Aim
The aim of the Visiting Optometrist Scheme (VOS) is to deliver outreach optometric services to people living in regional, rural and remote locations, who do not have ready access to primary eye care services.

In 2009-2010 the VOS was expanded to provide increased optometry services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, particularly in remote and very remote locations.

The integration and coordination of the VOS is supported by a regional approach to the planning and delivery of services across Queensland, with CheckUP as the jurisdiction fundholder.

Focus Areas
The Program will focus service delivery on eye health.

Objectives
The objective of the VOS is to improve the eye health of people in regional, rural and remote locations by:
- increasing optometry services in areas of identified need;
- improving the coordination and integration of those eye health services and the quality of ongoing patient care; and
- enhancing communication between visiting optometrists, local health providers and other visiting health professionals.

Funding eligibility
The program supports outreach services provided by:
- Optometrists

Funding is available for:
- Coordination and administration support
- Travel expenses and allowances
- Locum support
- Student support (travel only)
- Cultural awareness and safety training for participating service providers
- Upskilling/training
- Professional support associated with outreach services.
- Equipment support

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