemes.

These schemes have been established as part of the Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences’ commitment to providing access to students from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, and students from rural and remote areas of Australia. The Admissions Unit provides information about submitting an application to all timely applicants in October.

It is vital that applicants who think they are eligible provide details about themselves in order to be considered.

**Dean’s Rural List – medicine applicants**

**Who can apply?**
Students in Year 12 or those who have recently completed Year 12 (no more than two years before applying for entry) and who have listed the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) in their timely VTAC preferences can submit an application for the Dean’s Rural List.
To be eligible for the Dean's Rural List, you must have lived in a regional or remote area of Australia for a combined total of at least five years since beginning primary school. This means, for example, that if you spent most of your school years in a rural area and final years studying in a metropolitan area, you are eligible apply.

Your principal home address must have been in an area classified as Remoteness Area 2-5 on the Australian Standard Geographic Classification. To check the RA classification of many towns visit the Department of Health website: http://doctorconnect.gov.au/internet/otd/Publishing.nsf/content/locator

When checking your RA classification, type in your full address to get the most accurate information on your classification.

What benefit do I gain?
Monash University is required by the government to fill 25 per cent of the MBBS places with students from an Australian rural background. An interview is an important part of the admissions process. In past years, about 60 to 80 Dean's Rural List applicants with a score slightly lower than the standard faculty-determined MBBS cut-off were invited to an interview.

How does it work?
Once you have submitted a timely application for MBBS through VTAC, the Faculty Admissions Unit will send out further information on how to apply to be considered for the Dean's Rural List. Completing the Dean's Rural Pathway Application Form will strengthen your application for consideration under this scheme. You can find the form at the Yulendj Indigenous Engagement Unit website: www.monash.edu/study/life/indigenous/files/pathway.pdf

Information online
Find more information:
Dean's Indigenous List
www.med.monash.edu/medical/central/dil.html
www.med.monash.edu.au/physio/
Yulendj Indigenous Engagement Unit
www.monash.edu/study/life/indigenous/

Rural schemes – graduate entry medicine applicants
Applicants for the graduate entry MBBS can apply to be considered under a rural scheme. If you have lived in an area classified as Remoteness Area 2-5 on the Australian Standard Geographic Classification (which includes Gippsland) for at least five years (consecutively or cumulatively) you are eligible to be considered via a rural scheme. Applications for the rural scheme are administered by GEMSAS. When applying via GEMSAS you should select the appropriate postcode and supply the dates involved as well provide any supporting documentation. Meeting the eligibility requirements may increase your chance of being offered an interview.

Information online
GEMSAS – rural schemes
www.gemsas.edu.au/gemsas-processes/

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