



Audiology Regulation Reference Group

Meeting communique

26 May 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 third meeting on 26 May 2026. Discussions continued on early, foundational policy issues relevant to the regulation of audiology under the National Scheme. There was a continuation of discussions on how advanced practices are regulated under the National Law to protect the public, and whether area of practice endorsements or other protections like restricted or reserved practices may need to be considered for audiology.

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