



Health Workforce Taskforce

News Update

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Framework for multi-profession boards in the NRAS

At their meeting in September 2025, Health Ministers agreed to regulate the Audiology profession under the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (NRAS).

Health Ministers also agreed subsequently to establish a ‘dual profession’ National Board for the entry of audiology into the NRAS. This means establishing a National Board that will include audiology and another existing profession in the NRAS.

Health Ministers have also tasked the Health Workforce Taskforce (HWT) to develop a decision-making framework to consider the consolidation of National Boards into multi-profession boards. Only National Boards with lower regulatory volumes are in scope for potential consolidation.

Parameters for determining lower regulatory volume will be defined in the decision-making framework under development. When completed, the framework will inform recommendations to Ministers about proposed composition of any potential multi-profession boards.

Advice on the audiology dual board options and the decision-making framework will be considered by Health Ministers in late 2026.

In a multi-profession board, each profession will be represented as required under the National Law. The National Law sets out the requirements for membership of National Boards, which specifies that National Boards must include (but not limited to):

- Practitioner members (at least half but not more than two thirds), and if the National Board is established for two or more health professions—at least one member of each health profession for which the Board is established (section 33(5)(c))
- Community members (one third)
- at least one member from each large participating jurisdiction and at least one member from a small participating jurisdiction.



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Supply and demand studies – Psychology, Dental Practitioner, Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Midwifery have been published

Under Recommendation 17 of the Kruk Review, workforce modelling is underway to create a comprehensive view of Australia's health workforce to guide decisions on the future skill mix and distribution of Internationally Qualified Health Practitioners (IQHPs.)

Supply and demand studies for psychology, dental practitioner, obstetrics and gynaecology and midwifery are now available on the [Health Workforce Data](#) website.