



# Regional Needs Model 2023 Update

## Regional University Study Hubs Program

In 2021, a Regional Needs Model (the model) was produced as part of a scoping study that analysed data on Australian regions to consider their relative need and suitability for a Regional University Study Hub (formerly Regional University Centre). In 2023, in preparation for the expansion of the Regional University Study Hubs Program, the department has updated the model with the latest available data. Key information regarding these updates is summarised below.

### Data Updates

- The 2021 version of the model used the Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) Edition 2 (ASGS 2016) statistical areas to define regions and remoteness. Following the release of ASGS Edition 3 (ASGS 2021), the model has been updated to reflect the most up-to-date information.
  - As a result of this update, some regions have been renamed, split up or replaced, and some remoteness classifications have changed (from metropolitan to regional/remote and vice versa). These changes are as a result of the updated ASGS Edition 3 rather than departmental changes to the model.
- All other data components of the model have also been updated to reflect the latest available data.

### Methodology Updates

- Whilst the overarching methodology used in the model has been left unchanged, the total number of years used to develop average calculations has increased to include new data that has become available.

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### Contact

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