



**UNLEASHING THE POTENTIAL
OF OUR HEALTH WORKFORCE**
SCOPE OF PRACTICE REVIEW

Background and context

July 2022 – Taskforce announced

December 2022 – Taskforce report released

April 2023 – National Cabinet endorsed
Taskforce recommendations

May 2023 – Scope of Practice Review
announced



Background and context

“ Identify priority recommendations for systemic reform and implementation by governments, regulators, health sector employers, professional bodies, educators and professionals that will enable health professionals, particularly those working in primary care, to deliver better health outcomes by working to their full scope of practice. ”

Primary care practitioners

General practitioners

Nurses

Midwives

Pharmacists

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander health practitioners & workers

Allied health (regulated & self-regulated)

Overseas trained workforce

Non clinical primary care workforce

Focus areas

Legislation & regulation

Technology

Education, training & collaboration

Funding mechanisms

Employer practices & work context

Leadership & culture

Opportunities and lessons learnt

Enablers



Governance



Consultation



Data and evidence

Out of scope

Personal factors influencing practice scope

GP incentive programs – dedicated review

Broad review of Medicare Benefit Schedule items

Development of clinical guidelines

Recommendations on changes to scopes of practice

Scope of practice review

- Understanding of barriers and negative incentives, and changes to address these
- Recommendations on priority reforms to deliver change
- Advice on an ongoing approach for interprofessional review and agreement of scopes of practice

Have your say

Take part in the survey until 16 October 2023

<https://consultations.health.gov.au/pccd-communication/scope-of-practice-review>

Email the review team to request regular updates on the progress of the review and details of future consultation processes.

scopeofpracticereview@health.gov.au

Ministerial announcement of Terms of Reference and review consultation: September 2023

Phase 1

September-October 2023

- Public Submission Process - 5 weeks, closing 16 October
- Initial stakeholder consultation

Phase 2

December 2023-March 2024

- Issues Paper 1: key themes, evidence base and legislative context
- Stakeholder forums and consultation

Phase 3

April-June 2024

- Issues Paper 2: barriers and enablers
- Stakeholder forums and consultation

Phase 4

July-September 2024

- Draft final report and implementation plan
- Stakeholder forums and consultation

Final report and implementation plan to the Australian Government by October 2024

Expert
Advisory
Group
(to be established)

Have your say

Take part in the survey until 16 October 2023

<https://consultations.health.gov.au/pccd-communication/scope-of-practice-review>

Email the review team to request regular updates on the progress of the review and details of future consultation processes.

scopeofpracticereview@health.gov.au