



DENTAL RETENTION BONUS

The government of Newfoundland and Labrador offers an incentive for Dental Bursary recipients to continue practicing in designated rural areas of the province after their Bursary service is completed – the **Rural Dental Retention Bonus Program**.

Each bonus is valued at **\$25,000**. Applicants must apply annually and are eligible to receive up to five retention bonuses in this Program (up to a total of \$125,000). In exchange for each bonus, recipients are **required to commit one year of service** in a predetermined rural location.

There are two phases of the process:

1. Application and Approval
2. Establishment of Practice

Applicants are required to:

- Be past recipients of the Dental Bursary or willing to practice in a designated area of need.
- Review and comply with the terms and conditions of the bursary and service agreement.
- Within three months of being awarded a Retention Bonus, the successful dentists must provide a copy of a signed agreement to practice with the principle dentist of the clinic in the proposed area of need, with practice commencing within one month of the agreement signature date.

The program policy and application are available at:

<https://www.gov.nl.ca/hcs/grantsfunding/bursaries/>

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