

# Become a REMOTE PARAMEDIC





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# WHAT IS A REMOTE MEDIC/PARAMEDIC?

This job is for individual adventurers and outdoorsy people who love working in challenging yet rewarding environments. In fact, workers in this field are known as the Bear Grylls of paramedicine.



Being based in remote locations means they are a long way from advanced medical help, so are required to care for and stabilise patients with major trauma or medical problems for extended periods of time. This first care will almost always last longer than a typical ambulance trip to the hospital.

Remote Paramedics are typically stationed in communities that face a growing difficulty in accessing professional health care services and advice. In Australia, you would be looking at regions such as the Pilbara in W.A. or remote areas of the Northern Territory and far north Queensland, for example.



In this role, the Remote Paramedic will be dealing with trauma and illnesses which can be amplified because of the climatic and localised conditions. Remote paramedics are also at times required to be educators in their geographic areas. This is in addition to providing every day health care needs and education within the community.

Opportunities as a Remote Paramedic can include:

- Wilderness First Responder
- Health Worker
- Remote Emergency Medical Technician
- Military Medic
- Disaster Relief

## TRAITS

By definition a Remote Paramedic should be resourceful, adaptable, and comfortable working independently.

Remote paramedics typically practice with very limited resources. As a result of this, they are experts at rapidly assessing, prioritising, and establishing control in their unpredictable environment in order to reduce risks and provide quality patient care. They should also have an advanced understanding of pathophysiology, pharmacology, and disease processes, be adept at using a variety of technologies including computers, laboratory and x-ray equipment.

## TREATMENTS

Some of the injuries and illnesses Remote Paramedics deal with can include:

- Shock
- Thoracic trauma
- Head injuries
- Dental emergencies
- Musculoskeletal injuries
- Respiratory and cardiac emergencies
- Mass-casualty incidents
- Anaphylaxis, cold and heat emergencies
- Wildlife emergencies. Eg: Snake bites.



- Altitude
- Immersion
- Submersion, and more.

In addition to these injuries and illnesses, they may also have to attend to patients with mental health and chronic disease issues due to the isolation of these communities.

## UNIQUELY AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

Outback Australia is very remote, and sometimes the environment and wildlife can be rather dangerous. Medical emergencies that are uniquely Australian can include snake bites, wild animal attacks, extreme temperature sickness and machinery related injuries.

The emergencies that occur in the Australian outback are very rare in the metropolitan, therefore paramedics will need to refresh themselves or get additional training on these specific treatments.

## REMOTENESS

As mentioned, Remote Paramedics work in geographic and professional isolation, meaning they need to have the ability to perform high risk and complex tasks alone or in a small group.

## QUALIFICATIONS

The minimum requirement for a Remote Paramedic is typically a Diploma of Paramedical Science.

Additional courses can include:

- Advanced Life Support (ALS) or Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)
- Helicopter Underwater Egress and Safety Training (HUET)
- Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)
- Alcohol and drug screening
- Fire fighting
- Confined space rescue
- Road crash rescue
- Vertical rescue



- Altitude Training
- Tropical & Travel Medicine
- Health, Safety & Environment (HSE)
- Maritime Medicine
- High Risk Environment
- Mass Casualty & Triage
- Tactical Medicine
- Snakebite Management

## BECOME A REMOTE PARAMEDIC

At the Australian Paramedical College, we deliver accredited training and nationally recognised qualifications to put you in the best position to get a job as a medic/ paramedic.

To become a Remote Paramedic we suggest completing the [Diploma of Paramedical Science](#) first. Our flexible training study options have helped hundreds of people gain this qualification in around 12-24 months.

The medical techniques learned in this course are equivalent to that of an Advanced Life Support (ALS) Medic (Queensland classification). As a diploma-qualified medic, you are authorised to deliver advanced drug therapy protocols (DTP's), including:

- Adrenaline
- Atropine
- Frusemide
- Metoclopramide
- Morphine
- Midazolam
- Ondansetron

You will also learn Clinical Protocols and Pharmacology, including advanced airway management, 12 lead ECG monitoring and manual defibrillation, IV cannulation and fluid resuscitation, chest decompression and more.

You can also complete the [Certificate IV in Health Care](#) where you can become a Basic Life Support Medic. Jobs available in the private sector this this qualification include:



Ambulance Officer - Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) - Emergency Patient Transport Officer - Industrial medic (mining, construction, manufacturing, onshore/offshore oil & gas).

## CONTACT

As the largest pre-hospital emergency health care training provider in Australia, we offer nationally accredited and internationally recognised training to create paramedical career pathways in the pre-hospital emergency care services.

Our graduates complete their training and have the confidence, skills and superior knowledge to continue with further paramedical studies or enter the workforce as a paramedic/medic in the private sector.

If you feel like taking the steps to become a paramedic is something you would like to do...call **(07) 5520 2522** and speak with a paramedic course coordinator, 8.30am-5pm AEST weekdays.

Or go to our website and read more about our [training packages](#); or to chat with one of our course coordinators.

You will also find an additional [library of news articles](#) and eBooks on [how to become a paramedic in Australia](#).