





# **Compass 2024: Travel and accommodation grants**

## Frequently asked questions

## What is the Compass 2024 conference?

Held by Northern Territory Primary Health Network (NT PHN), the Compass 2024 conference is a key event for the NT primary health workforce, focusing on professional development and networking. It brings together health professionals from across the Territory, including those who work and live in remote areas.

#### What grants are available to attend the Compass 2024 conference?

To enhance the participation of remote health professionals at the conference, two travel grants are provided:

- Remote@Compass: We have \$100,000 available for travel-related expenses for health professionals working in remote areas. Individual grants will be awarded up to \$2,000 each.
- Mob@Compass: We have \$50,000 available to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait
  Islander health professionals from remote regions. Individual grants will be awarded up
  to \$2,000 each.

#### How are the grant funds distributed?

Both grants are distributed to eligible applicants on a first-come, first-served basis until all funds are expended. Applicants are encouraged to apply early to increase their chances of receiving support.

#### What expenses do the grants cover?

Each grant offers up to \$2,000 for flights and up to three nights' accommodation. The grants do not cover food costs or conference fees.

## How can I apply for a grant?

Applications for each grant must be submitted via the following forms:

- Remote@Compass
- Mob@Compass

#### Who is eligible for the Remote@Compass grant?

Eligibility for this grant requires individuals to be part of the health workforce providing services in the private or non-government primary healthcare sector in remote areas classified as MMM 3-7. Eligible professionals include, but are not limited to, general practitioners (GPs), nurses and allied







health professionals. Health workforce professionals employed by government agencies or organisations are not eligible.

## Who is eligible for the Mob@Compass grant?

This grant is specifically designed for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander individuals who are part of the health service workforce in remote areas. Eligible roles include, but are not limited to, Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander health workers/practitioners and allied health assistants.

#### How are the funds disbursed for the Remote@Compass grant?

Funding is provided on a reimbursement basis. Grantees must submit a Grant Reimbursement Form along with valid tax invoices and proof of payment to claim air travel and accommodation expenses.

#### How are the funds disbursed for the Mob@Compass grant?

Disbursement for this grant is assessed on a case-by-case basis. Depending on the specific needs and circumstances of the grantees, the funding may be issued as a reimbursement to the individual, directly to the health service, or through another suitable arrangement as approved by NT PHN.

#### What is required of grantees at the conference?

Grantees are required to attend the Compass 2024 conference and register their attendance at the designated registration desk at the event. Failure to attend without exceptional circumstances may result in the withdrawal of funding.

## What qualifies as exceptional circumstances for non-attendance?

Exceptional circumstances will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. Prompt notification to NT PHN is necessary to evaluate and potentially accommodate these situations.

This FAQ document aims to guide applicants through the grant process and ensure they meet all requirements for successful participation at the Compass 2024 conference.