

HSU-SA ATTACHMENT A

Schedule B—Classification Definitions

B.1 Aboriginal Health Workers

B.1.1 Aboriginal Health Worker Grade 1 / Aboriginal Community Health Worker Grade 1 means an employee in their first year of service who will generally have no direct experience in the provision of Aboriginal health services.

They will provide primary health services education and liaison duties under the direct supervision of an Aboriginal Health Worker Grade 2, 3 or 4.

B.1.2 Aboriginal Health Worker Grade 2 / Aboriginal Community Health Worker Grade 2 means:

- (a) a person who has completed Certificate III in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care or equivalent, or the required Aboriginal Community Health Worker qualification;
- (b) a person with other qualifications or experience deemed equivalent by an Aboriginal community controlled health service; or
- (c) an Aboriginal Health Worker Grade 1 who has been promoted to Aboriginal Health Worker Grade 2 after having been assessed by their employer as having the requisite competence. It would be expected that in all but exceptional circumstances such a person would have had a minimum of one year's experience at Grade 1.
- (d) An Aboriginal Health Worker Grade 2 is expected to provide a range of health functions of a clinical, preventative, rehabilitative or promotional nature under the general direction of other staff of the Aboriginal community controlled health service.
- (e) Duties include, under the direct supervision of an Aboriginal Health Worker Grade 3 or 4:
 - (i) assist in the provision of comprehensive primary health care and education of clients, in conjunction with other members of the health care team;
 - (ii) under instruction assist in the provision of standard medical treatments in accordance with established medical protocols;
 - (iii) collect and record data from clients which will assist in the diagnosis and management of common medical problems and medical emergencies;

- (iv) in line with policies and programs established by the health team, participate in educating and informing the community about preventative health measures; and
 - (v) undertake orientation and training programs as available.
- (f) An Aboriginal Health Worker or Aboriginal Community Health Worker required by State or Territory legislation to maintain registration as a condition of their employment who holds a Certificate III in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care or equivalent or the required qualification for an Aboriginal Community Health Worker will be classified as no less than a Grade 2 Level 2 Aboriginal Health Worker/Aboriginal Community Health Worker.

It is desirable that staff at this grade should have Aboriginal knowledge and cultural skills—level 1.

B.1.3 An Aboriginal Health Worker Grade 3 is:

- (g) A **Senior Aboriginal Health Worker**, a person who independently undertakes a full range of duties, including dealing with the most complex matters. A Senior AHW would hold either Certificate IV in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care (Practice) or Certificate IV in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care (Community) or equivalent. Workers will be expected to perform their duties with little supervision, and may be required to work as a sole practitioner remote from the health service; or
- (h) An **Aboriginal Health Worker—Team Leader**, a person who heads a small team of Aboriginal Health Workers. Workers at this level will be required to hold expert knowledge of Aboriginal health issues, as well as assisting with the planning and supervision of other workers' duties. An Aboriginal Health Worker—Team Leader would hold either Certificate IV in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care (Practice) or Certificate IV in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care (Community) or equivalent; or
- (i) An **Aboriginal Health Worker** who holds a Certificate IV in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care (Practice) or Certificate IV in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care (Community) or equivalent.

(Note: An Aboriginal Health Worker required by State or Territory legislation to maintain registration as a condition of their employment and who holds a Certificate IV in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care (Practice) or Certificate IV in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care (Community) or equivalent must be classified as no less than a Grade 3 Level 2 Aboriginal Health Worker).

It is desirable that employees at this grade have Aboriginal knowledge and cultural skills—level 1.

B.1.4 Aboriginal Health Worker Grade 4 means:

- (j) A person who performs a senior co-ordinating role in respect of Aboriginal Health Workers within an Aboriginal community controlled health service. An Aboriginal Health Worker with either a Diploma of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care (Practice) or Diploma of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care (Community) or other qualifications or experience deemed equivalent by the Aboriginal community controlled health service will be classified at this grade.
- (k) An Aboriginal Health Worker required by State or Territory legislation to maintain registration as a condition of their employment who holds a either Diploma of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care (Practice) or Diploma of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care (Community) or equivalent will be classified as no less than a Grade 4 Level 2 Aboriginal Health Worker and their classification descriptor will be Aboriginal Health Worker Practitioner Grade 4 Level 2.

It is desirable that staff at this grade should have Aboriginal knowledge and cultural skills—level 2.

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