



Health Workforce Taskforce

News Update

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The Health Workforce Taskforce is a national workforce committee that brings together representatives from the Australian, state and territory governments to work on national workforce priorities and provide strategic advice to Health Ministers. This news update highlights recent work across some of the Taskforce's projects including implementation of recommendations from the *Independent review of health practitioner regulatory settings* (Kruk review), implementation of actions from the *Independent Review of Complexity in the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme* (Complexity review) and regulation of audiology under the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme.

Resources for internationally qualified health professionals and employers

Moving to Australia to work in healthcare can be complex and difficult to navigate, with key information often spread across multiple websites. To make this easier, the Health Workforce Taskforce has developed [resources for internationally qualified health professionals and employers](#) that bring key information together in one place. These resources provide practical guidance to help internationally qualified health professionals navigate registration, migration and working in Australia, prepare them for safe practice in Australia and support employers to recruit, onboard and retain international staff.

The resources were developed in response to recommendations 8, 15 and 23 of the Independent review of health practitioner regulatory settings (Kruk Review) and include:

1. [Moving to Australia: a guide for health professionals](#)

A guide that provides general settlement information and links to relevant resources to help internationally qualified health professionals and their families settle into Australian life.

2. [How to work as a medical practitioner in Australia](#)

A series of guides for international medical graduates (IMGs) who received their medical qualification from a country other than Australia or New Zealand and want to understand the key steps to becoming registered and eligible to work in Australia. Guides have been created for the 4 different pathways to registration and practice in Australia for IMGs: [Standard pathway](#), [Competent Authority pathway](#), [Specialist pathway](#) and [Expedited Specialist pathway](#).

3. [How to work as a nurse or midwife in Australia](#)

A guide for international nursing and midwifery graduates who received their primary qualification from a country other than Australia or New Zealand and want to understand the key steps to becoming registered and eligible to work in Australia.



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4. [Working in Australia: an orientation to the health system](#)

A suite of online learning units providing internationally qualified health professionals with a foundational understanding of the Australian health system when they start to work in Australia.

5. [International Recruitment Toolkit for health employers](#)

A toolkit designed to help employers in the healthcare sector to confidently and efficiently recruit and retain internationally qualified health professionals.

Supply and demand studies

Supply and demand studies for priority workforces have been undertaken in response to Kruk Review recommendation 17.

New studies have recently been published for whole of medical workforce, medical radiation practitioners and radiologists. These studies, as well as seven others published previously can be viewed on the [Health Workforce Data](#) website.

Modelling for additional selected allied health and medical professions is underway and the results will be published upon completion.

National Nursing Workforce Strategy

The Health Workforce Taskforce is pleased to announce that the [National Nursing Workforce Strategy](#) has been publicly launched. The strategy was finalised in response to recommendation 18 of the Kruk Review and provides Australia's first national framework for collective action to grow, support and retain the nursing workforce, helping to ensure nurses can continue to meet the health and aged care needs of Australians into the future. The strategy will be addressed through collaboration between governments, employers, education providers, professional organisations and the nursing profession.

Multidisciplinary workforce planning resources

Under recommendation 19 of the Kruk Review, work was undertaken to identify crosscutting themes and mechanisms to deliver effective multidisciplinary workforce planning and integrated models of care. The following resources have been published to support multidisciplinary service level workforce planning:

1. [Multidisciplinary Workforce Planning: Technical Guide](#)

A practical, step by step guide that supports the adoption of needs and capabilities-based planning approach in the health system. It can be applied flexibly across services with different levels of workforce planning practices and capabilities.

2. [Multidisciplinary Workforce Planning: Best and Emerging Practice Analysis Report](#)



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This report synthesises national and international evidence, jurisdictional insights and case studies in the health system. It also identifies key barriers, enablers and opportunities to support service level multidisciplinary workforce planning across Australia.

The Independent Review of complexity in the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme Final Report

On 1 May 2026, Health Ministers made their [final response](#) to the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (NRAS) Complexity Review *Transforming health professionals regulation in Australia*. Actions are being implemented by a range of stakeholders including the Health Workforce Taskforce, the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra) and National Boards. The Health Workforce Taskforce has commenced monitoring implementation of the actions as agreed in the Ministers' response.

The new Health Practitioner Regulation Committee (HPRC) has been established as a subcommittee of the Health Workforce Taskforce as per action 1.2.3. The HPRC is jointly chaired by Ahpra and the Health Workforce Taskforce and provides advice on NRAS business that requires decision by Health Ministers under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law. It replaces the Ahpra Jurisdictional Advisory Committee.

Resourcing has been confirmed for implementation of actions 2.3, 2.5 and 4.1 and planning is underway. Further information about these projects will be available in late 2026.

Regulation of Audiology under the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme

The Audiology Regulation Reference Group (the Reference Group) held its fifth meeting on 28 July 2026. Discussions focused on foundational policy issues relevant to the regulation of audiology under the NRAS, national regulation and restricted practices. Draft advice to inform future consultation has been submitted to the Health Workforce Taskforce's Legislation Committee for decision. The need for future meetings of the Reference Group is under consideration.

Clinical Learning Australia

Clinical Learning Australia (CLA) is an online national system that records the development, training and assessment of prevocational doctors across all states and territories in Australia. CLA is also available for health services to record training and assessment of PGY 3 + doctors who are not in a medical college training program and international medical graduates. Over 37,000 users, including prevocational doctors, clinical supervisors, directors of training and medical education managers are now using CLA.

On 1 March 2026 management of CLA transitioned from the Australian Medical Council to the Australian Digital Health Agency.



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The CLA Governance Group has been established as a subcommittee of the Health Workforce Taskforce to oversee the management and operation of CLA. Members include a representative from each state and territory and the Commonwealth. The first meeting of the CLA Governance Group will be in late September 2026.

National Health Reform Agreement Schedule G – Health Workforce

The [National Health Reform Agreement](#) (NHRA) 2026–2031 was signed by governments on 27 February 2026 and took effect on 1 July 2026. The Health Workforce Taskforce is leading oversight of Schedule G – Health Workforce to ensure obligations are met. Further information will be available in late 2026.

For further information on any of the projects above, please contact the Health Workforce Taskforce Secretariat at hwtsecretariat@health.nsw.gov.au