



District Medical Officer - Non Proceduralist

WA Country Health Service (WACHS) is seeking highly motivated medical professionals to lead our teams in
Derby and Fitzroy Crossing



The Role

This role requires a medical practitioner with extensive generalist experience, able to demonstrate significant emergency department and primary health care knowledge and skills. The role enables a wide scope of clinical practice in Indigenous health while working closely within a supportive team of friendly staff.

The District Medical Officer, non-procedural position provides clinical service to the Derby Hospital as well as outreach clinics in surrounding remote communities. This position reports to and is supported by the Senior Medical Officer at each site. The successful candidate will be rostered to clinical duties in the Emergency Department and/or GP clinics at each hospital.

The suitable candidate must be eligible for registration with the Medical Board of Australia and either a Fellow of the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (FACRRM) or Fellow of the Royal Australian College of General Practice (FRACGP). Appointment to this position is based on skills and experience with a minimum requirement of 12 years experience in a general practice environment, and be capable of independent practice. Previous experience working in rural hospital setting is desirable.

The Kimberley region has a large Aboriginal population (43%) as well as a significantly transient population. In 2013/14, 75% of hospital presentations within the Kimberley were for semi-urgent and non-urgent cases. The leading cause of emergency attendance for Kimberley residents are skin related diseases and disorders; injuries; toxic or drug effect; ear, nose, throat and respiratory system.

If you have the passion and experience - Derby and Fitzroy Crossing needs you!

The Package

Salary as per WA Health Medical Practitioners AMA Industrial Agreement 2016:

Full Time (80 hours per fortnight), Fixed Term (up to 5 years)

District Medical Officer Non-Proceduralist Year 1– 6 \$394,217 - \$494,792 pa*

*includes Arrangement A salary \$269,230 pa - \$343,612 pa; professional development allowance \$30,180 pa and a 36% annual commuted allowance for participating in a 1 in 3 on call roster \$69,231 - \$88,357 pa.

Rates effective as at 1st Oct 2017

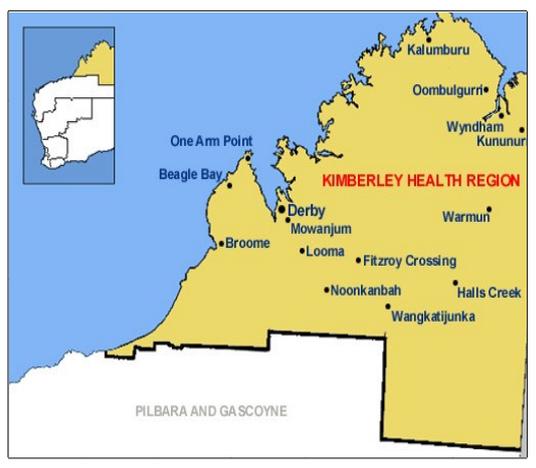
District Allowance applies to \$7,436 pa. Rates effective as 1st Oct 2015.

In addition (in line with operational requirements), shift penalties apply for working 1 in 3 weekends; rental and travel subsidies apply; gratuity payment equivalent to 12 weeks salary after the first 3 years of continuous service and after each subsequent year a lump sum equivalent to four weeks salary is paid; 9.5% employer contributed superannuation; access to salary packaging up to \$19,000 pa, professional development opportunities and study leave/assistance, and flexible leave arrangements apply to this position.

For further information call or email Rachele Humbert on 08 9193 3337 or Rachele.Humbert@health.wa.gov.au
Or email the Office of the Regional Director of Medical Services at KHR.medworkforce@health.wa.gov.au

About the Region

The Kimberley has a population of approximately 45,000 of whom approximately 52% are Aboriginal. Each Major town is unique and supports a different aspect of what makes the Kimberley so attractive.



Derby: The town of Derby is located on the tidal mud flats on the edge of the King Sound. It has the highest tidal range of any port in Australia. Located 2354Km North of Perth and 220 kilometres north east of Broome, Derby is the Gateway to the Kimberley Gorges. The local jetty offers a great view of the tides while you sit and watch the sunset. The towns mud flats on 2 sides are great for having the evening BBQ, or early morning walk, though they get a bit wet when the tides are at their highest.

The famous Gibb River Road leads you through the spectacular gorges, national parks, cattle stations and wilderness country. A journey along this four wheel drive route is one of the last true outback adventures.

Derby has a population of some 4,500 people. Half of the population are Aboriginal Australians, with three different Aboriginal languages.

A high proportion of the population are employed in State and Commonwealth Departments or Instrumentalities such as Main Roads WA, Health Services and the Water Authority, and in providing services to outlying Aboriginal Communities. The remainder are small business people employed in servicing the township, the mining, pastoral and tourism industries.

Derby is the main base for the Royal Flying Doctor Service in the Kimberley. The base was established in Derby in 1955.

Derby Hospital: is currently a 54-bed facility with Accident and Emergency Department operating theatres, day surgery, Out-patient department, GP Rooms, general medical/surgical ward with high dependency beds, children's ward and maternity ward with a level 2 neonatal nursery. The hospital provides a 24-hour Ambulance services, staffed by orderlies and A&E nursing staff. This service extends to outlying communities and at time to Broome, Fitzroy Crossing and up the Gibb River Road. There is a close collaboration with outside health facilities—the Royal Flying Doctors Services, Derby Aboriginal Health Service, Community Health Services and numbla Nunga Nursing Home. Visiting specialist services from Perth include Ear, Nose and Throat, Ophthalmology, Orthopaedics, Dermatology and Rheumatology. The visiting specialist provide both out-patient and surgical services to the community.

Climate: Average temperature range: January (max 33°C - min 26°C) and July (max 29°C—min14°C). Derby has two main Seasons - dry and the wet. The 'dry' is where the sun shines everyday and there is no humidity. The 'wet' offers magnificent thunderstorms and high humidity.

Amenities: As a service town, Derby offers all the amenities. It has recreation facilities including a swimming pool, library, art gallery, ovals and courts for football, cricket, tennis, squash, netball, basketball, rodeo and horse riding. It also has a modern gym facility.

A good selection of shopping is available with two chain stores, clothing and furniture shops, newsagency, chemist and hotels and restaurants/cafes.

Educational Facilities: There are 2 primary schools and 1 high school (up to year 10) in the town. For the students wishing to study for TEE and remain in derby, Distance Education is offered with a supervisor from the school to assist the students on campus. TAFE WA Kimberley, Derby Campus offers a variety of programs for all ages.

How to Apply

Please provide the following documents

1. A cover letter stating the position for which you are applying - District Medical Officer - Procedural - Obstetrics
 2. Your statements addressing the selection criteria.
The selection criteria are located on page 5 of the Job Description Form (JDF) [available here](#).
 3. A detailed curriculum vitae summarising your experience relevant to meeting the position requirements.
- Documents should be complete and ready to attach prior to lodging your application online.

[Apply here](#) to The Senior Doctor - WA Country Health Service recruitment pool CH889.

Applications, if suitable, are accepted to The Senior Doctor - WA Country Health Service recruitment pool, as advertised on the WA Jobs Board. Your application will remain on file until the closure of the pool. You may be contacted during this time to determine your interest in future vacancies.

If shortlisted, you will be contacted to arrange a suitable time to be interviewed. In the event your application not shortlisted for the position, you will be notified at the conclusion of the recruitment process.

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