Have your say on the Shared Code of Conduct - Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA)

Closing date: Closing date: 5pm, Wednesday 7 July 2021

*Are you interested in taking part in a focus group to help support safe and effective health care and help to protect the public?*

*Do you think Practitioner’s act in a culturally safe and respectful way?*

*Do you feel you receive safe and equal access to health services?*

***You might be interested in joining a focus group to have your say on this review!***

Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) – Queensland

**Consumers and carers are invited to participate in a small focus group organised by Ahpra and National Boards. The consultation is focused on the shared Code of conduct for health practitioners. We are looking to hear from a diverse range of consumers across Queensland. We want to ensure we include and amplify the voice of Aboriginal and Torres Islander health consumers in this engagement to inform into this review.**

Ahpra is Australia’s health practitioner regulator. Keeping the public safe is their number one priority. They work in partnership with 15 National Boards to protect the public and make sure the community has access to a safe health practitioners. You can read more about the work they do on the [Ahpra website](https://www.ahpra.gov.au/). We rely on members of the community, health practitioners, students, employers, co-regulators, educators and many others to engage, and work with us, as we regulate more than 744,000 registered health practitioners across Australia.

Purpose

We will ask questions to help inform a proposed revised shared Code of conduct (the code) for professions including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice, Chinese medicine, chiropractic, dental, medical radiation practice, occupational therapy, optometry, osteopathy, paramedicine, pharmacy, physiotherapy and podiatry.  The code of conduct is used by 12 of the 15 the National Boards to evaluate practitioners’ conduct. Practitioners have a professional responsibility to be familiar with and to apply this code.

Role of the consumer

The role of the successful consumers will be to attend a one-off focus group for 1.5 hours and to actively participate by providing feedback and advice.

To ensure we hear a diverse range of views, we are looking to hear directly from consumers, as we have spoken to health practitioners in other focus groups.

We encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander consumers and community members to apply.

Focus Group Details

**The focus group will be held online on Tuesday 13 July for 1.5 hours from 10.30am – 12.00pm for 1.5 hours.**

The focus group will be held virtually - details to be sent closer to the date

The focus group has a limit of 10 participants.

You won’t need to do any preparation for the focus group. However, you are welcome to review the consultation paper and supporting documents on the [Ahpra consultation page](https://www.ahpra.gov.au/News/Consultations.aspx) if you would like. The code has been written for health practitioners and Ahpra are keen to hear from you how it could be more accessible to the public.

Key questions Ahpra would like to discuss in this focus group include:

* whether you know about the Code of conduct for health practitioners
* what kind of information you might consider looking for in the code
* how Ahpra and National Boards can help make the code a more useful document for patients, carers and the broader community, and
* how Ahpra and National Boards can help people in the community learn about the code.

Remuneration and Support

Consumers will be remunerated for their time in line with Health Consumers Queensland’s remuneration position statement. If you need to travel to a venue to access Zoom/Teams parking and travel expenses will be covered.

Consumers will be paid $40 per hour.

How to apply

**If you are interested in taking part in this focus groups, please complete the application form below.**

Please complete the application and details below and return to rosemarie.edwards@ahpra.gov.au by COB **Wednesday 7 July 2021.**

For assistance please contact Ahpra Queensland via rosemarie.edwards@ahpra.gov.au or by phone on 07 3149 4637 or 07 3149 4700.

Application Form

Full name:

Preferred phone number:

Email:

Postal address:

Postcode:

Please highlight any group you identify as being a part of:

* Living with a disability/chronic condition
* Caring for someone with a disability
* Physically isolated or transport disadvantaged
* Culturally or linguistically diverse
* From a non-English speaking background
* LGBTIQ+

Do you identify as: Aboriginal | Torres Strait Islander | Both | Prefer not to state

Are you a: Consumer | Carer

Age range: 16-24 25-29 30-39 40-49 50-59 60-69 70+

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| **Gender:** |  Male | Female | Intersex | Other | Prefer not to state |

Please describe any support you need to take part in this activity *(examples include support person, hearing loop, dietary requirements)*

1. Please describe your interest in this topic?