**Survey Questions**

**Respondent information**

Please answer a few short questions about yourself.

Are you answering these questions on behalf of an organisation? [MANDATORY]

* + Yes, I am answering on behalf of an organisation/institution.
  + No, I am answering as an individual.

IF ORGANISATION: In which State(s) and/or Territory(ies) do you operate: [MANDATORY]

* + VIC
  + SA
  + NSW
  + QLD
  + WA
  + TAS
  + ACT
  + NT
  + NATIONAL

IF ORGANISATION: Please select the category that best describes your organisation: [MANDATORY]

* + Peak/professional body – allied health
  + Peak/professional body - other
  + Regulatory body
  + Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander organisation
  + State/Territory government department/agency
  + Other government entity
  + Health service delivery organisation
  + Disability service delivery organisation
  + Aged care service delivery organisation
  + Other service delivery organisation
  + Local council
  + Primary Health Network
  + University/education/research institute
  + Other

IF INDIVIDUAL: In which State/Territory do you live? (MANDATORY)

* Australian Capital Territory
* New South Wales
* Northern Territory
* Queensland
* South Australia
* Tasmania
* Victoria
* Western Australia
* Prefer not to say

IF INDIVIDUAL: Please select the region that best describes where you live:(MANDATORY)

* Metropolitan
* Regional
* Rural
* Remote
* Prefer not to say

IF INDIVIDUAL: Please select the category that best describes you: [MANDATORY]

* + Health care consumer
  + Allied health professional
  + Allied health assistant
  + Medical practitioner
  + Nurse, nurse practitioner or midwife
  + Allied health employer
  + Allied health educator or policy officer
  + Allied health academic
  + Allied health student
  + Other [please specify]

**PART ONE: INTRODUCTION**

The Introduction outlines the need for a national strategy by highlighting both an increased demand for allied health services, as well as the known workforce shortages and maldistribution issues across Australia (page 6-10).

1. Is there anything missing in the Introduction that could assist in explaining the rationale for a National Allied Health Workforce Strategy?

No/Not Sure/Yes

*[appears if No/Not Sure in question 1]* Please explain and provide recommended changes.

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The Introduction also provides a Vision outlining what the Strategy hopes to achieve over the next 10 years (page 9).

1. Do you agree with the Vision statement?

Disagree/Not Sure/Agree

*[appears if Disagree/Not Sure in question 2]* Please outline why.

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**PART TWO: POLICY CONTEXTS**

The allied health workforce operates in a complex policy context. The Draft Strategy highlights three policy contexts (page 11-13), reflecting the influence they have and the opportunities and challenges they present to the five Priorities discussed in the Strategy. *Please ensure you read this section of the Draft Strategy before answering the questions below.*

1. Do you agree with these policy contexts?

* Reforms to regulation

Disagree/Not Sure/Agree

* Future workforce capabilities

Disagree/Not Sure/Agree

* Cross-sectoral policy alignment

Disagree/Not Sure/Agree

*[appears under every Disagree/Not Sure in question 3] What changes would you make?*

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1. Are there other policy contexts that could be considered for this section?

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**PART THREE: PRIORITIES**

The Draft Strategy includes five Priorities that call out the need to plan for, train, grow, distribute and retain a diverse workforce that meets future demand for allied health services (page 14-34). The underlying challenges that give rise to the Priorities have informed each priority’s objective and actions. *Please ensure you read this section of the Draft Strategy before answering the questions below.*

1. Do you agree with the Priorities and their associated actions?

* Enhance the impact of allied health professionals

Disagree/Not Sure/Agree

* Improve national allied health workforce data and planning

Disagree/Not Sure/Agree

* Build a sustainable allied health workforce

Disagree/Not Sure/Agree

* Grow, support and retain the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander allied health workforce

Disagree/Not Sure/Agree

* Grow, support and retain the rural and remote allied health workforce.

Disagree/Not Sure/Agree

*[appears under every Disagree/Not Sure in question 5]* What changes would you make?

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1. Do the five Priorities cover the key allied health workforce issues that can be addressed at a national level?

No/Not Sure/Yes

*[appears if No/Not sure in question 6]* What else would you like considered as a Priority?

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Next Steps

Thank you for your participation. Your input to the development of the Strategy is greatly appreciated. If you’d like to receive updates on the progress of the Strategy, please subscribe to allied health sector updates via the [department’s website](https://www.health.gov.au/using-our-websites/subscriptions/subscribe-to-the-allied-health-sector-updates).

**CONSENT TO PUBLISH**

Do you consent to your submission being published? [MANDATORY]

* + Yes
  + No

[If selected Yes to consent] Would you like your name or your organisation’s name to be published alongside your submission on the consultation hub? [MANDATORY]

* + Yes
  + No

[If selected Yes to name being published] Please provide your name or your organisation’s name as it will appear alongside your response:

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ [MANDATORY]

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