

RDAV: Victorian Rural GP location Rurality Indices as at 28.1.09

The RRMA – Remote, Rural and Metropolitan Area Classification – is due to be terminated on 1.7.09. What will take its place has ‘not been decided’ but it is most likely to be the ASGC/ARIA amalgam, which classifies most Victorian rural locations as Inner Regional ie not rural. We have compiled the table below to assist us with our lobby. You are welcome to check you location and let us have any comments.

Source: Health workforce Queensland website search facility for RRMA and GPARIA

<http://www.healthworkforce.com.au/>

http://www.healthworkforce.com.au/main_rrma.asp?NodeID=27679

http://www.healthworkforce.com.au/main_GPARIA_search.asp

DoHA ‘Advice on Districts of workforce shortage for GPs’

http://www9.health.gov.au/otdw/dws_database/cf/index.cfm

ASGC – Australian Standard Geographical Classification with added ARIA – Accessibility Remoteness Index Australia (As favoured by ABS over the old RRMA – Remote Rural Metropolitan Area classification for use in determining federal grants to rural GPs). Cut offs: Metro <0.2, Inner Regional (IR) <2.4, Outer Regional (OR) 2.5 <5.92, more = remote (R), 15 = very remote (VR).

Note: *as an interim measure we are looking at the ASGC/ARIA amalgamated score although a Commonwealth decision has not been taken on this. RDAA is on the committee advising Roxon. It is appreciated that most of the centre and East of the State will be classified as Inner Regional on this score and become ineligible for rural bonuses.*

GPARIA Category Definitions: (Used for rural retention grants)

* Category A – (Least remote category under the GPARIA index. Rural Retention Payments are generated up to \$5,000 upon qualifying (6 years or 24 active quarters) and each year following 4 more active quarters. An “Active Quarter” is when Medicare billing is equal to or greater than \$4,000 per quarter to a maximum of \$20,000 per quarter.)

* Category B – (Rural Retention Payments are generated up to \$10,000 upon qualifying (5 years or 20 active quarters) and each year following 4 more active quarters. An “Active Quarter” is when Medicare billing is equal to or greater than \$4,000 per quarter to a maximum of \$20,000 per quarter.)

* Category C – (Rural Retention Payments are generated up to \$15,000 upon qualifying (3 years or 12 active quarters) and each year following 4 more active quarters. An “Active Quarter” is when Medicare billing is equal to or greater than \$4,000 per quarter to a maximum of \$20,000 per quarter.)

* Category D – (Rural Retention Payments are generated up to \$20,000 upon qualifying (2 years or 8 active quarters) and each year following 4 more active quarters. An “Active Quarter” is when Medicare billing is equal to or greater than \$4,000 per quarter to a maximum of \$20,000 per quarter.)

* Category E – (Most remote category under the GPARIA index. Rural Retention Payments are generated up to \$25,000 upon qualifying (1 year or 4 active quarters) and each year following 4 more active quarters. An “Active Quarter” is when Medicare billing is equal to or greater than \$4,000 per quarter to a maximum of \$20,000 per quarter.) Details of Victorian rural GP VMO locations

VMO hospital towns	Total GP	So-lo	Grp	Com-ment	Pro-ced-ural	ASGC + ARIA	ARIA	RR MA	GP ARIA	ZO NE	DWS 29/1/09
Alexandra	3		2			2.32	3.85	3	B	IR	Y
Apollo Bay	4		2			2.13	2.29	5	B	IR	Y
Ararat	9		1		Obs	1.47	1.51	5	B	IR	Y
Bacchus M	13		2		Obs	0.27	0.49	5	N/E	IR	N
Bairnsdale	22	1	2		Obs	2.43	2.46	4	B	IR	N
Ballan	2		1	Super C!		0.73	0.84	5	A	IR	Y
Beaufort	1	1				1.28	1.41	5	B	IR	Y
Beechworth	6		1			1.37	1.47	5	A	IR	Y
Benalla	16		2		Obs	1.31	1.33	5	A	IR	N
Birchip	1	1				4.87	3.86	5	C	OR	N
Boort	1	1				3.72	2.87	5	C	OR	Y
Bright	3		1		Obs	2.45	2.54	5	B	IR	N
Camperdown	8		2		Obs	1.85	1.86	5	A	IR	N
Casterton	5		1			3.09	3.04	5	B	OR	Y
Castlemaine	15		4		Obs	0.6	0.71	5	N/E	IR	N
Charlton	1	1				2.87	2.98	5	C	OR	N
Cobram	10		2			1.93	2.25	5	B	IR	N
Cohuna	4		1		Obs	2.6	2.62	5	B	OR	Y
Colac	13		2		Obs	1.11	1.2	4	C?	IR	Y
Coleraine	5		1			2.76	2.73	5	C	OR	Y
Corryong	3		1		The	3.05	3.16	5	C	OR	Y
Creswick	4		1			0.54	0.89	5	C	IR	Y
Daylesford	8		2		Obs	1.04	1.15	5	C	IR	N
Dimboola	2		1			3.74	3.69	5	C	OR	N
Donald	1		1			3.19	3.19	5	C	OR	N
Echuca	19		2		Obs	1.27	1.34	4	A	IR	Y
Edenhope	3		1			5.28	3.97	5	A	OR	Y
Euroa	5		1			1.7	1.75	5	A	IR	Y
Foster	6	1	2		Obs	1.98	2.28	5	C	IR	N
Hamilton	11		1		Obs	2.59	2.32	5	C	OR	Y
Healesville	4		1		Obs	0.25	0.83	5	A	IR	Y
Heathcote	2	1				1.1	1.28	5	A	IR	Y
Heyfield	2		1			1.62	1.93	5	A	IR	Y
Heywood	2	2				2.73	2.68	5	A	OR	Y
Hopetoun	1	1				6.06	4.57	5	C	R	Y
Horsham	11		3		Obs	2.88	2.83	4	C	OR	N
Inglewood	1		1			4.69	3.46	5	B	OR	Y
Jeparit	1		1			5.28	4.43	5	C	OR	N
Kaniva	1		1			5.69	4.57	7	C	R	Y
Kerang	7		2		Obs	2.74	2.75	5	C	OR	Y
Kilmore	8	1	2		Obs	0.87	1.21	5	N/E	IR	N
Korrumburra	8		1		The	1.27	1.61	5	A	IR	N
Kyabram	10	1	1		Obs	1.02	1.11	5	C?	IR	Y
Kyneton	4	1	1		Obs	1.13	1.22	5	N/E	IR	N
Leongatha	11+		1		Obs	1.48	1.78	5	A	IR	Y
Lorne	1	1				1.35	1.62	5	A	IR	Y
Maffra	7		2			1.72	2.01	5	A	IR	N
Manangatang	1	1				5.21	3.97	5	C	OR	Y

