



Government of Western Australia
WA Country Health Service

Relocating to Country WA

Medical Practitioners Guide



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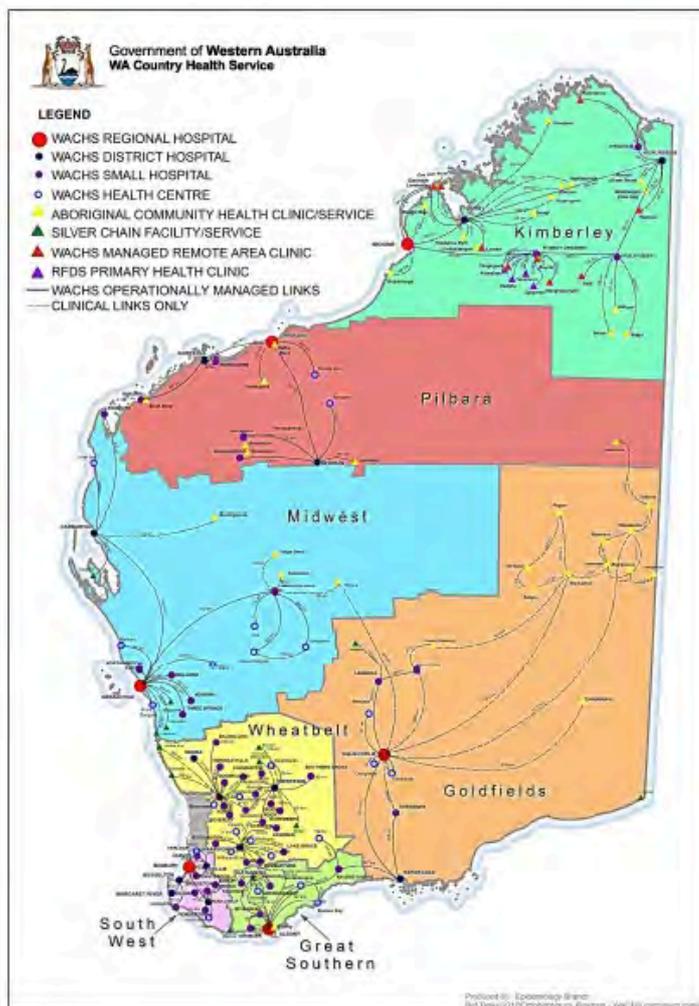
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About WACHS

Overview

The WA Country Health Service has a strong network of public hospitals, health services and nursing posts located across rural and remote Western Australia. Our core business is the provision of quality, accessible health services to people from large regional centres to those in small remote communities.



According to the latest available Australian Bureau of Statistics Estimated Resident Population (ERP) data (2017), the population of WACHS's catchment area is 531,510 people. Almost 11 per cent of these people (57,716) identify as Aboriginal.

Country Health Services

From nursing posts and outreach services, to child health clinics and bustling regional health campuses, the WA Country Health Service plays an important role in the lives of people in our country communities.

Across the state we have:

- Six large regional health campuses located at country regional centres.
- 15 district health campuses that act as hubs for sub-regional health district services.

These health campuses support:

- 46 small hospitals
- 43 health centres and nursing posts
- 24 community-based mental health services
- Four dedicated inpatient mental health services
- 178 facilities where population health teams are based Residential aged care facilities.

Our services span across an area of more than 2.5 million square kilometres, from Kalumburu in the Kimberley to Albany in the Great Southern providing:

- Emergency and hospital services
- Population, public and primary healthcare
- Aboriginal health services
- Mental health services
- Drug and alcohol services
- Child, community and school healthcare
- Telehealth services

The population we service is diverse and expansive and as a result has widely varying health needs. People living in rural and remote areas experience poorer general health than those in metropolitan areas and Aboriginal health and life expectancy, in particular, is significantly less than that of non-Aboriginal people.

Registration Types

Through the Australian Health Practitioners Registration Agency (AHPRA) there are four types of registration a Medical Practitioner can practice under:

General Registration:

- Australian and New Zealand medical graduates
- Medical practitioners who have previously held general registration in Australia
- International medical graduates in the competent authority pathway
- International medical graduates with the Australian Medical Council (AMC) certificate

Specialist Registration:

- Specialist registration is available to medical practitioners who have been assessed by an AMC accredited specialist college as being eligible for fellowship, fellowship is not a prerequisite for specialist registration
- The Ministerial Council has approved a list of specialties, fields of specialty practice and specialist titles which can be found here: <https://www.medicalboard.gov.au/Registration/Types/Specialist-Registration/Medical-Specialties-and-Specialty-Fields.aspx>



Provisional Registration:

(Only valid for 12 months and may not be renewed more than twice)

- Australian and New Zealand medical graduates undertaking an accredited internship in Australia
- Australian and New Zealand medical graduates undertaking an accredited internship in another country
- International medical graduates in the standard pathway awarded the Australian Medical Council certificate
- International medical graduates eligible for the component authority pathway

Limited Registration:

There are four types of limited registration, granted for different purposes, which allow internationally-qualified practitioners to provide medical service under supervision. Applicants who are eligible for the component authority pathway or who hold the AMC Certificate can apply for provisional registration under these purposes:

- Postgraduate training or supervised practice
- Area of Need
- Public Interest
- Teaching or Research

Please note: Medical practitioners whose medical qualifications are from a medical school outside of Australia and New Zealand, their medical school must be currently listed on both the [AMC recognised medical school list \(AMC\)](#) and the [World Directory of Medical Schools \(WDOMS\)](#).



Pathways for IMGs

International medical graduates (IMGs) whose medical qualifications are from a medical school outside of Australia or New Zealand and are seeking to practice medicine in Australia must provide evidence of eligibility to undertake one of the following assessment pathways:

Component Authority Pathway:

(this pathway leads to general registration)

- Overseas-trained non-specialists also available to specialists including GPs
- IMGs who have passed recognized examinations or have completed training through a Board approved component authority

How to Apply: IMGs undertaking this pathway must apply directly to the Medical Board of Australia for provisional registration.

Specialist Pathway:

(this pathway leads to specialist registration)

- Overseas-trained specialists applying for assessment of comparability to the standard of a specialist trained in that specialty in Australia
- Overseas-trained specialists applying for an area of need specialist level position in Australia (area of need)
- IMGs with a primary qualification in medicine and surgery awarded by a training institution recognised by both AMC & WDOMS and who have satisfied all the training and examination requirements to practise in their field of specialty in their country of training

How to Apply: IMGs applying for the Specialist pathway should apply directly to the relevant specialist medical college for assessment.

The Short-Term Training Pathway:

(this pathway is only for a period of 24 months and does not lead to specialist registration)

- Short term training in a medical specialty is for IMGs who are overseas trained specialists or specialists-in-training wishing to undertake a short period (usually up to 24 months) of specialist advanced training in Australia
- To be eligible for the short term training in a medical specialty pathway, the IMG must have completed their specialist training or be no more than two years away from completing their specialist training overseas awarded by a training institution recognised by both AMC & WDOMS
- In addition, an IMG must have secured an offer of a training position, prior to applying to the Board for registration via this pathway.

How to Apply:

- The IMG secures a training position
- The IMG must apply to the Australian Medical Council (AMC) for primary source verification of their medical qualifications
- The IMG applies directly to the relevant college using an MBA application form for assessment by a specialist medical of their suitability for a training position (AAMC-30 Application for assessment by a medical college)
- The specialist medical college assesses the suitability of the training position for the specific applicant
- The IMG applies to the Board for 'Limited registration for postgraduate training or supervised practice'. NOTE: If you also meet the eligibility criteria of the competent authority pathway, you apply for provisional registration and not limited registration



Medical Practitioner Obligations

Medical Credentialing

WACHS has a rigorous credentialing process which complies with the WA Health Credentialing and Defining Scope of Clinical Practice Policy, to ensure health professionals have a defined scope of clinical practice to support safe and high-quality health care within the Western Australian public health system.

- All medical practitioners wishing to provide services for WACHS must undertake the credentialing process prior to commencing at a WACHS Health Care Facility
- The credentialing process is undertaken via the state-wide electronic eCredential system, also known as CredWA
- The practitioner is responsible for providing all necessary credentialing information through an online CredWA profile

Professional Development

- All registered practicing medical practitioners are required to participate regularly in continued professional development (CPD) that is relevant to their scope of practice.
- The CPD requirements depend on their type of registration and stage of career
- All medical practitioners will be required to make a declaration that they have met the standard and have completed the necessary CPD when they apply for renewal of registration

English Language Skills Registration Standard

- This applies to all applicants for initial registration with AHPRA
- All internationally qualified applicants for medical registration, or applicants who qualified for medical registration in Australia but did not complete their secondary education in English, must demonstrate that they have the necessary English language skills for registration purposes
- All applicants must be able to demonstrate English language skills at IELTS academic level 7 or the equivalent and achieve the required minimum score in each component of the IELTS academic module, OET or alternatives specified in the standard.
- Test results must be obtained within two years of applying for registration. The Board may grant an extension in specific circumstances.



Proof of Identity

All applicants are required to comply with the Board's 'Proof of Identity' requirements.

Recency of Practice Registration Standard

Medical practitioners must have recent practice in the fields in which they intend to work during the period of registration for which they are applying. To meet the standard, they must have practised within their scope of practice for a minimum total of:

- Four weeks full-time equivalent in one year, which is a total of 152 hours, or
- 12 weeks full-time equivalent over three consecutive years, which is a total of 456 hours

Criminal Record Screening

In line with the Department of Health Criminal Screening Policy, all medical practitioners are required to provide evidence of holding a current Criminal Record Screening (CRS) prior to provision of services. IMGs who are to be employed or engaged by WA Health from overseas on either temporary and/or permanent work visas are required by WA Health to provide evidence of both:

1. A criminal record check from their country of origin and from any other country in which they have lived for one (1) year or more in the last ten (10) years:
 - Any criminal record check in a language other than English must also be accompanied by a 'certified copy' of an English translation of the criminal record.
 - Certified copies are copies authorised, or stamped as being true copies of originals, by a person or agency recognised by the law of the country in which the person is currently residing as having the authority to authorise or stamp such documents. All Department of Immigration and

Citizenship (DIAC) offices outside Australia have the facility to certify or witness documents. A 'Service Delivery Partner' may be able to provide this service on behalf of the department if there is an agreement in place with the Australian Office. Applicants can visit the DIAC website for more information on offices outside Australia: www.immi.gov.au/contacts/overseas/

- The original criminal record check must also be provided with the translated certified copy.
2. An Australia-wide National Police Certificate.
 - Where an individual has not already obtained an Australia-wide Police Certificate, the CRS Office can arrange the required criminal record screening check.
 - All certificates need to be forwarded to the WA Health CRS Office for assessment in accordance with WA Health's CRS Policy.
 - It is the individual's responsibility to obtain a criminal record screen from overseas. The cost of meeting WA Health's requirements to provide criminal record screening rests with the employee. Any employment contract will be contingent upon the individual supplying this information and the information being assessed as indicating no barrier to appointment.

Western Australia Working with Children Check

The Working with Children (Criminal Records Checking) Act 2004 requires that people who start and continue in "child-related work" obtain a WWC check. In accordance with section 6 of The Act, medical practitioners whose 'usual duties' of work involve or are likely to involve contact with a child in connection with a ward of a public or private hospital in which children are ordinarily patients, require a WWC check.

For details on the application process, please refer to the WA Working with Children website.

Aged Care Criminal Record Screening

In accordance with the Aged Care Act 1997, it is a legislative requirement that all employees and contractors working within Commonwealth Multi-Purpose Aged-Care Facility/s hold a current Aged Care Criminal Record Screening (ACCRS). This is a higher level check than the standard Criminal Record Screening (CRS) and must be renewed every three years.

IMGs who are to be employed or engaged by WA Health from overseas on either temporary or permanent work visas are required by WACHS to provide evidence of both:

- A satisfactory criminal record check from their country of origin and from any other country in which they have lived for one (1) year or more in the last 10 years; and
- A satisfactory Australian National Police Certificate; or
- A satisfactory Australian Federal Police Certificate.

In addition to the above requirement for a police check, employees, contractors and volunteers who have been citizens or permanent residents of another country since turning 16 years of age, are required to provide a statutory declaration in accordance with Declarations Act stating that they have never, in Australia or another country, been convicted of murder or sexual assault, or convicted of, and sentenced to imprisonment for, any other form of assault.

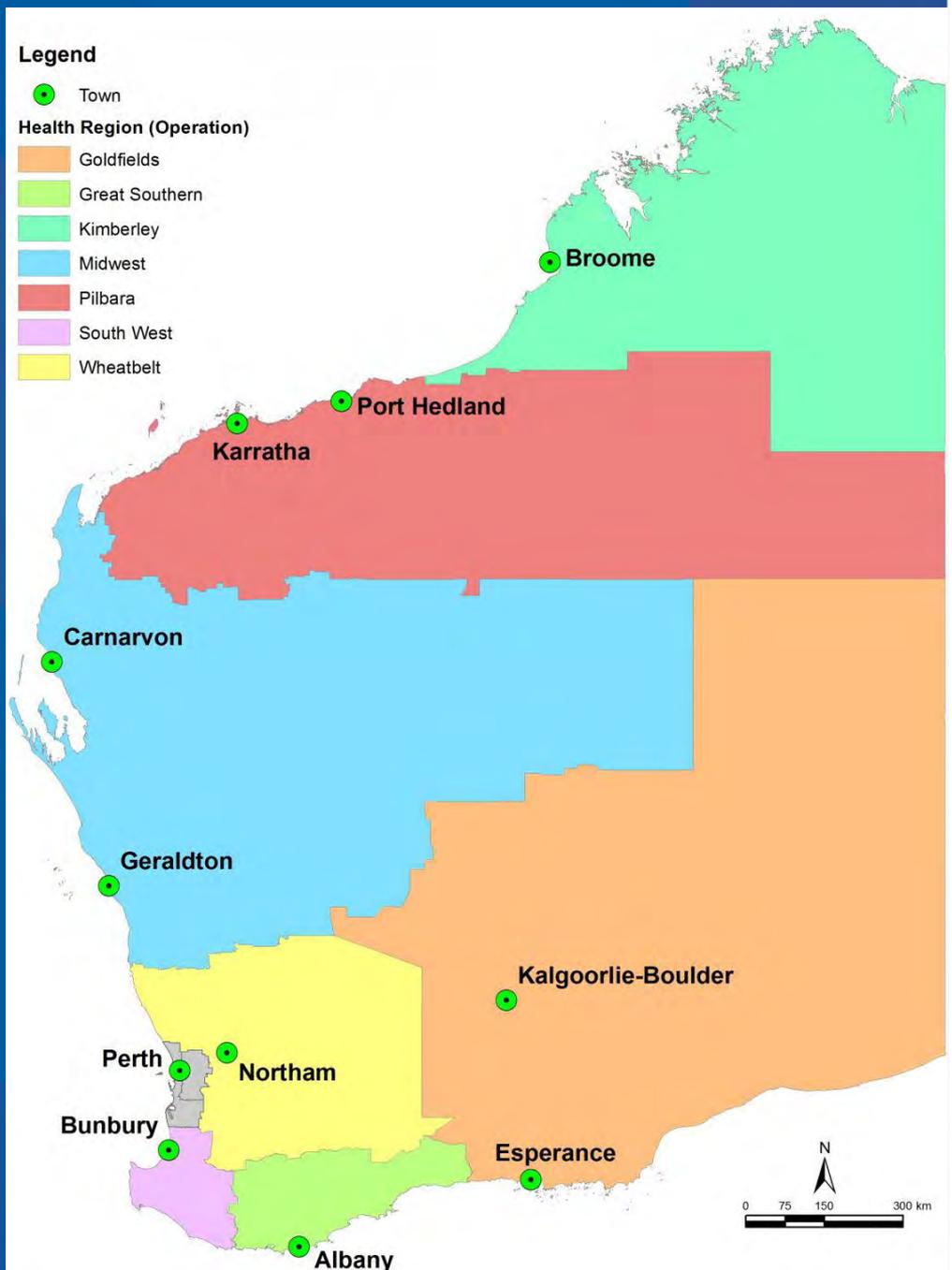
Professional Indemnity Insurance Registration Standard

All registered medical practitioners who provide health care or medical opinion in respect of the physical or mental health of any person, must ensure all aspects of their medical practice are covered by professional indemnity insurance (PII), or some alternative form of indemnity cover that complies with the Board's registration standard for professional indemnity insurance.





WACHS Regions



Goldfields

The Goldfields Health Region of the WA Country Health Service covers the Goldfields-Esperance Region of Western Australia.



The region is located in the south eastern corner of Western Australia and covers 770,488 square km (including offshore islands). It is the largest of the state's 9 regions and over 3 times the size of the State of Victoria. Geographically, the region is bounded by the Pilbara region to the north, the Wheatbelt region to the west, the Great Southern region to the south-west, the Southern Ocean and the state border to the east.

The region supports a wide range of industry, including mining, agriculture, aquaculture and tourism. Mining is the predominant sector in the central and northern parts of the region, with a well-established agricultural sector in the south.

Towns and Local Governments

Major population centres in the region are Kalgoorlie, Esperance, Coolgardie and Leonora.

Kalgoorlie Boulder:

- Population - 30,718
- Distance from Perth - 595km

Esperance

- Population - 14,504
- Distance from Perth - 718km

Coolgardie

- Population - 3,710
- Distance from Perth - 556km

Leonora

- Population - 1,492
- Distance from Perth - 831km

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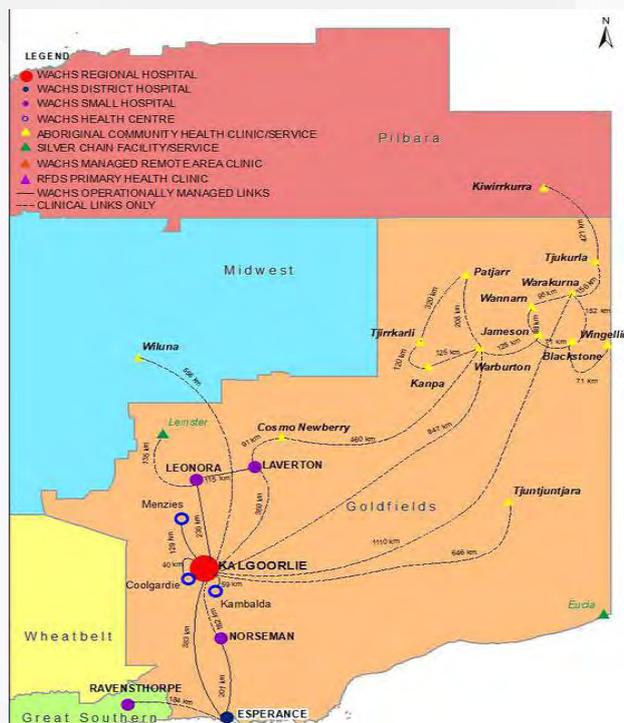
The region consists of the following local government areas:

- [Shire of Coolgardie](#)
- [Shire of Dundas](#)
- [Shire of Esperance](#)
- [City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder](#)
- [Shire of Laverton](#)
- [Shire of Leonora](#)
- [Shire of Menzies](#)
- [Shire of Ngaanyatjaraku](#)

Health Services

The Goldfields region extends to the southern coast and Esperance and its surrounding communities of Norseman, Gibson, Grass Patch, Salmon Gums, Condingup and Cascade.

Public Health Services are also provided to the Aboriginal communities in the Ngaanyatjarra Lands, Wiluna and Tjuntuntjara in close partnership with the relevant Aboriginal Medical Services.



List of Goldfield Health Services:

- [Kalgoorlie Health Campus](#)
- [Esperance Health Campus](#)
- [Small Goldfields Hospitals](#)
- [Goldfields Population Health Services](#)
- [Goldfields Mental Health Services](#)

Completed Successful Health Projects:

- [Kalgoorlie Health Campus MRI Suite](#)

City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder

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Shire of Esperance



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Great Southern

The Great Southern region is located on the south coast of Western Australia, adjoining the Southern Ocean, where the coast extends for approximately 250 km. It is also bordered by the South West region on the west and extends 200 km north where it meets the Wheatbelt region. The total land area is 39,007 square km (including offshore islands), representing approximately 1.5 per cent of the State's total area.



The historic port town of Albany, which is the State's oldest European settlement, has one of the best natural anchorages in the Southern Hemisphere and is the region's administrative centre. It is also the transport hub from where most of region's crops and livestock are shipped.



Towns and Local Governments

The major population centres in the Great Southern region are the towns of Albany, Katanning, Denmark, Mt Barker (Plantagenet), Kojonup and Gnowangerup.

Albany

- Population – 37,407
- Distance from Perth - 409km

Denmark

- Population – 5,694
- Distance from Perth - 414km

Mt Barker (Plantagenet)

- Population – 5,142
- Distance from Perth – 359km

Katanning

- Population – 4,197
- Distance from Perth - 295km

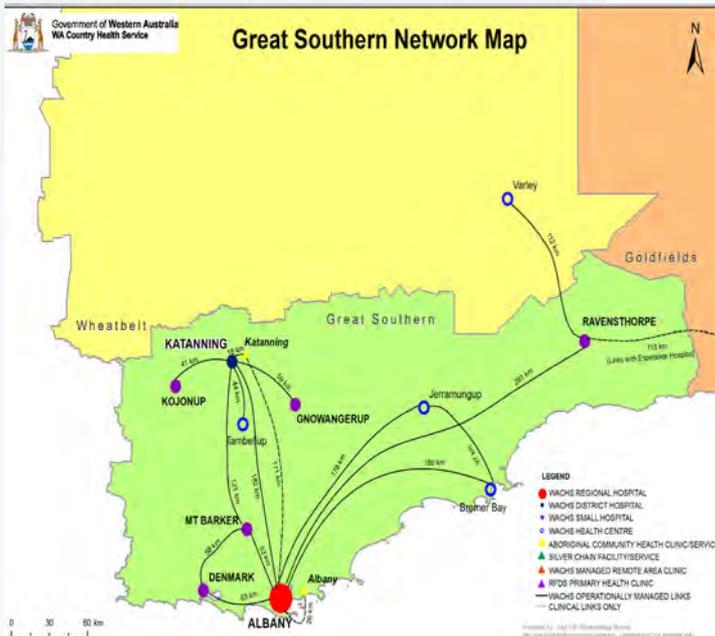
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The region consists of local government areas:

- [City of Albany](#)
- [Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup](#)
- [Shire of Cranbrook](#)
- [Shire of Denmark](#)
- [Shire of Gnowangerup](#)
- [Shire of Jerramungup](#)
- [Shire of Katanning](#)
- [Shire of Kent](#)
- [Shire of Kojonup](#)
- [Shire of Plantagenet](#)
- [Shire of Ravensthorpe](#)
- [Shire of Wagin](#)
- [Shire of Woodanilling](#)

Health Services

The biggest health campus in the Great Southern Region is Albany Health Campus with its own Hospital and Emergency Department. There are smaller services spread throughout the rest of the region.



List of Great Southern Health Services:

- [Albany Health Campus](#)
- [Kattaning Health Service](#)
- [Small Health Services](#)
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Completed Successful Health Projects:

- [Kojonup, Gnowangerup & Tambellup Upgrade](#)

Current Development Projects:

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Kimberley

The Kimberley health region of the WA Country Health Service covers the Kimberley region of Western Australia. It is the State's most northern region and is strategically located on the southern margins of South-East Asia.

The coastline faces the Indian Ocean to the west and the Timor Sea to the north. It is bordered by the Pilbara region to the south and the Northern Territory to the east.



The Kimberley encompasses an area of 424,517 square kilometres. It is almost twice the size of Victoria, and three times that of the United Kingdom.

There are also over 100 Aboriginal communities of various population sizes, scattered throughout the region and nearly 100 properties servicing the pastoral industry. The region has a large indigenous population, with nearly a third of the region Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people.

The Kimberley has a diverse economy, with mining, tourism, agriculture, and pearling all major contributors to the economic output of the area.

Towns and Local Governments

The major population centres in the Kimberley region are the towns of Broome, Kununurra, Derby, Halls Creek, Wyndham and Fitzroy Crossing.

Broome

- Population – 16,961
- Distance from Perth – 2,239km

Derby (West Kimberley)

- Population – 8,345
- Distance from Perth – 2,510km

Wyndham (East Kimberley)

- Population – 7,494
- Distance from Perth – 3216km

Halls Creek

- Population – 3,592
- Distance from Perth – 2,855km

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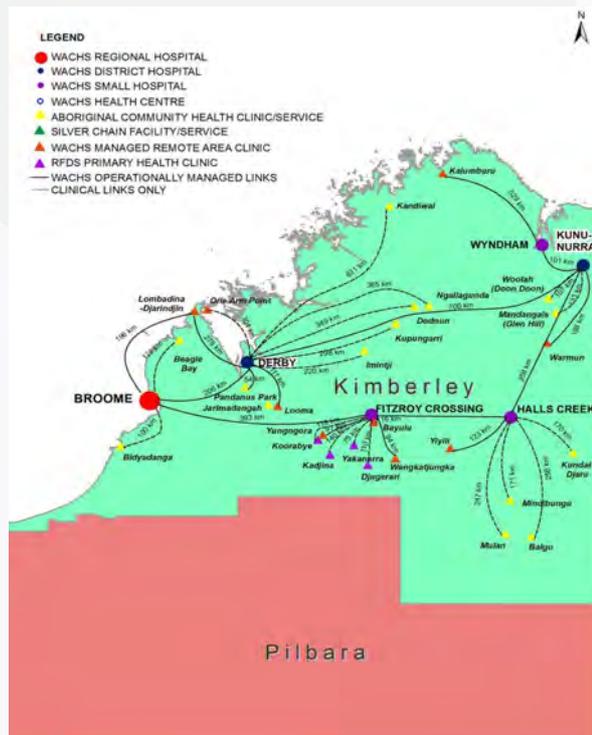
The region consists of local government areas:

- [Shire of Broome](#)
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- [Shire of Wyndham \(East Kimberley\)](#)
- [Shire of Halls Creek](#)



Health Services

The largest health campus in the Kimberley Region is Broome Health Campus with its own Hospital and Emergency Department. There are smaller services spread throughout the rest of the region.



List of Kimberley Health Services:

- [Broome Health Campus](#)
- [Derby Hospital](#)
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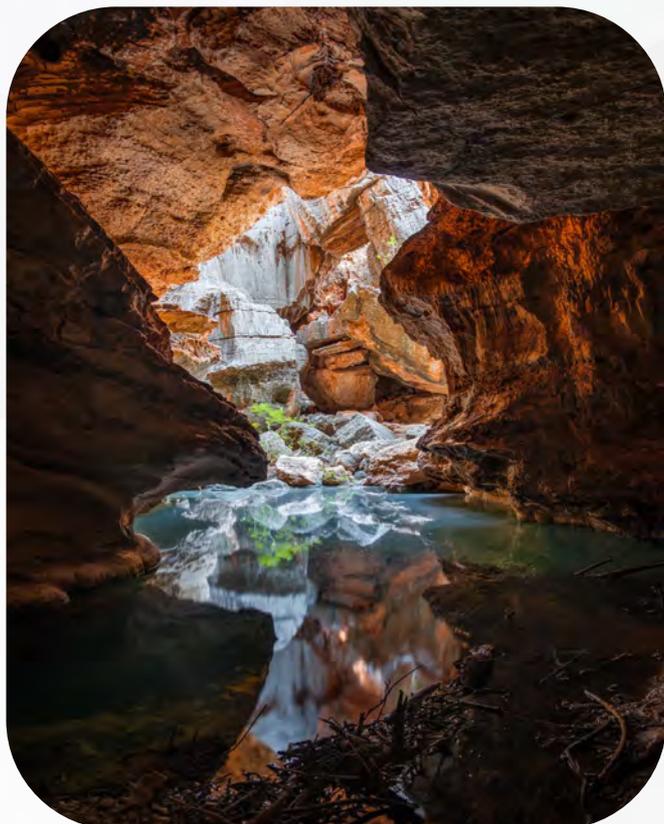
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Midwest

The Midwest health region of Western Australia covers more than 470,000 square kilometres, nearly one fifth of the State, with its population concentrated along the coast.

The region is located in the northern middle section of Western Australia and incorporates four health districts - Gascoyne, Geraldton, Midwest and Murchison.



The Mid West Development Commission has a strong commitment to diversifying the region's economic base, growth of business and entrepreneurship, retaining, attracting and developing skilled people and maximising local jobs. To support this focus, the State Government has launched a Local Content Program to maximise the participation of regional industry in regional contracting opportunities.

The region supports a wide range of industry, including mining, agriculture, aquaculture and tourism. Mining is the predominant sector in the central and northern parts of the region, with a well-established agricultural sector in the south.

Towns and Local Governments

Major population centres in the Midwest region are Geraldton, Dongara, Kalbarri, Morawa, Meekatharra, Mullewa, Carnarvon and Exmouth.

Geraldton

- Population – 39,496
- Distance from Perth – 425km

Canarvon

- Population – 5,741
- Distance from Perth – 904km

Exmouth

- Population – 2,776
- Distance from Perth – 1,261km

Meekatharra

- Population – 1,102
- Distance from Perth – 765km

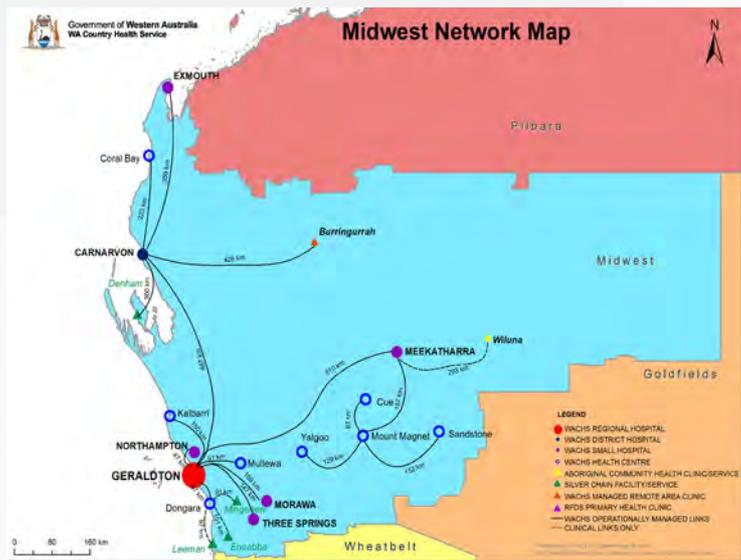
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Some of the local government area includes:

- [Shire of Carnarvon](#)
- [Shire of Chapman Valley](#)
- [Shire of Exmouth](#)
- [City of Geraldton-Greenough](#)
- [Shire of Irwin](#)
- [Shire of Meekatharra](#)
- [Shire of Morawa](#)
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- [Shire of Northampton](#)
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Health Services

The largest health campus in the Midwest Region is Geraldton Health Campus with its own Hospital and Emergency Department. There are smaller services spread throughout the rest of the region.



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- [Canarvon Health Campus](#)
- [Dongara Health Centre](#)
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- [Exmouth Health Service](#)
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Completed Successful Health Projects:

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Pilbara

The Pilbara Health Region of the WA Country Health Service covers the Pilbara Region of Western Australia. It is Western Australia's second most northern region, defined by the Indian Ocean to the west and the Northern Territory border to the east.



The region covers a total area of 507,896 sq km (including offshore islands). Most of the inhabitants are located in the western third, whereas the eastern third is largely desert with few inhabitants. The Pilbara came to national and international prominence during the 1960s when the go-ahead was given to extract iron ore deposits in the region. Today the Pilbara economy is crucial to the State, providing 2 of the State's largest export revenue earners - iron ore and liquefied natural gas.

Towns and Local Governments

The major population centres of the Pilbara region are Karratha, Port Hedland, Newman and Tom Price.

Karratha

- Population – 22,172
- Distance from Perth – 1,538km

Port Hedland

- Population – 15,049
- Distance from Perth – 1,702km

East Pilbara

- Population – 10,952

Ashburton

- Population – 3,262
- Distance from Perth – 1,462km (to Tom Price)

The population figures relate to Estimated Resident Population (ERP) in 2016 for the Local Government Areas (LGA). Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics ERP 2016.

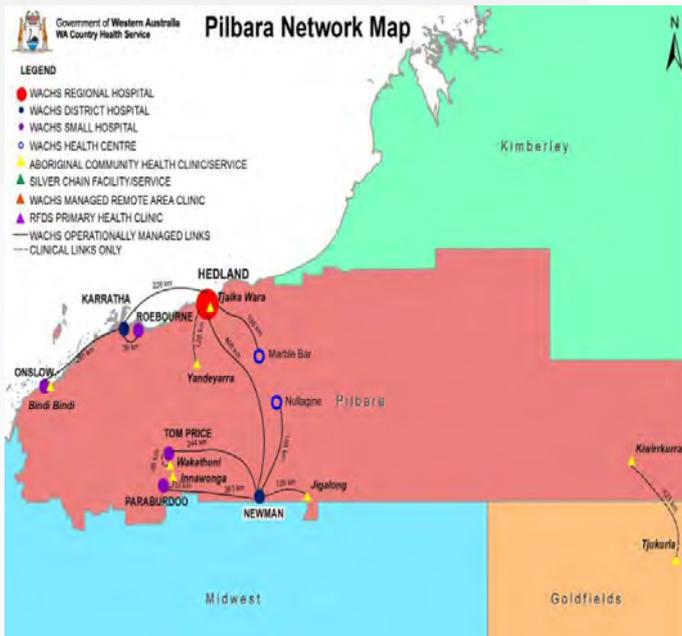
The region consists of local government areas:

- [Shire of Ashburton](#)
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Health Services

The largest health campus in the Pilbara Region is Broome Health Campus with its own Hospital and Emergency Department. There are smaller services spread throughout the rest of the region.



List of Pilbara Health Services:

- [Hedland Health Campus](#)
- [Karratha Health Campus](#)
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South West

The region is located in the south-west corner of the state, facing the Indian and Southern Oceans, and covers an area of 23,998 sq km.



The South West Health Region of the WA Country Health Service covers the South West Region of Western Australia. Some of the attractions for visitors include: rugged coastline, world-class surfing, caves and wineries.

The region's main economic activities include: agriculture and horticulture, timber and forest products, mineral extraction, processing and manufacturing, retail, tourism, construction, service industries, fishing and aquaculture

With the ongoing development of these activities and associated infrastructure there will be increasing employment opportunities for the people of the South West.

Towns and Local Governments

The major population centres in the South West region are the towns of Bunbury, Collie, Busselton, Manjimup and Margaret River.

Bunbury

- Population – 32,684
- Distance from Perth – 172km

Busselton

- Population – 37,673
- Distance from Perth – 221km

Harvey

- Population – 27,029
- Distance from Perth – 136km

Augusta-Margaret River

- Population – 14,687
- Distance from Perth – 310km (to Augusta)

The population figures relate to Estimated Resident Population (ERP) in 2016 for the Local Government Areas (LGA). Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics ERP 2016.

The region consists of local government areas:

- [Shire of Augusta-Margaret River](#)
- [Shire of Boyup Brook](#)
- [Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes](#)
- [City of Bunbury](#)
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- [Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup](#)
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Health Services

The largest health campus in South West Region are Bunbury and Busselton Health Campuses. There are smaller services spread throughout the rest of the region.



List of South West Health Services:

- [Augusta Hospital](#)
- [Bunbury Health Campus](#)
- [Busselton Health Campus](#)
- [Boyup Brooke Hospital](#)
- [Bridgetown Hospital](#)
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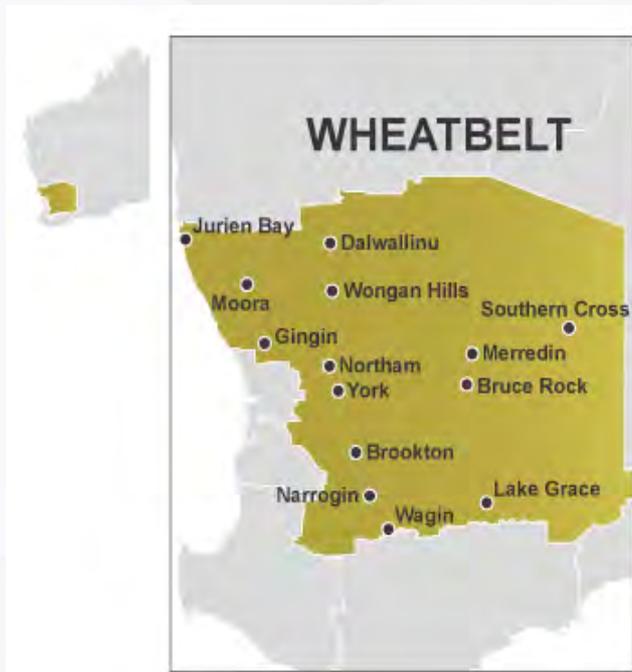
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Wheatbelt

The Wheatbelt region of the WA Country Health Service partially surrounds the northern and eastern parts of the Perth metropolitan area. It extends north from Perth and is bordered by the Indian Ocean to the west, where it meets the Midwest region.

The Wheatbelt extends east from the metropolitan area to the mining dominated, Goldfields region. The region is also bordered by the Peel, the South West and Great Southern regions on its south-west and southern borders.



The region covers 155,256 sq km (including islands) of the state and contains the majority of the State's grain growing areas.

The Wheatbelt's economy has historically been based on agriculture, particularly cropping - which remains the most dominant industry in the region - but it is also supported by mining, commerce, manufacturing, fishing and tourism.

Towns and Local Governments

The Wheatbelt is made up of 43 Local Government Authorities. The major population centres in the Wheatbelt region are the towns of Northam, Narrogin, Merredin, Moora, Bindoon, Jurien Bay, York and Toodyay.

Northam

- Population – 11,260
- Distance from Perth – 97km

Narrogin

- Population – 5,255
- Distance from Perth – 192km

Toodyay (Chittering)

- Population – 4,500
- Distance from Perth – 86km

Jurien Bay (Dandaragan)

- Population – 3,251
- Distance from Perth – 224km

The population figures relate to Estimated Resident Population (ERP) in 2016 for the Local Government Areas (LGA). Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics ERP 2016.

Below are some of the regions government areas:

- [Shire of Brookton](#)
- [Shire of Bruce Rock](#)
- [Shire of Chittering](#)
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- [Shire of Narrogin](#)
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Health Services



List of some Wheatbelt Health Services:

- [Northam Health Service](#)
- [Narrogin Health Service](#)
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