

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,
P.O. BOX 5013,
WELLINGTON.

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CLINICAL SERVICES LETTER NO. 90
TO MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

Dear Doctor,

RURAL PRACTICE BONUS

From 1 October doctors residing and practising in "rural areas", designated for this purpose by the Minister of Health, will be entitled to a rural practice bonus at the rate of:

- 10 percent of medical benefit payments in respect of general medical services provided on and after 1 October 1969.
- 25 percent on their general medical services mileage claims.

As soon as practicable, a notice will be published in the *Gazette* and issued in a forthcoming Clinical Services Letter, listing the areas declared to be "rural" for the purposes of bonus payments.

PLEASE NOTE:

- (a) Doctors residing or having their main surgeries within a city, borough, or county town with a population in excess of 5,000 at the most recent official census, should not expect to qualify for the rural practice bonus. (The 1966 census figures are quoted in *Where Should I Practise?* 1967 edition.)
- (b) General practitioners serving a predominantly rural population, to whom (a) does not apply, may expect to receive the bonus. Payments to eligible doctors will be made automatically. Applications are not required.
- (c) It is inevitable that "rural areas" as designated will include some places which are less "rural" than others which will be excluded. Doctors who feel that they have been unfairly excluded may appeal. The Medical Services Advisory Committee will consider such cases individually, and advise the Minister of Health of their opinion.
- (d) Salaries of special area medical officers do not qualify for the bonus.

Yours faithfully,

A. W. S. Thompson

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Director, Division of Clinical Services.

**VISITING MEDICAL PRACTITIONER:
WELLINGTON OR CHRISTCHURCH**

Applications are invited for the position of Visiting Medical Practitioner, Division of Clinical Services, stationed in either Wellington or Christchurch.

Salary will be \$6,420 per annum, maximum \$6,830, plus travelling expenses and allowances.

The appointee would be required to visit medical practitioners to discuss prescribing problems, advances in therapy and drug costs, and to lecture medical students in the same fields, and must be a registered medical practitioner with extensive experience in general practice. He will be required to interest himself in the problems of general practitioners under varying conditions of practice and to keep his knowledge of therapeutics thoroughly up to date. He will be responsible for visiting doctors in the South Island, and in the southern part of the North Island.

Applications on form P.S.C. 17A, obtainable from any post office or from this office, should be forwarded to the Secretary, State Services Commission, P.O. Box 8004, Wellington, quoting Vacancy No. 3750. Applications close on 10 October 1969.

GENERAL PRACTICE

Partner wanted for two-man practice due to illness of elder partner.

The practice is situated at Mount Maunganui, 10 miles from Tauranga in the Bay of Plenty.

Anyone interested please contact:

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