

Joint Standing Committee on Rural Issues (JSC)

JSC offers incentives and programs to recruit and retain physicians in rural and remote BC communities. As a partnership between Doctors of BC and the BC Government, JSC supports over 50 rural initiatives administered by the BC Ministry of Health and three JSC-funded organizations: RCCbc, REAP, and LRBC.



Dr Miles Marchand and Dr Todd Alec, Takla Landing. Photo by Rob Shaer, Rural Coordination Centre of BC (RCCbc)

JSC focuses its work on **six rural priorities:**

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**EDUCATION
AND TRAINING**

Rural Coordination Centre of BC

RCCbc collaborates with rural physicians to develop solutions, frameworks, and networks to improve rural health care.

rccb.ca



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**RECRUITMENT
AND RETENTION**

Rural Education Action Plan

REAP supports the rural physician learning pathway, from high school and medical learners to practicing physicians.

rccb.ca/rural-health/rep



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ENGAGEMENT

Locums for Rural BC

LRBC supports rural physicians to take breaks from practice and supports locums with placements and travel to rural BC.

locumsruralbc.ca



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**INDIGENOUS
POPULATIONS**

Rural Practice Programs

RPP works with health authorities and partners to address issues and develop policy and programs for rural health services.

gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/practitioner-professional-resources/physician-compensation/rural-practice-programs



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**QUALITY IMPROVEMENT,
EVALUATION, AND RESEARCH**



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Scan the QR code for more information about JSC's benefits and supports for rural physicians.



Highlights of JSC initiatives

SUPPORT FOR PHYSICIANS—ELIGIBLE RURAL PHYSICIANS CAN RECEIVE:



Rural Fee Premium

Up to 30% of annual billings.



Rural Training

Rurally relevant education to support continuing medical education needs through REAP & RCCbc.



Recruitment Incentive

\$5,000-\$20,000 signing bonus for recruitment to rural communities.



Flat Fee

An annual payment for living and practicing in a rural community.



Locums for Rural BC

Support for locum coverage.



Isolation Allowance

Annual payment of \$5,000-\$75,000 to provide medical services in eligible communities.

SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITIES—ELIGIBLE RURAL COMMUNITIES CAN RECEIVE:



Recruitment Funding

Funding to assist with filling vacancies in rural communities.



Rural Emergency Enhancement

Funding of up to \$200,000 per year per emergency department to support access.



Rural Continuing Medical Education

Funding for group medical education closer to home.



Rural Obstetrical & Maternity Sustainability

Funding for maternity and obstetrical care in rural communities.

SUPPORT FOR RESIDENTS & STUDENTS—JSC FUNDS:



Rural Resident Enhanced Courses

Funding to participate in rurally relevant courses.



REAP for postgraduates & medical students

Funding for rural medicine rotations.



Physician mentorships for students

through REAP.

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