



Audiology Regulation Reference Group

Meeting communique

31 March 2026

The Health Workforce Taskforce (HWT) has established the Audiology Regulation Reference Group (the Reference Group) as a forum to provide advice on regulatory and policy matters for the initial phases of work to support the admission of audiology to the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme). The Reference Group consists of key audiology, government and regulatory stakeholders and is a time limited body.

The Reference Group held its inaugural meeting on 31 March 2026. The meeting considered some early, foundational issues relevant to the regulation of audiology under the National Scheme, including the need for one or more professional titles for protection under the National Law and developing an understanding of the current qualification and training pathways for audiology.

The Reference Group also noted that broader opportunities for engagement with the profession was important in the development of advice for Ministers. It was noted that opportunities for further stakeholder input will be provided through a national consultation process prior to further consideration and decision making by Health Ministers.

The Reference Group is co-chaired by representatives of the Health Workforce Taskforce and the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra). The group will meet monthly, and a communique will be issued following each meeting.