

Attachment B. Quick guide to the Supervised practice framework public consultation

Who we are and what we do

The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra) and National Boards work together to ensure the community has access to a safe health workforce. We regulate 16 health professions with the priority of protecting the public.

One way we keep the public safe is by creating standards, codes, and guidelines for the regulated health professions to ensure they have the necessary skill and qualifications to practise. More information about what we do can be found on the [Ahpra website](#).

What is the Supervised practice framework?

The *Supervised practice framework* (the framework) outlines relevant National Boards' expectations and supports supervisees, supervisors and employers to understand what is necessary to effectively carry out supervised practice. The framework, which was published in 2022, includes the principles that underpin supervised practice and the levels of supervised practice.

About this consultation

We want to make working in Australia simpler, quicker and cheaper for internationally qualified health practitioners where this can be done safely. This is based on recommendations from the *Independent review of Australia's regulatory settings relating to overseas health practitioners*, led by Ms Robyn Kruk AO (the Kruk review).

Reviewing the framework is one of the recommendations (recommendation 15). Before we make any changes to the framework, we are seeking feedback on what improvements could be made.

What improvements are we considering to the Supervised practice framework?

The main changes are:

- Developing extra supporting materials to include videos or visual aids (e.g. flow charts).
- When system capability allows, creating a digital supervised practice platform (e.g. an online portal that supervisors, supervisees, National Boards, and Ahpra can access documentation and input information related to a practitioner's supervised practice).
- Creating a standardised form to assess a supervisee's performance against profession-specific competency/capability standards.
- Reducing the repetition and length of the framework.
- Improving the clarity and navigation of the framework.
- Providing profession specific examples (where possible).

You can find all the details and a copy of the framework in the consultation paper on [Ahpra's website](#).

What do we want to hear from you?

We want to know how you use the framework, what its strengths and limitations are, and if it's being used as intended. Is the framework working flexibly or is it too restrictive? Is there anything missing? Is there any way we can improve the framework?

We have 10 questions we'd love you to answer, as well as your general feedback. You can find the questions in the consultation paper on page 14.

How you can give us feedback

- Completing the [online form](#)
- Using the submissions template (a Word or PDF form) and emailing it to us at KrukSPELS@ahpra.gov.au.

The questions in the online form and submissions template are the same so only use one method.

Consultation is open for eight weeks and the closing date is 31 July 2025.

If you need more time to give us your feedback, you can email us at KrukSPELS@ahpra.gov.au or phone us on **1300 419 495**.

Tell us more at a focus group

We are seeking expressions of interest for people to join a focus group about supervision. The focus group will seek your feedback on the framework, employing practitioners under supervision and being a supervisor or supervisee.

We would love to hear from:

- employers of health practitioners
- supervisors, and
- supervisees (both locally and internationally qualified health practitioners)

If you would like to be considered for a focus group, please complete this [online application form](#). The information provided in your expression of interest will be kept confidential.

How will we use your feedback?

Your feedback will help us find out if we can improve the *Supervised practice framework*, which will help make it simpler, quicker and cheaper for internationally qualified health practitioners to work in Australia.

We generally publish consultation responses on our website. You can read more about how we do this in the consultation paper.