# National Youth Policy Framework survey Frequently asked questions

## Why do this consultation now?

The Australian Government believes that young people should have the chance to be involved in government decision-making. We know that young people are experts in their own lives, and have unique and valuable perspectives to bring to the important conversations that are shaping our country.

We also know that the COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on young Australians.

That’s why we are eager to work with young people to shape our National Youth Policy Framework.

These consultations will give young people the chance to tell us about the issues they face and what they feel would help address those issues. They can have direct input on the framework, shape its development, and make sure it is a document that they feel truly represents them.

## Why are we only consulting online?

We had to change our plans to do a face-to-face consultation with young Australians, because of COVID-19 restrictions.

We believe this consultation is the next best thing, and will provide a meaningful opportunity for young people to help shape the National Youth Policy Framework.

## Who can participate?

We want to hear from all young people aged 18 years and over, regardless of their situation. But we are particularly eager to hear from those who are marginalised or disadvantage, or feel that their voices are not being heard.

While our survey is open to those aged 18 and over, younger people can still take part. If you are aged 15 to 17 years, email [youth.taskforce@health.gov.au](mailto:youth.taskforce@health.gov.au) to have your say.

## Do you have accessibility requirements?

We want to make sure our consultation is accessible to all young people, so:

* our survey is available in Word format, and can be printed and filled out
* all other documents are available in both PDF and Word formats.

If this doesn’t meet your needs, email [youth.taskforce@health.gov.au](mailto:youth.taskforce@health.gov.au) and we will make sure you can take part.

## Are you representing an organisation?

If your organisation works with young people, please share our survey widely, so that we can reach young people from all walks of life.

We will accept completed surveys in any form, including post or email.

You might also like to bring together a group of young people to talk about it, and to support them in filling out the survey.

Email [youth.taskforce@health.gov.au](mailto:youth.taskforce@health.gov.au) to discuss other ways we can work with young people in your network.

## Will my comments be made public?

We will not share any of your input publicly without your consent.

But if you want your comments to be shared, there may be opportunities to contribute quotes to the National Youth Policy Framework.

Just let us know, by emailing [youth.taskforce@health.gov.au](mailto:youth.taskforce@health.gov.au).

## How can I stay in touch with the Youth Taskforce?

There will be other opportunities to get involved in our work and help contribute to the National Youth Policy Framework.

Keep an eye out for updates and information at:

* [health.gov.au/committees-and-groups/youth-taskforce](https://www.health.gov.au/committees-and-groups/youth-taskforce)
* [health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/the-national-youth-policy-framework](https://www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/the-national-youth-policy-framework)

Or you can email [youth.taskforce@health.gov.au](mailto:youth.taskforce@health.gov.au)