A note on the Australian Classification of Local Government

The Australian Classification of Local Governments (ACLG) was a system maintained and published by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts (DITRDCSA). The Department is aiming to phase out the ACLG system in favour of the ABS Australian Statistical Geographical System Remoteness classifcation.

| **Step 1** | **Step 2** | **Step 3** |  | **Category** | **Alpha** |
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| **URBAN (U)** |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Capital City (CC) | Not applicable |  | 1 | UCC |
| **Pop. > 20,000** | Metropolitan Developed (D) - Part of an urban centre > 1,000,000 and pop. density > 600/sq km. | Small (S) | up to 30,000 | 2 | UDS |
|  |  | Medium (M) | 30,001-70,000 | 3 | UDM |
|  |  | Large (L) | 70,001-120,000 | 4 | UDL |
|  |  | Very large (VL) | > 120,000 | 5 | UDV |
| **Pop. Density > 30 persons per sq km** | Regional Town/City (R) - Part of an urban centre with population <1,000,000 and predominantly urban in nature | Small | up to 30,000 | 6 | URS |
|  |  | Medium | 30,001-70,000 | 7 | URM |
|  |  | Large | 70,001-120,000 | 8 | URL |
|  |  | Very large | >120,001 | 9 | URV |
| **>90% of LGA population is urban** | Fringe (F) - A developing LGA on the margin of a developed or regional urban centre. | Small | up to 30,000 | 10 | UFS |
|  |  | Medium | 30,001-70,000 | 11 | UFM |
|  |  | Large | 70,001-120,000 | 12 | UFL |
|  |  | Very large | >120,001 | 13 | UFV |
| **RURAL (R)** |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Significant Growth (SG) - Average annual Population growth > 3%, population > 5,000 and not remote. | Not applicable |  | 14 | RSG |
|  | Agricultural (A) | Small | Up to 2,000 | 15 | RAS |
|  |  | Medium | 2,001-5,000 | 16 | RAM |
|  |  | Large | 5,001,-10,000 | 17 | RAL |
|  |  | Very large | 10,001 to 20,000 | 18 | RAV |
|  | Remote (T) - Situated in a remote locality. | Extra small | Up to 400 | 19 | RTX |
|  |  | Small | 401-1,000 | 20 | RTS |
|  |  | Medium | 1,001–3,000 | 21 | RTM |
|  |  | Large | 3,001 to 20,000 | 22 | RTL |