

Have you considered working as a Locum?

There are in fact many reasons, why Doctors perform locum work and why it can be a very rewarding experience.

Here is a brief, but not exhaustive list:

- **The first reason is the obvious one. You will receive a higher rate of pay and that can help with getting a financial start in life.** Certainly the higher rate of pay is an attractive reason, but if that is all that drives you then I think that you will quickly run out of enthusiasm.
- **Break of routine:** Are you in a professional rut? Working as a locum is a great circuit breaker. Stepping out of your comfort zone can be refreshing and will allow you to return to your regular work life re-invigorated.
- **Expand your horizons:** If your idea of travel is five-star resorts and cushy conference junkets you are missing out on memorable, and even life-changing experiences working in rural, remote or indigenous communities... as well as other major cities of Australia and perhaps abroad.
- **Contribute:** Remember – the reason that a hospital or practice hires you as a locum is because they have a desperate need. You will be providing an invaluable service to them and the community they serve and that is a responsibility that should not be taken lightly.
- **Share:** If you have special clinical skills or knowledge, you can bring these to regional areas that might not otherwise have access to such expert training or advice. Teaching will allow you to leave a greater legacy than just the hours you put in.
- **Perspective:** Statistically, most Doctors work in a well-to-do metropolitan area. Seeing “how the other half lives” might just revive the idealist medical student within you.
- **Re-skill:** When did you last treat a patient from first presentation to discharge, or delivered a baby into the world? Have your ER and minor op skills atrophied in your urban practice? Locum work reconnects you with the front-line medical skills you used to enjoy as a younger doctor.
- **Learn self-reliance:** Without your usual support and referral networks you will have to be more resourceful and adaptable. Relying on your clinical instincts more can be very affirming and confidence building.
- **Networking:** Locum work allows you to interface with colleagues far from home and offers a great opportunity to pick up some new contacts, skills and knowledge from outside of your bubble.



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