

# Regional Rural Admission Scheme (RRAS)

## Confirmation of Eligibility

### Guidelines for School Letter Submissions

The Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor Surgery (MBChB), Bachelor of Optometry (BOptom), Bachelor of Pharmacy (BPharm) and Bachelor of Medical Imaging (Honours) (BMedImag(Hons)) programmes at the University of Auckland have allocated places for students of regional or rural origin. These places are to ensure equitable access for such students. Workforce shortages in both professions are apparent in regional and rural New Zealand, and evidence shows that students identifying with regional or rural backgrounds are more likely to work outside urban areas.

A regional rural area is defined by the University of Auckland as any part of New Zealand that does **not** fall within the local authority boundaries of the following councils at the time of application:

- Auckland City Council
- Hamilton City Council
- Tauranga City Council
- Wellington City Council
- Porirua City Council
- Hutt City Council
- Upper Hutt City Council
- Christchurch City Council
- Dunedin City Council

Students wishing to apply for the MBChB, BOptom, BPharm and/or BMedImag(Hons) under the RRAS category must provide the Faculty Student Centre with an official letter from the regional/rural school(s) that they attended as evidence of their regional or rural origin.

The letter must include **all** of the following:

- (a) The full legal name of the applicant;
- (b) The duration of the applicant's study, e.g. "31 January 2014 to 31 November 2018 (Yr9-13)";
- (c) The physical location of the education institute, and the name of the local district council; and,
- (d) The programme(s) the applicant applying for, i.e. MBChB, BOptom, BPharm and/or BMedImag(Hons).

The letter should be **signed by the principal** or nominee, and the original posted by the regional/rural education institution to:

Faculty Student Centre  
Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences  
The University of Auckland  
Private Bag 92019  
Auckland 1142

Letters must be received on or before the application closing date (**1 October**).