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**National Clinical Quality Registry Program**

**Communique: August 2023**

The Australian government is investing $40 million over four years to establish a National Clinical Quality Registry Program (the Program). The purpose of the Program is to improve the quality of health care and ensure better health outcomes for Australian patients. It is designed to reflect the key priorities of the [National Clinical Quality Registry and Virtual Strategy 2020-2030](https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/a-national-strategy-for-clinical-quality-registries-and-virtual-registries-2020-2030) (the Strategy).

This is the first communique that provides an update on the Program. Further details can be found on the Department’s [website](https://www.health.gov.au/our-work/national-clinical-quality-registry-program?utm_source=health.gov.au&utm_medium=callout-auto-custom&utm_campaign=digital_transformation).

## **Upcoming Funding Opportunities**

We intend to advertise three new competitive funding opportunities during 2023-24:

1. Stream 1 will provide funding support for a small number of high-priority national CQRs.
2. Stream 2 will provide grant funding for a small number of short-term projects that help boost CQR capacity.
3. Strategy pilots will fund a small number of activities that support the continued implementation of the Strategy.

The timing, scope, and eligibility criteria for each funding opportunity will be included in the relevant Approach To Market processes and Grant Opportunity Guidelines.

If any there are changes to these funding opportunities, we will keep stakeholders informed via our communiques and the Department’s [website](https://www.health.gov.au/our-work/national-clinical-quality-registry-program?utm_source=health.gov.au&utm_medium=callout-auto-custom&utm_campaign=digital_transformation).

**How to apply**

Applications for Stream 1 and the Strategy pilots will be via AusTender, and applications for Stream 2 will be via Grant Connect.

To receive notification of when new opportunities are published, please register your interest through [AusTender](https://www.tenders.gov.au/atm) and [GrantConnect](https://www.grants.gov.au/go/list). Follow the steps to become a Registered User on their respective websites.

## **Other News and Upcoming events**

* See the newly published Consumer Booklet - [Clinical Quality Registries - Four key benefits for your health](https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/clinical-quality-registries-four-key-benefits-for-your-health?language=en) available on the [National CQR Program](https://www.health.gov.au/our-work/national-clinical-quality-registry-program?utm_source=health.gov.au&utm_medium=callout-auto-custom&utm_campaign=digital_transformation) website.
* Register to attend the [2023 Australian Clinical Registry Annual Science Meeting](https://clinicaltrialsalliance.org.au/events-forums/2023-australian-clinical-registry-annual-scientific-meeting-innovation-for-impact/) in October 2023.

## **Contact**

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