



## DECISION

*Fair Work Act 2009*  
s.185—Enterprise agreement

**Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency T/A AHPRA**  
(AG2016/7958)

### **AUSTRALIAN HEALTH PRACTITIONER REGULATION AGENCY ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT 2016-2019**

State and Territory government administration

COMMISSIONER ROE

MELBOURNE, 9 MARCH 2017

*Application for approval of the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency Enterprise Agreement 2016-2019.*

[1] An application has been made for approval of an enterprise agreement known as the *Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency Enterprise Agreement 2016-2019* (the Agreement). The application was made pursuant to s.185 of the *Fair Work Act 2009* (the Act). It has been made by Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency T/A AHPRA. The Agreement is a single enterprise agreement.

[2] The Applicant has provided written undertakings. A copy of the undertakings is attached in Annexure A. I am satisfied that the undertakings will not cause financial detriment to any employee covered by the Agreement and that the undertakings will not result in substantial changes to the Agreement.

[3] Subject to the undertakings referred to above, I am satisfied that each of the requirements of ss.186, 187, 188 and 190 as are relevant to this application for approval have been met.

[4] The Australian Municipal and Clerical Services Union Queensland Together Branch, Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation and Community and Public Sector Union being a bargaining representatives for the Agreement, have given notice under s.183 of the Act that they want the Agreement to cover them. In accordance with s.201(2) I note that the Agreement covers the organisations.

[5] The Agreement was approved on 9 March 2017 and, in accordance with s.54, will operate from 16 March 2017. The nominal expiry date of the Agreement is 30 June 2019.



COMMISSIONER

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## Annexure A

## ANNEXURE A

IN THE FAIR WORK COMMISSION  
 APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT  
*Fair Work Act 2009 – s 185*

AG 2016/7958 – AUSTRALIAN HEALTH PRACTITIONER REGULATION AGENCY (AHPRA) ENTERPRISE  
 AGREEMENT 2016 – 2019

The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency, the employer named in the *Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) Enterprise Agreement 2016 – 2019 (Agreement)*, provides the following undertakings pursuant to section 190 of the *Fair Work Act 2009* (Cth), which it will comply with at all relevant times while the Agreement is in force and effect:

- From the commencement date of the Agreement and up to 30 June 2017, all employees covered by the Agreement will be paid not less than the minimum salary rate under each of the following classifications:

Grade level	Classification – General employees	Minimum salary rate
Level 1	General support positions	\$47,582
Level 2	Entry Level Officer	\$54,339
Level 3	Officer	\$62,050
Level 4	Senior Officer	\$70,862
Level 5	Supervisor/Senior Officer	\$80,923
Level 6	Manager	\$92,439
Level 7	Senior Manager	\$105,611
Level 8	Senior Manager	\$121,390

Grade level	Classification – Technical employees	Minimum salary rate
Level 6	Technical Specialist	\$105,158
Level 7	Senior Technical Specialist 1	\$121,537
Level 8	Senior Technical Specialist 2	\$140,654

- All employees that are eligible for a supported wage will be paid the rates of pay in Appendix 2 of the Agreement, provided that the minimum amount payable to a supported wage employee shall not be less than \$82 per week.

Signed for Australian Health Practitioner  
Regulation Agency by its authorised officer in  
the presence of:

  
Signature of Witness

  
Name of Witness

  
Signature of Authorised Officer

  
Name of Officer

**Note - this agreement is to be read together with an undertaking given by the employer. The undertaking is taken to be a term of the agreement. A copy of it can be found at the end of the agreement.**

# **Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency**

**(AHPRA)**

## **Enterprise Agreement**

**2016 – 2019**

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## PART 1 - APPLICATION AND OPERATION OF AGREEMENT

### 1. Title

- 1.1 This Agreement will be known as the **Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency Enterprise Agreement 2016-2019** ('the Agreement').

### 2. Parties and Coverage

- 2.3 This Agreement applies to and covers:
- (a) Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency ('AHPRA');
  - (b) all Employees; and
  - (c) the following organisations of Employees: the Community and Public Sector Union ('SPSF Group'), the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation and the Australian Municipal, Administrative, Clerical and Services Union where an application is made in accordance with the provisions of section 189 of the *Fair Work Act 2009* (Cth).

### 3. Definitions and Interpretation

- 3.1 **AHPRA** means the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency, being the Employer of the Employees ('Employer').
- 3.2 **ATO** means the Australian Taxation Office.
- 3.3 **Casual Employee** means an Employee who is engaged intermittently for work of an unexpected or casual nature, and does not include an Employee who could properly be engaged as a full-time or part-time Employee.
- 3.4 **Continuous service** means a period which the Employee is employed by AHPRA, including Employees who commenced employment with former Health Practitioner Registration boards and other entities whose functions were transferred to AHPRA. Continuous services otherwise has the same meaning as section 22 of the FW Act, except that unpaid absences will count as continuous service except unpaid absences in excess of 28 working days per annum.
- 3.5 **Dispute** is a disagreement or difference between people or groups of people, on a matter involving the application of this Agreement or the National Employment Standards in the FW Act, or pertaining to the relationship the Employer and Employee. A dispute may arise when one party makes a claim and the other party rejects it.
- 3.6 **Employee** means a person employed directly with AHPRA in a permanent ongoing role, on a temporary or fixed term contract, or on a casual basis, who falls within the salary classification structure in Appendix 1.a.
- 3.7 **FWC** means the Fair Work Commission.
- 3.8 **FW Act** means the *Fair Work Act 2009* (Cth).
- 3.9 **Full-time Employee** means an Employee engaged to work an average of the applicable hours of ordinary time per week as per Appendix 6 of this Agreement.
- 3.10 **Grievance** is a real or perceived issue causing resentment and is regarded as grounds for complaint.

- 3.11 **Immediate Family** means:
- (a) spouses and de facto partners, including same sex partners;
  - (b) children and grandchildren;
  - (c) parents;
  - (d) siblings;
  - (e) grandparents; and
  - (f) those described in sub-sections (b), (c) (d) and (e) above if they are those relatives of the Employee's spouse, de facto partner or same sex partner.
- 3.12 **Kinship Care** means care provided by relatives or a member of a child's social network when a child cannot live with his or her parents.
- 3.13 **Misconduct** means:
- (a) behaviour inconsistent with the Employee's contract of employment; or
  - (b) breaches of the Employer's workplace policies including the Code of Conduct.
- 3.14 **Part-time Employee** means an Employee engaged to work regular ordinary hours of less than those applicable in Appendix 6 of this Agreement, and who is entitled to all the benefits of this Agreement on a pro rata basis except where otherwise provided.
- 3.15 **Party** means an entity or person covered by this Agreement, being AHPRA, an Employee, Employees, or a Union. 'Parties' is a collective reference to all Parties covered by this Agreement, except where the context indicates otherwise.
- 3.16 **Permanent Employee** means an Employee engaged on a continuing basis. A permanent Employee may be engaged as a full time Employee or a part time Employee.
- 3.17 **Preserved** means the preserving of an entitlement contained in a transitional letter of offer.
- 3.18 **Serious Misconduct** means wilful or deliberate behaviour inconsistent with the continuation of employment including theft, fraud, assault, being intoxicated, unauthorised access to or dissemination of pornographic material or refusing to carry out a lawful and reasonable instruction that is consistent with the Employee's contract of employment; and conduct that causes serious or imminent risk to the health and safety of a person or reputation or viability of AHPRA's operations.
- 3.19 **Satisfactory level** means the performance of all essential functions of the role to the high standard expected and contributes to the continuous improvement of established ways of working.
- 3.20 **Union** means the Community and Public Sector Union ('**SPSF Group**'), the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation ('**ANMF**') and the Australian Municipal Administrative, Clerical and Services Union ('**ASU**'), where applicable.
- 3.21 **Union Delegate** means an Employee who a Union has notified AHPRA is a representative of that Union.
- 3.22 **Unsatisfactory Work Performance** means work performance that is unsatisfactory if the Employee fails to perform to the required standards or expectations of their role. To avoid any doubt, the performance standards and expectations need to be fair and reasonable. Employees cannot be accused of unsatisfactory work performance if the supervisor or manager failed to make the Employee fully aware of the standards or expectations of the role.

3.23 In this Agreement:

- (a) the singular includes the plural and vice versa and words importing a gender include every other gender;
- (b) 'including' and 'includes' are not words of limitation;
- (c) the Appendixes form part of this Agreement;
- (d) headings are for convenience only and do not alter interpretation;
- (e) a reference to '\$' or 'dollar' is a reference to Australian currency; and
- (f) a reference to any legislation, delegated legislation or statutory instrument ('**Legislation**') includes that Legislation as in force from time to time.

#### **4. Operation of this Agreement**

- 4.1 This Agreement shall come into operation on the seventh day after the date of approval by the FWC. The nominal expiry date of this Agreement is 30 June 2019.
- 4.2 This Agreement provides a comprehensive statement of the collective terms and conditions of the employment of Employees to whom it applies.
- 4.3 The Agreement operates to the exclusion of, and wholly replaces, any Award, Agreement, and other industrial instrument of FWC that would, apart from this clause, apply to the employment of Employees covered by this Agreement.
- 4.4 From the commencement of this Agreement, no further claims will be made or pursued about the terms and conditions of employment that would apply to Employees during the life of this Agreement.
- 4.5 The operation of this Agreement may be supported by AHPRA's policies, procedures, and support materials. If there is any inconsistency between the policies, procedures and support materials and the terms of this Agreement, the express terms of this Agreement will prevail.
- 4.6 Policies, procedures and support materials which support the operation of this Agreement may be made or varied from time to time following consultation with the Parties to the Agreement. Consultation will occur either through the National Consultative Committee where necessary or accordance with clause 12 of this Agreement. Policies, procedures and support materials will apply in the form they are in as at the time of any relevant action or decision.
- 4.7 Disputes and grievances over the content, application or interpretation of any policies, procedures or guidelines which support the operation of this Agreement are subject to the Dispute Resolution procedures of this Agreement.
- 4.8 In any matter arising under this Agreement, an Employee may have an Employee representative (Union or non-Union) of their choice to assist or represent her / him, on a particular matter.
- 4.9 The parties agree to commence negotiations for a new Agreement no later than six (6) months prior to the nominal expiry date unless otherwise agreed.

#### **5. Unintended Consequences**

- 5.1 The Parties recognise that the complexity of terms and conditions being superseded to form this Agreement may result in unintended consequences. The Parties to this Agreement agree to working cooperatively to resolve these consequences wherever they arise. No Employee will, on balance, have his or her overall salary and conditions reduced as a result of the making of this Agreement.

## **6. Posting of Agreement**

- 6.1 A copy of this Agreement will be placed on the AHPRA Intranet in a place accessible to all Employees. All new Employees will be advised how and where to access this information.

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## **PART 2 - WORKPLACE ENVIRONMENT**

### **7. Workplace Health and Safety**

- 7.1 The parties to this Agreement are committed to continuous improvement in workplace health and safety outcomes.
- 7.2 AHPRA will consult with Employees on workplace health and safety matters.
- 7.3 AHPRA will establish and maintain designated work groups.
- 7.4 Health and safety committees will be established in the workplace.
- 7.5 AHPRA will facilitate the election of health and safety representatives to the committees by designated work groups.
- 7.6 AHPRA will ensure that health and safety representatives attend an approved health and safety representative training course as soon as practical after being elected and will be granted paid leave to attend such training.
- 7.7 The parties to this Agreement are committed to preventing workplace bullying and harassment by ensuring all Employees are treated with respect and dignity. AHPRA will train all Employees in appropriate workplace behaviour.
- 7.8 Health and safety representatives will have the right to ask their Union or any other person for health and safety assistance in the workplace. AHPRA will facilitate entry of the requested person or persons.

### **8. Workload**

- 8.1 AHPRA acknowledges the benefits to both the organisation and individual Employee gained through Employees having a balance between both their professional and family life.
- 8.2 AHPRA further recognises that the allocation of work must include consideration of the Employee's hours of work, health, safety and welfare. Work will be allocated so that there is not an allocation that routinely requires work to be undertaken beyond an Employee's ordinary hours of work. However, AHPRA may request an Employee to work overtime where:
  - (a) such work is unavoidable because of work demands and reasonable notice of the requirement to work overtime is given by AHPRA; or
  - (b) where, due to an emergency, it has not been possible to provide reasonable notice.
- 8.3 Where an Employee is requested by AHPRA to work overtime the Employee will be paid overtime rates in accordance with clause 38 of this Agreement.
- 8.4 Managers, directors, team leaders, supervisors and Employees have a mutual responsibility for managing their working hours and patterns, including leave planning, flexitime arrangements, and minimising excessive hours where possible. This Agreement is designed to be sufficiently flexible for Employees to meet business requirements and balance their personal needs.
- 8.5 Where an individual or group of individuals believe that there is an allocation of work leading to Employees being overloaded with work, the individual or group of individuals concerned can seek to have the allocation reviewed by AHPRA. Where there is a sustained need for additional hours to be worked, AHPRA will review its resourcing to ensure Employees' concerns and the business requirements, are met.

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## **PART 3 - INDIVIDUAL FLEXIBILITY ARRANGEMENT**

### **9. Individual Flexibility Arrangements**

- 9.1 AHPRA and an Employee may agree to make an individual flexibility arrangement to vary the effect of terms of this agreement if:
- (a) the arrangement is about when the work is performed;
  - (b) the arrangement meets the genuine needs of AHPRA and an Employee in relation to clause 9.1(a);
  - (c) the arrangement is made at the instigation of the Employee; and
  - (d) the arrangement is genuinely agreed to by AHPRA and the Employee.

### **10. AHPRA's obligations in respect of Individual Flexibility Arrangement**

- 10.1 AHPRA must ensure that the terms of the individual flexibility arrangement:
- (a) are about permitted matters under s 172 of the FW Act;
  - (b) are not unlawful terms under s 194 of the FW Act; and
  - (c) result in the Employee being better off overall than the Employee would be if no arrangement was made.
- 10.2 AHPRA must ensure that the individual flexibility arrangement:
- (a) is in writing;
  - (b) includes the name of AHPRA and the Employee;
  - (c) is signed by AHPRA and the Employee, or if the Employee is under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian of the Employee must also sign the arrangement;
  - (d) includes details of:
    - (i) the terms of the agreement that will be varied by the arrangement;
    - (ii) how the arrangement will vary the effect of the terms; and
    - (iii) how the Employee will be better off overall in relation to the terms and conditions of his or her employment as a result of the arrangement; and
  - (e) states the day on which the arrangement commences.
- 10.3 AHPRA must provide the Employee a copy of the individual flexibility arrangement within 14 days after it is agreed.

### **11. Termination of Individual Flexibility Arrangement**

- 11.1 AHPRA or an Employee may terminate the individual flexibility arrangement:
- (a) by giving no more than 28 days written notice to the other party to the arrangement; or
  - (b) if AHPRA and Employee agree in writing - at any time.

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## PART 4 - CONSULTATION AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

### 12. Consultation – Organisational Change

- 12.1 This clause applies:
- (a) as soon as possible on identification of the need for organisational change and prior to a decision being taken to proceed with organisational change to AHPRA's production, programs, structures, work arrangements or technology; and where the change is likely to have a significant effect on Employees; or
  - (b) where AHPRA proposes to introduce change to the regular roster or ordinary hours of work of Employees.
- 12.2 A 'significant effect' on Employees for the purpose of clause 12.1(a) is one that includes, but is not limited to:
- (a) the termination of the employment;
  - (b) change to the composition, operation or size of AHPRA's workforce or to the skills required of the Employee;
  - (c) the elimination or diminution of job opportunities (including opportunities for promotion or tenure);
  - (d) the alteration of hours of work;
  - (e) the alteration of ordinary hours of work;
  - (f) the need to retrain Employees;
  - (g) the need to relocate Employees to another workplace; or
  - (h) the restructuring of jobs.
- 12.3 It is in the interest of all Parties to ensure that discussions regarding organisational change in accordance with this clause between AHPRA, Employees and unions occur in a timely manner and issues raised are given prompt and proper consideration by the Parties.
- 12.4 The relevant Employees may appoint a representative including their union for the purposes of this clause.
- 12.5 The Employer must recognise the representative, if:
- (a) a relevant Employee appoints, or relevant Employees appoint a representative for the purposes of consultation; and
  - (b) the Employee or Employees advise the Employer of the identity of the representative.
- 12.6 As soon as practicable, and within a reasonable timeframe AHPRA must:
- (a) discuss with the relevant Employees and unions:
    - (i) the reasoning, commercial or otherwise for the introduction of the proposed change;
    - (ii) the effect the change is likely to have on the Employees; and
    - (iii) measures AHPRA is taking to avert or mitigate the adverse effect of the change on the Employees; and

- (b) for the purposes of the discussion provide, in writing, to the relevant Employees:
    - (i) all relevant information about the change including the nature of the change proposed; and
    - (ii) information about the expected effects of the change on the Employees; and
    - (iii) any other matters likely to affect the Employees; and
  - (c) in relation to clause 12.1 (b), invite the relevant Employees to give their views about the impact of the change (including any impact in relation to their family or caring responsibilities).
- 12.7 Despite clause 12.6, AHPRA is not required to disclose confidential or commercially sensitive information to the relevant Employees.
- 12.8 The affected Employees and their representatives including unions may submit alternative proposals which will meet the indicated rational for change. Such alternative proposals must be submitted in a timely manner so as not to lead to an unreasonable delay in the introduction of any contemplated change. In order to mitigate any adverse effects of the proposed change AHPRA will consider any alternatives raised by the Employees regarding the proposed change and consideration of these views will be prompt and genuine, and reasons given to the affected Employees if AHPRA does not accept alternate proposals.

### **13. Dispute Resolution**

- 13.1 This term sets out procedures to settle the dispute, if a dispute relates to:
- (a) a matter arising under this Agreement; or
  - (b) a minimum entitlement under the National Employment Standards; or
  - (c) a matter pertaining to the relationship between the Employee and the Employer.
- 13.2 An Employee who is a party to the dispute may appoint a representative, including their union for the purposes of the procedures in this term.
- 13.3 In the first instance, the parties to the dispute must try to resolve the dispute at the workplace level, by discussions between AHPRA or Employees and relevant supervisors and / or management.
- 13.4 In attempting to resolve the dispute or grievance, the parties will use the internal process and procedures, including escalation, to the higher levels of management in the first instance.
- 13.5 The parties agree the rules of natural justice apply, and the process will be conducted as quickly as possible, with as little formality, as a proper consideration of the matter allows.
- 13.6 The process outlined in clauses 13.3-13.5 is to commence no later than 7 days after notification of the dispute in writing and if the dispute is not resolved within 1 month then the provisions of clause 14.7 shall apply.
- 13.7 If discussions at the workplace level do not resolve the dispute, a party to the dispute may refer the matter to the FWC for conciliation and if necessary, arbitration pursuant to section 739 of the FW Act and in accordance with clause 13.8 of this Agreement.
- 13.8 The parties consent to the FWC dealing with the dispute in two stages
- (a) the FWC will first attempt to resolve the dispute by means it considers appropriate other than by arbitration including mediation, conciliation, expressing an opinion or making a recommendation; and
  - (b) if the FWC is unable to resolve the dispute by these means, the FWC will then arbitrate the dispute, utilising the powers available.



- 13.9 A decision made by the FWC when arbitrating a dispute is a decision for the purposes of Div 3 of Part 5 of the FW Act, and therefore an appeal may be made with respect to the decision.
- 13.10 While the parties are trying to resolve the dispute using the procedures in this clause:
- (a) an Employee must continue to perform the work as he or she would have performed prior to the dispute being raised unless he or she has a reasonable concern about an imminent risk to health or safety; and
  - (b) an Employee must comply with a direction given by AHPRA to perform other available work at the same workplace, or at another workplace, unless:
    - (i) the work is not safe;
    - (ii) applicable work health and safety legislation would not permit the work to be performed;
    - (iii) the work is not appropriate for the Employee to perform; or
    - (iv) there are other reasonable grounds for the Employee to refuse to comply with the direction.

#### **14. National Consultative Committee**

- 14.1 AHPRA welcomes a National Consultative Committee being formed. A National Consultative Committee will be formed where requested by Unions covered by this Agreement. The National Consultative Committee will comprise nominees of the Unions and Employer nominated representatives. The National Consultative Committee will operate under guidelines developed and agreed by the Committee and will be informed of all proposals for change which require consultation. All costs associated with Union participants of the National Consultative Committee will be covered by the Unions.

#### **15. Anti-discrimination**

- 15.1 It is the intention of the Parties to this Agreement to respect and value the diversity of the workforce by helping to prevent and eliminate discrimination on the basis of race, colour, sex, sexual preference, age, physical or mental disability, marital status, family responsibilities, pregnancy, religion, political opinion, national extraction or social origin.
- 15.2 Accordingly, in fulfilling their obligations under the procedures in clause 13 (Dispute Resolution), the Parties must make every endeavour to ensure that neither the Agreement provisions nor its operation are directly or indirectly discriminatory in their effects.
- 15.3 Nothing in this clause is to be taken to affect:
- (a) any different treatment (or treatment having different effects) which is specifically exempted under the relevant anti-discrimination or equal opportunity legislation; and
  - (b) an Employee of AHPRA or pursuing matters of discrimination in any State or Federal jurisdiction, including by application to the Australian Human Rights Commission.

#### **16. Protection and Facilities for accredited Union Representatives**

- 16.1 Protection:
- (a) An Employee shall not be dismissed or injured in his or her employment or have his or her employment altered to his or her prejudice, or be threatened with prejudicial or injurious treatment or with dismissal by reason of his or her status as a Union Delegate, engagement in lawful activities as a delegate of a Union or on the basis of his or her membership of a Union or participation in lawful Union

activities, provided that where any such activities are undertaken during working hours, the Employee's release has been approved. Approval will not be unreasonably withheld.

- (b) AHPRA shall not injure a person in his or her employment, or alter the terms or conditions of employment of a person to his or her prejudice on the basis of his or her membership of or participation in the lawful activities of a Union, provided that where any such activities are undertaken during working hours, the Employee's release has been approved. Approval will not be unreasonably withheld.

16.2 Facilities:

- (a) A Union Delegate shall be released by AHPRA from normal duties for such periods of time as may be reasonably necessary to enable him or her to carry out his or her representative functions including, but not limited to, investigating any alleged breach of this Agreement, endeavouring to resolve any dispute arising out of the operation of this Agreement, participating in any bargaining, conciliation or arbitration process conducted under the provisions of the FW Act. Such release must not unduly affect the operations of AHPRA.
- (b) Members of a Union shall be permitted by AHPRA to post written material authorised by a Union on a Union notice board provided by AHPRA at each office location to which Union members have convenient access, and to distribute such written material by appropriate means to Union members.
- (c) Employees will be allowed reasonable access to electronic communication devices to facilitate communication between Employees and / or the Union, provided that such communication is not offensive or improper.
- (d) A Union delegate will be granted the opportunity to address new Employees as part of their formal orientation/induction into the workplace.

16.3 Employee representation on Union governing bodies:

- (a) Employees who are Union Branch or Section Council members nominated by the Branch Secretary of the Union will be entitled to a half-day per month to attend Branch Council meetings. Time release will include reasonable time to travel to the meetings.
- (b) Additional paid leave will be granted to Employees who are Union members nominated by the relevant Branch Secretary to attend:
  - (i) Federal Executive and Federal / Governing Council meetings of a Union; and
  - (ii) the Australian Council of Trade Unions' triennial conference.
- (c) On application and with approval, AHPRA shall grant leave without pay to an Employee for the purposes of secondment to work for the Union.

16.4 Union Delegates shall be granted up to five (5) days paid non cumulative leave each year to attend trade union training courses that are designed to develop skills and competencies that will assist the delegate in resolving disputes and grievances. An Employee who is a Union Delegate wishing to attend such training will, at least fourteen (14) days prior to the proposed training, request AHPRA to grant leave in accordance with this clause to attend such training. Any application for leave will confirm the nature, content and duration of the training course to be attended. Approval to attend the training will be subject to AHPRA's ability to make adequate staffing arrangements for the duration of the leave period.

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## **PART 5 - TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT**

### **17. Engagement**

- 17.1 Engaging Employees on a permanent basis is AHPRA's preferred method of engagement and it will undertake for the term of this Agreement to minimise the number of temporary, casual and labour hire Employees.

### **18. AHPRA to advise Employee of terms of employment in writing**

- 18.1 AHPRA will, at the time of engagement, provide each Employee with written advice of the terms of their employment which specifies:
- (a) whether they are an permanent, full-time, part-time, fixed term / temporary or casual Employee;
  - (b) if they are a part time Employee, the part time employment arrangement applying to the Employee;
  - (c) an outline of the duties of the position;
  - (d) details of hours and days of work; and
  - (e) pursuant to this Agreement,
    - (i) the classification and salary rate of the position;
    - (ii) probationary period;
    - (iii) superannuation;
    - (iv) confidentiality requirement; and
    - (v) any other relevant details relating to the employment arrangement.

### **19. Part time employment**

- 19.1 At the time of engagement, AHPRA and the Employee will agree in writing on the arrangements for part time work. They will agree on the regular pattern of work, specifying the number of hours to be worked each day, which days of the week the Employee will work, and the start and finish times. These arrangements can be varied by agreement with the Employee and AHPRA following consultation as if clause 12 applied.
- 19.2 AHPRA may approve a request from a full time Employee for a part time arrangement. Such a request may be made at any stage and will not be unreasonably refused. Where an Employee's written request for part time arrangements is refused, AHPRA will provide the Employee with written reasons for the decision, within 21 days of the decision.
- 19.3 Time worked by a part time Employee in excess of his or her regular ordinary daily part time hours and approved by AHPRA will be considered approved overtime. The additional hours approved by AHPRA, beyond the normal part time hours per day, will be paid as overtime or taken as time in lieu.
- 19.4 Extra days or shifts requested by or offered to a part time Employee and agreed by AHPRA and the Employee shall not be paid as overtime unless the time worked exceeds the normal full-time weekly or fortnightly hours.

### **20. Fixed term employment / temporary employment**

- 20.1 An Employee may be engaged on a temporary or fixed term basis and may be full time or part time.

- 20.2 Employees will be engaged on a fixed term or temporary basis for:
- (a) a specified term; or
  - (b) the duration of a specified task.
- 20.3 A temporary Employee will not normally be engaged on a temporary basis for a period longer than two (2) years.
- 20.4 Where AHPRA makes a decision to renew or extend a temporary position beyond its expiry date, the further employment will be offered to the position holder, provided that they were employed through a competitive selection process and their performance has been satisfactory.
- 20.5 Where AHPRA makes the decision not to extend a temporary position beyond its expiry date, the position holder will be alerted in writing no later than four (4) weeks before the temporary position's expiry date.
- 20.6 Where an Employee has been engaged by AHPRA on a temporary basis for two (2) years; they were employed through a competitive selection process; their performance has been satisfactory; and the need for the role is ongoing, the Employee will be offered the role.

## **21. Casual employment**

- 21.1 A casual Employee is to be paid for a minimum of three (3) consecutive hours in any day worked.
- 21.2 A casual Employee will be paid for hours worked:
- (a) at a rate equal to the hourly fraction of the appropriate applicable weekly rate in Appendix 6; plus
  - (b) a loading of 25% for ordinary working hours without entitlement to personal leave or annual leave.
- 21.3 Subject to the evidentiary and notice requirements for personal leave, a casual Employee is entitled to not be available to attend work, or to leave work:
- (a) if the Employee needs to care for a member of their immediate family or household who are sick and require care and support, or who require care due to an unexpected emergency, or the birth of a child; or
  - (b) upon the death of a member of their immediate family or household; or
  - (c) personal illness.
- 21.4 In the absence of an alternative agreement, the Employee is entitled to not be available to attend work for up to 48 hours (that is, two (2) days) per occasion. The casual Employee is not entitled to any payment for the period of non-attendance.
- 21.5 AHPRA must not fail to re-engage a casual Employee because the Employee accessed the entitlements set out elsewhere in clause 21. The rights of AHPRA to engage or not to engage a casual Employee are otherwise not affected.

## **22. Probation**

- 22.1 An Employee will normally be engaged subject to the successful completion of a period of probation of three (3) months duration, unless AHPRA considers another period is reasonable in the circumstances. The period of probation may be extended beyond three months in certain circumstances but not beyond six months.
- 22.2 The Employee will be notified, in writing, of the details of the applicable probation period on engagement.
- 22.3 Further details are set out in the Probation Guidelines included as Appendix 3 to this Agreement.

## **23. Supported Employees**

- 23.1 An Employee who is affected by a disability may be eligible for a supported wage. Details of the supported wage scheme, including eligibility for a supported wage, are set out in the Supported Wage Guidelines outlined in Appendix 2 of this Agreement.

## **24. Management of Misconduct**

- 24.1 Prior to commencing the formal investigation process:
  - (a) the Employer must consider alternatives to a formal misconduct process. This can include managing the issues through ongoing supervision, guidance and support, or relevant training. In some circumstances it may also be appropriate (e.g. in cases where the issues arise from conflict in the workplace) to address the issues through an alternative dispute resolution process; and
  - (b) where alternatives are not appropriate and there is a prima facie case that misconduct has taken place, the disciplinary process set out in this clause will be followed.
- 24.2 In dealing with alleged misconduct, the Employer must comply with the following:
  - (a) the Employee must be advised of the purpose of any meeting with reasonable notice;
  - (b) the Employee is entitled to be represented by a Union representative at all stages of the process;
  - (c) the Employee must be provided with a copy of the formal disciplinary process to be followed;
  - (d) the Employer must make an initial assessment of the alleged misconduct to determine whether there is a reasonable basis to proceed with a formal misconduct investigation. The Employee has no obligation to cooperate with this assessment;
  - (e) the Employee must be provided a reasonable opportunity to seek advice and representation from the Union before the process commences; and
  - (f) the Employee must be accorded procedural fairness and natural justice at all stages of the process.
- 24.3 In the event that a formal misconduct investigation is required as a result of alleged misconduct, the following will occur:
  - (a) the Employer must appoint a suitably qualified independent person who has no prior involvement in the matter to conduct a thorough and comprehensive investigation into the allegations made against the Employee;
  - (b) the Employer must address the investigation expeditiously;
  - (c) the Employee must be provided with the alleged misconduct in writing;
  - (d) the investigator must act in good faith and without bias;
  - (f) the investigator must interview all relevant witnesses and collect any relevant

materials;

- (g) the investigator must interview the Employee and investigate any explanation made by the Employee for the purposes of verifying the explanation so far as possible. The Employee may choose not to be interviewed;
  - (h) the investigator will make findings on the balance of probabilities on the basis of the evidence collected;
  - (i) in relation to each allegation of misconduct, the investigator will make findings as to whether the allegation is substantiated or the allegation is not substantiated;
  - (j) the Employee will be provided with the findings of the investigator;
  - (k) the Employee will be provided with a reasonable period of time to respond to the findings of the investigator; and
  - (l) where the investigator makes a finding that an allegation is not substantiated, the misconduct process will conclude in relation to any such allegation and the Employee will be informed accordingly.
- 24.4 Where the investigator makes a finding that the allegation is substantiated, the Employer will consider this information and propose a discipline outcome.
- 24.5 The Employee will be provided with a reasonable amount of time to respond to any proposed discipline outcome.
- 24.6 The Employer will consider:
- (a) the findings of the investigator;
  - (b) the proposed discipline outcome; and
  - (c) any response of the Employee,
- and then determine the discipline outcome that is to apply to the Employee. The discipline outcome must be fair in all the circumstances and not disproportionate to the seriousness of the matter.
- 24.7 The Employer may only consider terminating the Employee's employment where prior formal written warnings have been issued or if serious misconduct is proven.
- 24.8 To avoid any doubt, the Employer may only determine a discipline outcome if the allegations are proved on the balance of probabilities to constitute misconduct.
- 24.9 The possible discipline outcomes are:
- (a) no action;
  - (b) formal counselling;
  - (c) formal warning;
  - (d) final warning;
  - (e) assignment of the Employee, with his or her agreement, to a role at a classification level lower than the Employee's current classification level; or
  - (f) termination of employment.
- 24.10 The Employer will provide the Employee with written reasons for the decision.
- 24.11 If the decision is made to terminate the Employee's employment, the Employer will give the Employee an opportunity to seek an independent review of the decision prior to termination taking effect.
- 24.12 Any record of a disciplinary outcome will remain on the Employee's personnel file for a period not exceeding twelve (12) months unless otherwise required to be kept by law.
- 24.13 Notwithstanding anything contained in the above, nothing will prevent the Employer from suspending an Employee without loss of pay pending an investigation or summarily dismissing an Employee for acts of serious misconduct.

## 25. Unsatisfactory Work Performance

25.1 An Employee is entitled to be represented by a Union representative at any stage of the unsatisfactory work performance management process.

25.2 Where the Employer has made reasonable informal attempts to address an Employee's unsatisfactory work performance and where informal attempts to address an Employee's unsatisfactory work performance have been unsuccessful, the Employer may proceed to manage the Employee's unsatisfactory work performance in accordance with this procedure including, but not limited to, all or some of the following measures:

- (a) increased supervision;
- (b) mentoring;
- (c) training and professional development;
- (d) increased feedback; and
- (e) coaching.

Informal attempts to address an Employee's unsatisfactory work performance means addressing issues through regular supervision, guidance and support.

25.3 The process for managing unsatisfactory work performance will be consistent with the principles of procedural fairness and natural justice. Before commencing the formal unsatisfactory work performance processes, the Employer must:

- (a) tell the Employee the purpose of any meeting with reasonable notice;
- (b) provide the Employee with a copy of the formal underperformance process to be followed;
- (c) provide a reasonable opportunity for the Employee to seek advice and representation from the Union before the procedure commences; and
- (d) allow the Employee the opportunity to provide details of any mitigating circumstances.

25.4 First stage – formal counselling

The first formal stage of management of unsatisfactory work performance is formal counselling of the Employee. The Employer must:

- (a) advise the Employee of the unsatisfactory work performance;
- (b) outline the standard required of the Employee;
- (c) provide the Employee with an opportunity to respond, either verbally or in writing; and
- (d) provide the Employee all support and assistance necessary to assist the Employee to attain and maintain a satisfactory standard of performance.

Once the Employee has had an opportunity to respond to the issues raised in the counselling session, The Employee will be given a reasonable period of time to improve. The Employee will be advised of any consequences of not improving their performance within a reasonable period of time and of engaging in any further unsatisfactory work performance.

25.5 Second stage – formal written warning

The Employee will be given a formal written warning by the Employer, if:

- (a) the Employee's performance or behaviour has not improved within a reasonable period of time following formal counselling in accordance with clause 25.4; and/or
- (b) the Employee engages in further unsatisfactory work performance.

The Employer must:

- (c) advise the Employee of the unsatisfactory work performance;
- (d) outline the standard required of the Employee;
- (e) provide the Employee with an opportunity to respond; and
- (f) provide the Employee all support and assistance necessary to assist the Employee to attain and maintain a satisfactory standard of performance.

The formal written warning must indicate:

- (g) the standard expected of the Employee;
- (h) where and how the Employee is not meeting this standard; and
- (i) the consequences of failure to improve their performance.

#### 25.6 Third stage – final warning

The Employee will be given a final written warning by the Employer, if:

- (a) the Employee's performance or behaviour has not improved within a reasonable period of time following receipt of a formal written warning in accordance with clause 25.5; and/or
- (b) the Employee engages in further unsatisfactory work performance.

The Employer must:

- (c) advise the Employee of the unsatisfactory work performance;
- (d) outline the standard required of the Employee;
- (e) provide the Employee with an opportunity to respond; and
- (f) provide the Employee all support and assistance necessary to assist the Employee to attain and maintain a satisfactory standard of performance.

The final written warning must indicate:

- (g) the standard expected of the Employee;
- (h) where and how the Employee is not meeting this standard; and
- (i) the consequences if the Employee fails to improve their performance including that if there is a repetition or continuation of any unsatisfactory work performance, the Employee's performance will be dealt with in accordance with clause 63 and the evidence from the unsatisfactory work performance stream may be used to determine the outcome.

#### 25.7 In determining any outcome under this clause, the Employer must:

- (a) consider organisational or personal factors that play a role in the Employee's underperformance and rely on alternatives to the underperformance process to address the problem; and,
- (b) The Employer must have a reasonable expectation that the Employee is capable of meeting the required level of performance. Where the Employer and Employee agree that the Employee is not capable of meeting the required level of performance the Employer may transfer the Employee to a suitable alternative position where reasonably practicable.

#### 25.8 All written warnings for unsatisfactory work performance will be placed on the Employee's personnel file for a period not exceeding twelve (12) months unless otherwise required to be kept by law.



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## **PART 6 - HOURS, SALARY AND RELATED MATTERS**

### **26. Hours of Work**

- 26.1 The ordinary hours for a full time Employee are as set out Appendix 6 of this Agreement.
- 26.2 Ordinary weekly hours may be averaged over a period of a fortnight.
- 26.3 The bandwidth of hours in which an Employee may work their ordinary hours is 7.00 am to 7.00 pm, Monday to Friday.
- 26.4 The business hours of AHPRA are 9.00am – 5.00pm Monday to Friday (or as otherwise agreed). The Parties recognise that AHPRA offices need to be appropriately staffed during these hours.
- 26.5 For part time Employees, ordinary hours are those agreed in their part time work Agreement and are less than the ordinary weekly hours for a full time Employee. Ordinary weekly hours may be averaged over a period of a fortnight.
- 26.6 A maximum of ten (10) hours may be worked in any one day between the times specified in clause 26.3.

### **27. Flexitime**

- 27.1 A flexitime scheme will be available to Employees. The flexitime scheme will enable such Employees to vary working hours, patterns and arrangements to provide flexibility to benefit Employees, clients and AHPRA.
- 27.2 An Employee, following consultation and agreement in writing with his or her manager, may accumulate flexible hours in excess of a normal working week and subsequently take agreed time off from the accrued flexitime credit.
- 27.3 With prior approval from a Manager, an Employee will be granted time off to use the flexitime credit, on the basis that the flexitime accumulation and absence will not impact on the operational requirements of the business. Approval will not be unreasonably withheld.
- 27.4 The flexitime scheme allows Employees to accrue flexitime credits or debits within the bandwidth hours, specified in Clause 26 of this Agreement, up to a maximum of five (5) days.
- 27.5 Negative flexitime balances (debits) are discouraged and should be closely monitored by the manager and Employee. However, where the flexitime debit exceeds the defined maximum in the fortnightly settlement period, recreation leave or leave without pay must be used to remove the hours in excess of the defined maximum.
- 27.6 Where an Employee does not comply with the provisions of flexitime outlined in Clause 27 of this Agreement the Employee's hours of work will revert to the applicable standard day contained in Appendix 6.
- 27.7 AHPRA may require an Employee not to work hours in addition to ordinary hours where there is insufficient work. That is, AHPRA may require that an Employee not accrue flexitime where such accrual cannot be justified by the Employee's workload.
- 27.8 All Employees covered by this Agreement are required to record their working hours.
- 27.9 Upon termination, where an Employee has flexible hours that have accrued, but not yet taken, these will be paid out.
- 27.10 Where a local arrangement is in place that is not inconsistent with the abovementioned clause that arrangement will continue.

## **28. Requests for Flexible Working Arrangements**

- 28.1 An Employee may make a request in writing to AHPRA for a change in working arrangements.
- 28.2 The Employee's written request is to include details and reasons for the change.
- 28.3 AHPRA must give the Employee a written response within 21 days, stating whether AHPRA grants or refuses the request. AHPRA may refuse the request only on reasonable business grounds. If AHPRA refuses the request, the written response must include details of the reasons for the refusal. AHPRA may ask for a variation of the request.
- 28.4 If the request is refused the Employee may dispute the decision in accordance with clause 13 of this Agreement.

## **29. Classifications and Salary Rates**

- 29.1 The classification and salary rates are set out in Appendix 1.a of this Agreement.
- 29.2 The classification structure contained in Appendix 1.a will commence on 1 July 2017. Prior to this date all existing classification levels will be maintained.
- 29.3 Employees employed at a general classification level before 1 July 2017 will maintain their existing classification level.
- 29.4 Employees employed at a senior and technical specialist classification level before 1 July 2017 will be mapped into the new classification structure according to the work value attributed to their role. All senior and technical specialist roles will be valued by human resources before 1 July 2017 to ensure they are appropriately mapped into the classification structure contained in appendix 1.a.

## **30. Salary Increases**

- 30.1 All Employees employed at the date of operation of this Agreement will receive a 2.5% salary increase (inclusive of any increase paid after 1 July 2016) backdated to the first full pay period commencing on or after 1 July 2016. Any salary increase other than an annual increment received by the Employee from 1 July 2016 but before the approval of this Agreement will count towards the 2.5% increase. All Employees will receive a further increase of 2.5% on and from the first full pay period commencing on or after 1 July 2017 and 2.5% on and from the first full pay period commencing on or after 1 July 2018.
- 30.2 Employees employed after the date of operation of this Agreement as outlined in clause 4.1 will receive the salary and further salary increases on the first full pay period commencing on or after 1 July 2017 and 1 July 2018 in accordance with Appendix 1.a.
- 30.3 A sign on payment of \$500 for all Employees will be made to Employees by 23 December 2016.

## **31. Classification of Employees and Salary Advancement**

- 31.1 Any new appointment to a role, including by way of promotion or transfer through formal application, will be at the substantive salary classification level and approved salary rate provided in this Agreement.
- 31.2 The salary advancement scheme outlined in Appendix 1.a of the Agreement will commence on 1 July 2017.

- 31.3 An annual review will be undertaken by the Employer for all full-time and part-time Employees in order to assess the Employee's progression within the classification. The annual review will be conducted in accordance with the AHPRA performance planning and review system principles outlined in Appendix 4 of this Agreement. In implementing these principles, AHPRA may be guided by supporting policies. For the avoidance of doubt, these policies are not incorporated into and do not form part of this Agreement.
- 31.4 Employees will be mapped into the pay progression scheme based on their salary as of 30 June 2017.
- 31.5 Employees will receive the salary increase as a result of the mapping exercise and the 2.5% salary increase on their existing salary backdated to the first full pay period commencing on or after 1 July 2017.
- 31.6 An Employee (other than an Employee who is paid at the highest increment applicable to their classification level) will be eligible for progression from one pay point to the next within their classification level from the first full pay period commencing on 1 July 2018 if the Employee has achieved competency and satisfactory performance and:
- (a) the Employee has acquired and satisfactorily used new or enhanced skills if required by AHPRA;
  - (b) demonstrated competency and achieved the established performance objectives as determined by AHPRA to a satisfactory level; and
  - (c) has been employed for a period greater than six months.
- 31.7 Employees who are already paid above the pay point banding of their classification level will not be eligible for progression but will be eligible for the annual salary increase.
- 31.8 An Employee will not be eligible for progression if they do not meet the criteria set out in clause 31.6. A decision to withhold progression to the next pay point must be authorised by the relevant Manager. If progression is withheld or deferred, the Employee will be notified in writing of the reasons and given an opportunity to respond.

## **32. Training and Professional Development**

- 32.1 Subject to approval by AHPRA, a full-time Employee will be permitted to be absent during ordinary working hours for periods not exceeding one day in any week (which may be taken as a block for intensive or residential programs or for ad hoc conferences or seminars), and without loss of salary, to attend agreed training and professional development courses. Additional time without loss of salary may be granted at the discretion of AHPRA. Pro rata entitlements apply for part-time Employees.
- 32.2 An Employee will be permitted to be absent during ordinary working hours without loss of salary in order to attend examinations or assessments necessary to obtain qualifications. The amount of absence will allow three clear working days other than a Saturday or a Sunday for pre-examination study.
- 32.3 Paid absences granted in relation to attendance at examinations must not exceed six clear working days per year.

## **33. Payment of Salary**

- 33.1 Salary will be paid in fortnightly instalments in advance by electronic funds transfer unless otherwise agreed between AHPRA and the Employee. Salary payments for each fortnight will be made to Employees on the last Thursday of the pay period.

- 33.2 Upon termination of employment, salary due to an Employee will be paid on the next salary date consistent with the regular payroll cycle unless otherwise directed by the Employee.
- 33.3 AHPRA may deduct from amounts due to an Employee such amounts as are authorised in writing by the Employee.
- 33.4 Where an Employee is underpaid by reason of Employer error and the amount of the underpayment is less than 5%, the underpayment will be paid in the next salary period after the error is identified and confirmed.
- 33.5 If an underpayment represents a significant amount of the Employee's fortnightly wage, AHPRA must take steps to correct the underpayment within 24 hours after the error is identified and confirmed and to provide confirmation to the Employee of the correction. Where AHPRA has caused the underpayment which results in financial institution charges to the Employee, AHPRA will reimburse such costs on a case by case basis.
- 33.6 Where AHPRA discovers an Employee has been overpaid, it will initiate discussions with the Employee as soon as possible to confirm the overpayment details.
- 33.7 In the case of an overpayment, AHPRA and the Employee may agree in writing on deduction by instalment to recover the overpayment. Where agreement cannot be reached the matter will be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of clause 13 Dispute Resolution.

### **34. Superannuation**

- 34.1 AHPRA will comply with all obligations relating to payment of superannuation as provided for under the *Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992*, the *Superannuation Guarantee Charge Act 1992*, the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993* and the *Superannuation (Resolution of Complaints) Act 1993* and associated Regulations, as amended from time to time.
- 34.2 In this clause, 'funds' shall mean Australian Super or any approved fund, which meets the requirements of the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993* as a complying fund for superannuation.
- 34.3 AHPRA will contribute to the funds for any Employee, irrespective of income per month or the age of the Employee.
- 34.4 AHPRA must provide each Employee and each new Employee upon commencement of employment with information on the funds. The Employee will then have 28 days to complete the information required. AHPRA must then forward the Employee's details to the Employee's choice of fund. In the event that the Employee does not select a fund of their choice, AHPRA will then forward superannuation contributions to the default fund. The default fund for the purposes of this Agreement is Australian Super.
- 34.5 An Employee may make additional voluntary contributions to his or her chosen fund from salary and, on receiving written authorisation from the Employee, AHPRA must commence making contributions to the fund in accordance with the Superannuation Industry Supervision Legislation (SIS).
- 34.6 Subject to the Trust Deed of the fund of which the Employee is a member, absences from work will be treated in the following manner:
  - (a) contributions will continue whilst a member of the fund is absent on paid leave such as annual leave, long service leave, public holidays, jury service, personal leave and bereavement leave;
  - (b) contributions shall not be required to be made in respect of any absence from work without pay; and
  - (c) in the event of an eligible Employee's absence from work due to work related injury or sickness, contributions will continue for the period of the absence provided that the Employee member of the fund is receiving payments pursuant to workers' compensation legislation and in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement dealing with accident pay (clause 35 of this Agreement).

- 34.7 Under this Agreement an Employee may choose to sacrifice part of his or her salary into a complying superannuation fund. Participation in salary packaging will not affect salary for superannuation purposes or any other purpose.

### **35. Accident Make-up Pay**

- 35.1 All Employees covered by this Agreement will have access to accident make-up pay in accordance with this clause.
- 35.2 AHPRA must pay an Employee accident make-up pay where the Employee receives an injury for which weekly payment of compensation is payable by or on behalf of AHPRA pursuant to the provisions of the appropriate workers' compensation legislation, as amended from time to time.
- 35.3 'Accident make-up pay' means a weekly payment of an amount being the difference between the weekly amount of compensation paid to the Employee pursuant to the appropriate workers' compensation legislation, and the Employee's appropriate Agreement rate, or, where the incapacity is for a lesser period than one (1) week, the difference between the amount of compensation and the Agreement rate for that period. Weekly payment means the amount the Employee would have earned if he or she had not been in receipt of workers' compensation payments.
- 35.4 AHPRA must pay accident make-up pay during the incapacity of the Employee within the meaning of the appropriate workers' compensation legislation until whichever occurs sooner of such incapacity ceasing, or until the expiration of a period of 52 weeks from the date of injury. Payment will apply only in respect of an incapacity which results from an injury which is current during the first salary period commencing on or after, or which occurs subsequent to, that salary period.
- 35.5 The liability of AHPRA to pay accident make-up pay in accordance with this clause arises as at the date of the injury or accident in respect of which compensation is payable under the said appropriate workers' compensation legislation. The termination of the Employee's employment for any reason during the period of any incapacity will in no way affect the liability of AHPRA to pay accident make-up payment as provided in this clause.
- 35.6 In the event that the Employee receives a lump sum in redemption of weekly payments under the appropriate workers' compensation legislation, the liability of AHPRA to pay accident make-up pay will cease from the date of such redemption.

### **36. Home based Work**

- 36.1 Home based work arrangements may be agreed between AHPRA and an Employee on a case by case basis.

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## **PART 7 - TIME IN LIEU, OVERTIME, HOLIDAYS AND BREAKS**

### **37. Time in lieu**

- 37.1 Employees requested to perform work outside the bandwidth set out in Clause 26 of this Agreement (inclusive of weekends and public holidays), or requested to work in excess of the standard ordinary hours on any one week day (Monday to Friday inclusive) will be offered these hours by AHPRA as time in lieu. Employees have the right to refuse this offer. AHPRA may then offer the additional hours as overtime.
- 37.2 Where an eligible Employee requests and is approved by AHPRA to work outside the bandwidth, in accordance with clause 26 of this Agreement this will be considered as ordinary duty and subject to the flexitime arrangements.
- 37.3 Where additional duty is worked, time in lieu is calculated at the following rates:
- (a) Monday to Saturday - time and one half for the first three hours and double time thereafter; and
  - (b) Sunday and public holidays - double time.

### **38. Overtime**

- 38.1 AHPRA may request any Employee to work reasonable overtime at the appropriate overtime rate. When overtime work is necessary it shall wherever reasonably practicable, be so arranged that Employees have at least ten consecutive hours off duty between successive shifts.
- 38.2 Only authorised overtime shall be paid for and the following rates of overtime shall apply:
- (a) An Employee who works outside their ordinary hours on any day will be paid a rate of time and a half for the first three hours and double time thereafter.
  - (b) An Employee who works outside a spread of twelve hours from the commencement of the last previous rostered period of duty provided that the overtime is not continuous with the next succeeding period of duty will be paid double time.
- 38.3 For the purposes of this clause, in accruing or calculating payment of overtime, each period of overtime shall stand alone.
- 38.4 Rest period after overtime:
- (a) An Employee other than a casual Employee who works so much overtime between the termination of his or her last previous rostered ordinary hours of duty and the commencement of his or her next succeeding rostered period of duty that he or she would not have at least ten (10) consecutive hours off duty between those times, shall be released after completion of such overtime worked until he or she has had ten (10) consecutive hours off duty without loss of salary for rostered ordinary hours occurring during such absence.
  - (b) If on the instructions of AHPRA such an Employee resumes or continues work without having had such ten consecutive hours off duty the Employee shall be paid at the rate of double time until he or she is released from duty for such rest period and the Employee shall then be entitled to be absent until he or she has had ten consecutive hours off duty without loss of salary for rostered ordinary hours occurring during such absence.
- 38.5 In the event of any Employee finishing any period of overtime at a time when reasonable means of transport are not available for the Employee to return to his or her place of residence AHPRA shall provide adequate transport free of cost to the Employee.

### **39. Public Holidays**

39.1 Employees will observe the following public holidays each year without deduction of pay:

- a) New Year's Day;
- b) Good Friday;
- c) Easter Saturday;
- d) Easter Monday;
- e) Christmas Day;
- f) Boxing Day;
- g) Australia Day;
- h) Anzac Day; and
- i) Queen's Birthday.

39.2 The following provisions also apply in respect of public holidays:

- a) when Christmas Day is a Saturday or a Sunday, a holiday in lieu will be observed on 27 December (hereafter referred to as a substitute day);
- b) when Boxing Day is a Saturday or a Sunday, a holiday in lieu will be observed on 28 December (substitute day); and
- c) when New Year's Day or Australia Day is a Saturday or a Sunday, a holiday in lieu will be observed on the next Monday (substitute day).

39.3 Where in a State, Territory or locality, public holidays are declared, prescribed or substituted on other days those days will constitute additional holidays for the purpose of this Agreement in that State, Territory or locality.

39.4 AHPRA may request an Employee to work on a public holiday if the request is reasonable. If AHPRA requests an Employee to work on a public holiday the employee may refuse if the request is not reasonable or the refusal is reasonable.

### **40. Meal breaks and rest breaks**

- 40.1 An Employee is entitled to a meal break of not less than 30 minutes after five (5) hours. A meal break will not be counted as time worked.
- 40.2 An Employee is entitled to a 15 minute rest break for each four hours worked, or for that part of a four (4) hour period worked by an Employee greater than one (1) hour. An Employee will take a rest break at a time suitable to AHPRA. A rest break will be counted as time worked.

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## **PART 8 – ALLOWANCES**

### **41. Higher Duties Allowance**

- 41.1 Where an Employee is required by AHPRA to perform the duties of another Employee in a higher classification under this Agreement, for a period of three (3) consecutive working days or more, that Employee will receive a higher duties allowance.
- 41.2 The allowance will be paid at a rate no less than the minimum rate prescribed for the salary classification applying to the Employee whose duties they are performing, for the duration of the temporary period they perform the higher duties.
- 41.3 Where an Employee has been acting in a higher classification continuously for three months or more and in receipt of this allowance and takes annual leave, that leave will be paid at the higher rate, provided the substantive position holder remains unavailable to fill the position.

### **42. On-call Allowance**

- 42.1 Where an Employee is required to be contactable when they would normally be off duty, and agree to be available to return to work, the Employee will be entitled to be paid an on-call allowance as set out in Appendix 1.b.
- 42.2 The on-call allowance is payable in instances where an Employee has agreed to be contacted and is able to commence the return to the workplace within one hour's notice.
- 42.3 The on-call allowance is payable to all eligible Employees. The on-call allowance does not apply where on-call is incorporated into total remuneration, or is otherwise compensated.
- 42.4 The on-call allowance is payment for being available to perform duty and will include initial limited response to a telephone call or email as long as the subject of that telephone call or email does not require further follow up.
- 42.5 If an Employee is recalled to work, they will be paid a minimum of four (4) hours' payment, at time and one half, except on Sundays and days observed as public holidays where the rate of double time applies.
- 42.6 The on-call allowance will apply when there is an expectation of a call back and the allowance has been agreed in accordance with business and operational requirements.

### **43. Motor Vehicle Allowance**

- 43.1 Where an Employee is required to work at times and / or in places where the use of public transport could reasonably be deemed to place the Employee in a position of possible personal risk, AHPRA will provide suitable transport or authorise the Employee to use his or her own vehicle. This clause includes where applicable, the Employee's travel between his or her own home and place of work.
- 43.2 An Employee, required to use his or her private motor vehicle in the course of his / her employment, will be reimbursed for kilometre costs and any other motor vehicle reimbursement expenses incurred in the course of the Employee's employment and authorised by AHPRA.
- 43.3 The Employee must obtain the prior approval of AHPRA before using their private motor vehicle during the course of their employment.
- 43.4 Following use, the Employee must submit a declaration stating the date, the purpose of the trip, the number of kilometres travelled and the type of vehicle used.
- 43.5 The rates payable in respect of motor kilometre costs will be the rates determined by the ATO from time to time.



## 44. Travelling Expenses

- 44.1 Where AHPRA requires an Employee in the course of duties to be absent overnight or for part of the day a travel allowance will be paid according to the ATO rates. The Employee will be reimbursed for reasonable travelling, accommodation and other incidental expenses on production of satisfactory evidence of the expenses incurred by the Employee where the expenses are greater than the travel allowance provided.
- 44.2 This provision does not apply if the expenses are paid for by AHPRA.
- 44.3 Travel expenses will be paid in accordance with the rates for work related travel which does not require evidence of expenses incurred, as promulgated by the ATO.
- 44.4 Where an Employee is required to work at times and/or in places where the use of public transport could reasonably be deemed to place the Employee in a position of possible personal risk, AHPRA will provide suitable transport or authorise the Employee to use his or her own vehicle. This clause includes, where applicable, the Employee's travel between his or her home and place of work.

## 45. Reimbursement of Expenses

- 45.1 General provisions:
  - (a) AHPRA will reimburse the Employee his or her reasonable out of pocket expenses actually and necessarily incurred in the course of his or her authorised duties, subject to Employees supplying appropriate evidence to AHPRA of the expense.
  - (b) AHPRA must apply the rulings of the Commissioner of Taxation (ATO) relating to reasonable allowances in determining the maximum rates payable, unless otherwise agreed.
  - (c) The amount of an expense will be considered reasonable where it does not exceed the relevant amounts set by the ATO as adjusted from time to time.
- 45.2 Allowable expenses:

Allowable expenses include:

  - (a) travelling, accommodation, meals and other incidental expenses associated with an overnight absence from home or part day duties away from the normal work location; and
  - (b) expenses incurred in using private mobile and home; and
  - (c) expenses incurred in using private vehicles.
- 45.3 Private mobile and home phone use:
  - (a) An Employee, required to use his or her private mobile phone or home phone in the course of their employment, will be reimbursed for work-related calls.
  - (b) The Employee must obtain the prior approval of AHPRA before using their private mobile or home phone during the course of their employment. Any private mobile or home phone usage must not be excessive.
  - (c) Following use, the Employee must submit an itemised statement of the calls made and the related cost.

45.4 Expense claims:

- (a) An Employee must submit official receipts as soon as practical after the event as evidence of the expenditure incurred. However, where the Employee uses his or her own motor vehicle for work purposes, the Employee must instead submit a declaration in accordance with clause 43.4.
- (b) A declaration from the Employee that the expense was incurred may be accepted if the receipt is lost or misplaced, and suitable verification can be made. A declaration from the Employee that an incidental expense was incurred may be accepted if AHPRA and the Employee agree that the obtaining of a receipt was impractical.
- (c) AHPRA will pay the Employee money owing under this clause in a manner to be agreed between AHPRA and Employee as soon as practicable but not later than 2 pay periods after the Employee submits a claim.
- (d) Upon request, AHPRA will provide an advance for the expected costs associated with work related travel or any other exercise where an Employee is likely to incur work related expenses. As soon as practicable after the event, the Employee will provide AHPRA with an account of all expenses incurred together with receipts (and where necessary a statement) together with any balance owed to AHPRA.

45.5 Excess Travelling Time:

An Employee who is temporarily required to undertake duties at a location other than his or her usual place or places of work will have any period of additional travelling time regarded as time worked.

45.6 Permanent relocation of usual place of work:

- (a) Subject to sub-clause 45.6(c) below, an Employee who is required by AHPRA to travel to a new work location as a result of transfer or redeployment, will be paid a once only allowance in compensation for all disturbance factors arising from transfer or redeployment not otherwise provided for in this Agreement.
- (b) the allowance(s) will be paid on the following basis:
  - (i) an allowance for the first 30 minutes of additional total daily travel time required for 30 kilometres additional daily distance or part thereof; and
  - (ii) a further equivalent allowance for each additional 30 minutes or 30 kilometres or part thereof.
- (c) An exception to this is that no such allowance will be paid where the total additional distance to be travelled is 10 kilometres or less.

45.7 Residential relocation general principles:

Where AHPRA considers that it is reasonable and necessary for an Employee to move residence as a result of relocation from one work location to another, and the relocation arises from promotion or transfer as a result of an advertised vacancy, or redeployment, the Employee will be entitled to:

- (a) up to three (3) days' paid leave associated with the relocation; and
- (b) reimbursement of reasonable expenses associated with the relocation.

45.8 Reasonable relocation expenses:

Relocation expenses include reasonable expenses directly incurred by the Employee and his or her family as a result of:

- (a) the journey to the new location, including meals and accommodation;
- (b) removal, storage and insurance; and
- (c) selling, purchasing or rental of a comparable residence.

## 46. Allowances - Work or Conditions

### 46.1 General provisions:

Work or conditions allowances will be paid by AHPRA subject to the Employee meeting the requirements for receipt of the allowance.

### 46.2 First aid allowance:

(a) where an Employee, in addition to his or her normal duties, agrees to be appointed by AHPRA to perform first aid duties:

(i) the Employee must hold a current first aid certificate issued by St John Ambulance Australia or an equivalent qualification; and

(ii) the Employee will be paid a fortnightly allowance as set out in Appendix 1.b.

(b) AHPRA must reimburse any additional costs incurred by the Employee in obtaining and maintaining the first aid qualification.

### 46.3 Fire Warden allowance:

Where an Employee, in addition to his or her normal duties, agrees to be appointed by AHPRA to perform fire warden duties, the Employee will be paid a fortnightly allowance as set out in Appendix 1.b.

### 46.4 Language allowance:

(a) Where the Employee, in addition to his or her normal duties, agrees to be appointed by AHPRA to use their skills in a second language to assist members of the public who have low English proficiency:

(i) the Employee must hold a current accreditation from the National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters ('NAATI'); and

(ii) AHPRA will pay the cost of the NAATI pre-testing workshop.

(b) AHPRA will also meet the cost of the NAATI test, up to two times per individual per level of accreditation. The Employee must apply annually for renewal of the allowance.

(c) AHPRA will assess the Employee's application to determine whether AHPRA still requires the Employee to perform interpreting duties.

### 46.5 Influenza Vaccinations:

AHPRA will offer vaccinations for Employees once per year administered by an appropriately qualified health practitioner.

## 47. Resources for Employees

47.1 AHPRA shall provide Employees with all such instruments, equipment, tools, stationery and furniture as may be reasonably necessary for carrying out their work except as otherwise agreed between the Parties to this Agreement.

47.2 AHPRA shall provide, in readily accessible locations, first aid equipment adequate for the nature of the Employee's duties.

47.3 AHPRA provides access to Employees to an independent and confidential Employee Assistance Program. Employees can access this service nationally, with or without referral from their manager.

## **48. Costs of employment related legal proceedings**

- 48.1 If an Employee is required to attend a Court and/or Tribunal for matters which directly arise from the performance of the Employee's duties, AHPRA must meet the Employee's reasonable legal costs relating to appearance at or representation before the Court and/or Tribunal.
- 48.2 Where legal proceedings are initiated against an Employee as a direct consequence of the Employee legitimately and properly performing his or her duties, AHPRA will not unreasonably withhold agreement to meet the Employee's reasonable legal costs relating to the defence of such proceedings.
- 48.3 Where, as a direct consequence of the Employee legitimately and properly performing his or her duties, it is necessary to obtain an intervention order or similar remedy against a client, AHPRA will not unreasonably withhold agreement to meet the Employee's reasonable legal costs in obtaining the order or other remedy.
- 48.4 An Employee's immediate supervisor must ensure that an application to meet reasonable legal costs will be referred to the appropriate person or body to enable the application to be decided expeditiously.

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## **PART 9 - LEAVE**

### **49. Annual leave and leave loading**

- 49.1 A Full time Employee is entitled to 20 days' paid annual leave for each continuous 12 months of service with AHPRA (unless the Employee is employed by AHPRA in the Northern Territory, in which case the Employee is entitled to 6 weeks paid annual leave for each 12 months of service with AHPRA). Part time Employees will accrue on a pro-rata basis. Annual leave accrues progressively. Annual leave counts as service for all purposes.
- 49.2 Annual leave can be taken in periods of half a day.
- 49.3 A loading of 17.5% will be paid at the time an Employee takes a period of annual leave. The loading also applies to pro rata leave on termination of employment, except where the employment has been terminated on the grounds of serious or wilful misconduct.
- 49.4 This clause contains provisions additional to the National Employee Standards about taking paid annual leave, to deal with excessive paid annual leave accruals. A dispute in relation to the operation of this clause may be dealt with in accordance with the dispute resolution clause of this Agreement.
- 49.5 Before AHPRA can direct that leave be taken under this clause or an Employee can give notice of leave to be granted under this clause, AHPRA or the Employee must seek to confer and must genuinely try to agree upon steps that will be taken to reduce or eliminate the Employee's excessive leave accrual.
- 49.6 AHPRA may direct that leave be taken if an Employee has at least eight (8) weeks annual leave accrued (unless the Employee is employed by AHPRA in the Northern Territory, in which case AHPRA may direct that leave be taken if an Employee has at least twelve (12) weeks annual leave accrued).
- 49.7 If agreement is not reached to reduce this accrual, AHPRA may give a written direction to the Employee to take a period or periods of paid annual leave. Such a direction must not:
- (a) result in the Employee's remaining accrued entitlement to paid annual leave at any time being less than six (6) weeks (taking into account all other paid annual leave that has been agreed, that the Employee has been directed to take or that the Employee has given notice of under this clause);
  - (b) require the Employee to take any period of leave of less than one (1) week;
  - (c) require the Employee to take any period of leave commencing less than eight (8) weeks after the day the direction is given to the Employee;
  - (d) require the Employee to take any period of leave commencing more than twelve (12) months after the day the direction is given to the Employee; or
  - (e) be inconsistent with any leave arrangement agreed between AHPRA and Employee.
- 49.8 An Employee to whom a direction has been given under this clause may make a request to take paid annual leave as if the direction had not been given.
- 49.9 AHPRA must not unreasonably refuse to agree to a request by the Employee to take paid annual leave.
- 49.10 If leave is agreed after a direction is issued and the direction would then result in the Employee's remaining accrued entitlement to paid annual leave at any time being less than six (6) weeks, the direction will be deemed to have been withdrawn.

- 49.11 The Employee must take paid annual leave in accordance with a direction complying with this clause.
- 49.12 Payment must not be made or accepted in lieu of annual leave unless it complies with the following:
- (a) paid annual leave must not be cashed out if the cashing out would result in the Employee's remaining accrued entitlement to paid annual leave being less than four (4) weeks;
  - (b) each cashing out of a particular amount of paid annual leave must be by a separate agreement in writing between AHPRA and the Employee; and
  - (c) the Employee must be paid at least the full amount that would have been payable to the Employee had the Employee taken the leave that the Employee has forgone.
- 49.13 Where a period of annual leave is equal to or less than one week, payment will be made as per the normal pay cycle or if annual leave is more than one (1) week, in advance, at the Employee's election.
- 49.14 Annual leave is exclusive of the Public Holidays referred to in clause 39 of this Agreement. If a public holiday falls on a day during an Employee's period of annual leave which would otherwise have been an ordinary working day for that Employee, the Employee will be credited with additional annual leave equivalent to the ordinary time the Employee would have worked on that day.
- 49.15 If an Employee becomes sick while on annual leave on a day he or she would otherwise have worked, and the Employee forwards a certificate of a qualified medical practitioner or other relevant practitioner to AHPRA as soon as is practicable, then the number of days specified in the certificate will be deducted from any personal leave entitlements the Employee has accrued (see clause 53.2 of this Agreement), and re-credited to the Employee's annual leave entitlement. Any annual leave loading paid in accordance with clause 49.3 of this Agreement in respect of annual leave converted to personal leave in accordance with this clause will not be re-credited.
- 49.16 An Employee and AHPRA may agree to defer payment of the annual leave loading in respect of single day absences, until at least five (5) consecutive annual leave days are taken.
- 49.17 AHPRA may agree with an Employee to take annual leave in advance of the entitlement accruing, subject to the following:
- (a) the Employee has worked with AHPRA for a period of at least 12 months;
  - (b) the Employee agrees in writing with AHPRA that if the employment ceases for any reason prior to the Employee accruing the equivalent amount of leave advanced, then the Employee agrees that AHPRA can deduct the amount owing from the Employee's final pay; and
  - (c) the amount of leave advanced to the Employee is no more than ten (10) days of annual leave.
- 49.18 If an Employee's employment ceases prior to the Employee taking their accrued annual leave entitlement, AHPRA must pay to the Employee what would have been payable had the Employee taken that period of leave.

## 50. Purchased Leave

- 50.1 An Employee, on application and with the agreement of AHPRA, may work on a purchased leave work arrangement. AHPRA may only refuse the application on reasonable grounds.
- 50.2 The purchased leave work arrangement allows an Employee to purchase additional leave per annum, provided that the Employee agrees to be paid a reduced hourly rate to compensate AHPRA for the additional leave.
- 50.3 A minimum of one week additional leave can be purchased, up to a maximum of ten (10) additional weeks. Purchased leave is additional planned leave, and the leave will accrue each salary period throughout the 12 months, in parallel to the percentage reduction in salary each salary period over the 12 months.
- 50.4 The purchased leave will accrue over a 12 month period, and the reduction in salary will occur for the corresponding 12 months. It is expected that the purchased leave will be used within the 12 month period it has been applied for.
- 50.5 Employees who purchase additional leave, enter into the scheme by arrangement with AHPRA, with the expectation that the additional periods of leave, are planned in advance to allow operational requirements to be managed with the Employee's need for additional leave.
- 50.6 Where AHPRA and the Employee agree to a reduction in the number of working weeks, the Employee will receive additional leave as follows:

<b>% of salary to be received</b>	<b>Additional Purchased Leave</b>	<b>Total leave per annum *</b>
42/52 weeks	Additional 10 weeks leave	14 weeks in total
44/52 weeks	Additional 8 weeks leave	12 weeks in total
45/52 weeks	Additional 7 weeks leave	11 weeks in total
46/52 weeks	Additional 6 weeks leave	10 weeks in total
47/52 weeks	Additional 5 weeks leave	9 weeks in total
48/52 weeks	Additional 4 weeks leave	8 weeks in total
49/52 weeks	Additional 3 weeks leave	7 weeks in total
50/52 weeks	Additional 2 weeks leave	6 weeks in total
51/52 weeks	Additional 1 weeks leave	5 weeks in total

\*Note: This is based on 4 weeks annual leave entitlement. Employees who are employed by AHPRA in the NT will continue to receive an additional 2 weeks of base annual leave per annum.

- 50.7 If the Employee accrues additional leave in accordance with this provision but their employment with AHPRA ceases before he or she has taken the purchased entitlement, then AHPRA will pay the Employee an amount equivalent to the accrued entitlement to the Employee on termination of employment.
- 50.8 No leave loading will apply to purchased leave.
- 50.9 Where the Employee's employment is to end and there are outstanding deductions for purchased leave, any outstanding amount is a debt due and payable to AHPRA and the Employee will authorise AHPRA in writing to deduct the amount of this debt from any amount payable to the Employee on termination.

## **51. Natural Disaster Leave**

- 51.1 In the case of an Employee who is prevented from travelling from his or her usual place of residence to attend duty and satisfies the Employer that conditions related to natural disaster precluded any such attendance, special leave of absence up to three (3) days per annum may be granted on full pay not chargeable to any leave account.
- 51.2 In the case of Employees who by reason of floods, cyclonic disturbances, bushfires or earthquakes are required to return home before the usual ceasing time to ensure:
- (a) their own safety;
  - (b) the protection of his or her family or property; and / or
  - (c) availability of transport facilities which may later be disrupted or discontinued because of weather conditions,
- a leave of absence for the remainder of such day to be granted on full pay.
- 51.3 The maximum natural disaster leave which will be granted in any year on full pay will be three (3) days.

## **52. National Security Lockdown Leave**

- 52.1 In the case of an Employee who is prevented from travelling from his or her usual place of residence to attend duty and satisfies AHPRA that conditions relating to national security lockdown precluded any such attendance, special leave of absence up to three (3) days per annum may be granted on full pay not chargeable to any leave account.
- 52.2 In the case of Employees who by reason of a national security lockdown are required to return home before the usual ceasing time to ensure:
- (a) their own safety;
  - (b) the protection of his or her family or property; and/or
  - (c) availability of transport facilities which may later be disrupted or discontinued because of the lockdown,
- a leave of absence for the remainder of such day to be granted on full pay.
- 52.3 The maximum national security lockdown leave which will be granted in any year on full pay will be three (3) days.

## **53. Personal Leave**

- 53.1 An Employee is entitled to take personal leave where the Employee:
- (a) is ill or injured;
  - (b) is required to provide care or support for members of the Employee's immediate family or household because of a person's illness or injury of the member or an unexpected emergency affecting the member; or
  - (c) is required to attend an appointment with a registered health practitioner for either themselves or a person for whom they are providing care or support in accordance with clause 53.1(b) above.
- 53.2 An Employee is entitled to 18 days of paid personal leave per year. Untaken personal leave accumulates from year to year.
- 53.3 Personal leave will be allocated in advance on the anniversary of the Employee's commencement.
- 53.4 Taking personal leave in case of illness or injury.



- (a) If an Employee becomes sick and unfit for duty, he or she is entitled to take personal leave.
- (b) To be entitled to paid personal leave an Employee must produce a certificate from a qualified medical or other relevant practitioner or a statutory declaration immediately on return to work other than as provided for in clause 53.11.

53.5 Taking personal leave for caring responsibilities:

- (a) An Employee, other than a casual Employee, with responsibilities in relation to either members of their immediate family or members of their household who need their care and support, is entitled to use, in accordance with this clause, any personal leave entitlement for absences to provide care and support for such persons when they are ill or require care due to an unexpected emergency. The entitlements of casual Employees are set out in clause 21.3.

53.6 If an Employee exhausts all accrued personal leave, AHPRA will allow an Employee to use all or part of their annual leave entitlements or leave without pay.

- (b) AHPRA may require the Employee to provide documentation before the Employee is entitled to paid personal leave for caring responsibilities:
    - (i) Where the member of the Employee's immediate family or household is ill - a medical certificate or statutory declaration outlining the illness of the person concerned other than as provided for in clause 53.11.
    - (ii) Where the member of the Employee's immediate family or household requires care due to an unexpected emergency - documentation acceptable to AHPRA stating the nature of the emergency and that such emergency resulted in the person concerned requiring care by the Employee.
  - (c) The Employee will, wherever practicable, give AHPRA notice prior to the absence of the intention to take leave, the name of the person requiring care and their relationship to the Employee, the reasons for taking such leave and the estimated length of absence. If it is not practicable for the Employee to give prior notice of absence, the Employee will notify AHPRA by telephone of such absence at the first opportunity on the day of absence.
- 53.7 An Employee may elect, with the consent of AHPRA, to take unpaid leave for the purpose of providing care to a family member who is ill. AHPRA and Employee may agree on the period.
- 53.8 Personal leave may be taken in periods of half days.
- 53.9 Where the Employee has been in receipt of an allowance for performing higher duties for at least the one week prior to taking leave in accordance with clause 41 of this Agreement, personal leave taken during this time will be paid at the higher rate.
- 53.10 Where an Employee's balance of personal leave is exhausted but more personal leave is required, an Employee may apply to his or her manager for additional unpaid personal leave.
- 53.11 Where an Employee is required to attend an appointment with a registered health practitioner in accordance with clauses 53.1 (c) and 53.4 they are encouraged to attend appointments at times that minimise disruption to the workplace.
- 53.12 Single days up to a maximum of five days in total in any one calendar year may be taken without the production of a medical certificate or statutory declaration for personal leave relating to injury, illness or caring responsibilities.

## **54. Compassionate Leave**

- 54.1 This clause has no operation while the period of entitlement to leave under it coincides with any other period of entitlement to leave.
- 54.2 An Employee is entitled to three days of paid compassionate leave for each occasion when a member of the Employee's immediate family or household:
  - (a) contracts or develops a personal illness that poses a serious threat to his or her life;
  - (b) sustains a personal injury that poses a serious threat to his or her life; or
  - (c) dies
- 54.3 An Employee may take compassionate leave on each permissible occasion if the leave is taken to spend time with the member of the Employee's immediate family or household who has contracted or developed the personal illness, or sustained the personal injury, or after the death of the member of the Employee's immediate family or household.
- 54.4 Compassionate leave may be taken as a single continuous three day period, or three separate periods of one day each, or any separate periods as agreed between the Employee and AHPRA.

- 54.5 If the permissible occasion is the contraction or development of a personal illness, or the sustaining of a personal injury, the Employee may take the compassionate leave for that occasion at any time while the illness or injury persists.
- 54.6 If requested, the Employee will provide evidence of the relevant illness, injury or death to his or her Manager.

## 55. Blood Donor's Leave

- 55.1 AHPRA will release Employees with pay for up to four (4) occasions per year upon request to donate blood by arrangement with AHPRA.

## 56. Parental Leave

- 56.1 An Employee is entitled to parental leave in accordance with the National Employment Standards and the *Paid Parental Leave Act 2010* (Cth) (or equivalent Commonwealth legislation).
- 56.2 After 12 months' continuous service, an Employee (excluding a casual Employee) is entitled to paid parental leave in relation to the birth or adoption of a child under their care and responsibility, as follows:
- (a) an Employee will be entitled to 14 weeks' salary upon commencement of maternity leave;
  - (b) an Employee who is the primary care giver will be entitled to 14 weeks' salary upon commencement of adoption leave; and
  - (c) an Employee will be entitled to four (4) weeks' salary on commencement of paternity leave for supporting partner.
- 56.3 Such paid parental leave will apply in relation to each birth or adoption, regardless of whether the Employee has returned to work from unpaid or paid parental leave granted in respect to a previous birth or adoption. Where an Employee becomes pregnant or adopts again while on Parental Leave, they will be entitled to request a new period of unpaid parental leave and be entitled to a new period of paid parental leave in accordance with this clause.
- 56.4 Paid parental leave may be taken:
- (a) in two blocks of 50% of the entitlement owed within 12 months of the birth of the child; or
  - (b) at half pay for double the number of the entitled weeks.
- 56.5 For birth-related parental leave, the leave shall commence no earlier than nine weeks prior to the expected date of birth and no later than the actual date of birth. For parental leave for members of an Employee couple who each intend to take leave and where the parental leave is not birth-related, the parental leave must start immediately after the other Employee's parental leave ends.
- 56.6 Transfer to a safe job:
- If in the opinion of a medical practitioner:
- (a) illness or risks arising out of the pregnancy, or
  - (b) hazards connected with the work assigned to the Employee,
- make it inadvisable for the Employee to continue present work, AHPRA must transfer the Employee to a safe job at the same rate and conditions attached to the Employee's previous job until the commencement of maternity leave.
- 56.7 Right to request:
- An Employee entitled to parental leave may request of AHPRA:
- (a) unpaid paternity leave up to a maximum of eight (8) weeks;

- (b) to extend the period of unpaid parental leave for a further continuous period of leave not exceeding 12 months;
- (c) to return from a period of parental leave on a part-time basis until the child reaches school age;

to assist the Employee in reconciling work and parental responsibilities.

AHPRA shall consider the request having regard to the Employee's circumstances and, provided the request is genuinely based on the Employee's parental responsibilities, may only refuse the request on reasonable grounds. The Employee's request and AHPRA's decision made under this clause must be recorded in writing. Where an Employee wishes to make a request under this clause, such a request must be made as soon as possible but no less than four weeks prior to the date upon which the Employee is due to return to work from parental leave.

56.8 An eligible Employee is entitled to take unpaid maternity leave if the Employee is not fit for work because of:

- (a) birth to a stillborn child (at or after 20 weeks gestation); or
- (b) birth to a live baby who subsequently dies, during or before the period of intended leave.

The eligible Employee will be entitled to continue on paid maternity leave for an additional six weeks from the event, and will then continue on unpaid parental leave. In either of these circumstances, unpaid partner leave and primary carer leave will also apply.

56.9 The Government's Parental Leave Pay will be provided to Employees through the standard AHPRA pay cycle. Parental Leave Pay may be taken before, after or at the same time as AHPRA's paid parental leave or other paid leave entitlements.

56.9 This clause applies to Employees who are lactating mothers. Lactation breaks will be provided as necessary to mothers on their return to work from parental leave for breastfeeding, expressing milk, or other activity necessary to the act of breastfeeding or expressing milk. AHPRA shall provide access to a suitable private space with suitable facilities, such as refrigeration and a sink where practicable. Where it is not practicable to provide these facilities, discussions between managers and Employees will take place to attempt to identify reasonable alternative arrangements for the Employees lactation needs.

## 57. Long Service Leave

57.1 An Employee other than those employed in WA is entitled to long service leave of 13 weeks after ten years of continuous service and 1.3 weeks per year of service thereafter. An Employee in WA is entitled to long service leave of 13 weeks after seven years of continuous service and an additional 13 weeks for each 7 years of continuous service thereafter.

57.2 With the agreement of AHPRA, long service leave may be taken in single days.

57.3 With the agreement of AHPRA, an Employee may take their long service leave entitlement at half the salary over twice the time span or at double salary over half the time span, or some other combination as agreed.

57.4 An Employee may request in writing for payment in lieu of Long Service Leave where allowed by the applicable state legislation.

57.5 Where any provision of the applicable state or territory Long Service Leave legislation is more favourable than the above those provisions of the legislation shall apply.

## 58. Jury Service

58.1 An Employee required to attend for jury service, including attendance for jury selection during his or her ordinary working hours is entitled to leave with pay for the period

during which his or her attendance at court is required, subject to the production of satisfactory evidence of such attendance.

- 58.2 The Employee must notify AHPRA as soon as possible of the date on which he or she is required to attend for jury service. Further, the Employee must give AHPRA proof of attendance at the court, the duration of the attendance and the amount received in respect of such jury service.
- 58.3 Any compensation paid to the Employee for serving as a juror during ordinary hours of work must be repaid to AHPRA, with reasonable expenses actually incurred over and above those which the Employee would normally incur being offset against this amount.
- 58.4 Jury service counts as service.

## **59. Emergency Services Leave**

- 59.1 An Employee who is a member of any voluntary organisation called upon by the government or a competent authority under the State Disaster Plan to assist in fire fighting or other forms of emergency assistance (including auxiliary operations and obtaining qualifications) is entitled to leave on full salary for the duration of the participation by the Employee in operations, provided that the services of the Employee are actually required by the voluntary organisation or other recognised authority concerned.
- 59.2 An Employee who responds to an appeal for volunteers to meet a declared bushfire or other emergency is entitled to leave on full salary for the duration of operations.
- 59.3 An Employee granted leave in accordance with clauses 59.1 or 59.2 is entitled to a further one day's leave on full salary on the completion of the service for recovery purposes.

## **60. Ceremonial and Cultural Leave**

- 60.1 Employees who are legitimately required by Indigenous tradition to be absent from work for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander ceremonial purposes, or to celebrate cultural or religious days of observance not catered for in existing work arrangements, will be entitled to up to 10 days unpaid leave per year.
- 60.2 Ceremonial and cultural leave must be approved by the Employee's manager.

## **61. Community Service Leave**

- 61.1 Defence Reserve Leave:
  - (a) Leave may be granted for Defence Reserve service up to a maximum period of 26 weeks continuous service.
  - (b) An Employee who is required to complete Defence Reserve service will consult with AHPRA regarding the proposed timing of the service and will give AHPRA as much notice as is possible of the time when the service will take place.
  - (c) Where the base salary excluding allowances received by the Employee from the Australian Defence Force in respect of Defence Reserve service during his or her ordinary hours of work is below the Employee's salary, AHPRA will, unless exceptional circumstances arise, pay to the Employee make-up pay for the period of Defence Reserve leave.

## **62. Domestic / relationship violence**

- 62.1 The parties acknowledge that an Employee who is experiencing domestic or relationship violence (actual or threatened) can make reasonable use of, and AHPRA will make reasonable access to, existing leave and flexible and safe working arrangements.

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## **PART 10 - TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT**

### **63. Notice of termination by AHPRA**

- 63.1 AHPRA must give an Employee four weeks' written notice in order to terminate the Employee's employment.
- 63.2 In addition to the notice required under clause 63.1, Employees over 45 years of age at the time of the giving of the notice and with not less than two years continuous service, are entitled to an additional week's notice.
- 63.3 Payment in lieu of the prescribed notice in this clause must be made if the appropriate notice period is not required to be worked. However, employment may be terminated by the Employee working part of the required period of notice and by AHPRA making payment for the remainder of the period of notice.
- 63.4 The required amount of payment in lieu of notice must equal or exceed the total of all amounts that, if the Employee's employment had continued until the end of the required period of notice, AHPRA would have become liable to pay to the Employee because of the employment continuing during that period. That total must be calculated on the basis of:
- (a) the Employee's ordinary hours of work (even if not standard hours);
  - (b) the amounts ordinarily payable to the Employee in respect of those hours, including (for example) allowances, loading and penalties; and
  - (c) any other amounts payable under the Employee's contract of employment.
- 63.5 The period of notice in this clause does not apply:
- (a) in the case of dismissal for serious misconduct; and
  - (b) to casual Employees.

### **64. Notice of termination by an Employee**

- 64.1 The notice of termination required to be given by an Employee is as per the table below unless a lesser amount is agreed.

<b>Length of Employee's Continuous Service at the end of the day upon which notice is given</b>	<b>Notice required</b>
Not more than 1 year	1 week
More than 1 year but not more than 3 years	2 weeks
More than 3 years	4 weeks

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## PART 11 – REDPLOYMENT AND REDUNDANCY

### 65. Redeployment and redundancy

- 65.1 This Part applies only in circumstances where a position is declared in excess to operational requirements and may lead to a position becoming redundant.
- 65.2 A process for managing redundancies is outlined in this part, including:
- (a) consultation;
  - (b) redeployment;
  - (c) transfer to lower classification;
  - (d) redundancy entitlements;
  - (e) outplacement assistance;
  - (f) job search entitlement;
  - (g) future employment;
  - (h) individual grievances; and
  - (i) voluntary departures.
- 65.3 For the purposes of this Part, a position will be deemed to be in excess to operational requirements when the position is no longer required due to workplace changes, which can include but are not limited to the following:
- (a) Employees cannot be utilised effectively because of technological, structural or other changes in work methods, or changes in the nature, extent or organisation of the functions at AHPRA;
  - (b) the number of roles exceeds that required for the efficient and viable operation of AHPRA; and
  - (c) the functions of the role are relocated and the Employee is not willing to relocate to the new locality.
- 65.4 Redundancies will only be implemented as a last resort where the circumstances of clause 65.3 have been satisfied and where other options to reduce the size of AHPRA's workforce have been considered, including:
- (a) reducing numbers of Employees by natural attrition;
  - (b) offering part-time employment;
  - (c) redeployment in the applicable state office;
  - (d) accessing leave balances; and
  - (e) offering transfer or secondments to Employees to AHPRA operations interstate.
- 65.5 This part will not apply:
- (a) where an Employee is terminated due to conduct that justifies instant dismissal;
  - (b) to casual Employees;
  - (c) to Employees engaged for a fixed period of time;
  - (d) to Employees engaged for specific projects; and
  - (e) where there is a transfer of business and an Employee of AHPRA is offered employment by the successor before or at the time of transfer and the requirements of section 122(3) of the FW Act or its successor are met.

## **66. Consultation**

- 66.1 AHPRA will notify the affected Employee(s) in order to consult for a minimum of two (2) weeks and to support the Employee during the transition period. A redeployment period of six (6) weeks will be available to the Employee, during which time a redeployment process will be followed with the aim of obtaining a suitable alternative role for the Employee. During the consultation period undertaken in accordance with clause 12, Employees and Employee representatives shall be advised of:
- (a) the reason(s) for the proposed redundancies;
  - (b) the measures to avoid or minimise the redundancy;
  - (c) the period over which the redundancies are likely to be carried out;
  - (d) redeployment opportunities;
  - (e) opportunities for voluntary departures and whether expressions of interest will be sought from other areas;
  - (f) the number of Employees and the areas potentially affected; and
  - (g) proposed arrangement for career transition and outplacement services.

## **67. Redeployment**

- 67.1 The redeployment process will be based on the following principles:
- (a) AHPRA will facilitate redeployment by providing Employees with the support, resources, counselling, job search skills, liaison and retraining to assist in achieving a suitable alternative role;
  - (b) the redeployment process will be consistent with the application of the principles of fair and reasonable treatment and an unbiased selection process;
  - (c) retrenchment and payment of a separation package to be used as an action of last resort where redeployment within the redeployment period does not appear likely;
  - (d) where a vacancy exists at the same classification as the Employee whose position has been declared excess, an offer of redeployment will be made before the position is advertised internally or externally;
  - (e) redeployees will have priority access to vacancies both at their current salary classification and at other salary classification levels and, where appropriate, will be provided with salary maintenance in accordance with clause 68;
  - (f) AHPRA will provide support to redeployees being placed in alternative positions utilising high quality and professional expertise; and
  - (g) excess Employees who are redeployed to a short term position of less than six (6) months duration will continue to have access to a departure package at the end of the short term assignment.



## 68. Transfer to lower duties

- 68.1 Where an Employee and AHPRA agree to redeployment to a lower level position, income maintenance will apply:
- (a) In the case of an Employee who has 10 years of continuous service, including service with a previous board – twelve month's salary.
  - (b) In the case of an Employee with greater than one year of continuous service and less than ten years – six (6) months' salary.
  - (c) In the case of an Employee with less than one (1) year of continuous service – no entitlement.
- 68.2 Where an Employee and AHPRA agree to redeployment to a lower level position, all existing terms and conditions recognised for preservation purposes (contained in Appendix 5 of this Agreement) will be retained.

## 69. Redundancy entitlements

- 69.1 An Employee whose employment is terminated by reason of redundancy will receive redundancy benefits of full salary for periods of full time service and pro rata salary for periods of part time service.
- 69.2 Notice:
- Following the consultation / redeployment period of eight (8) weeks, the Employee shall be entitled to four (4) weeks of notice or five (5) weeks in the case of Employees with at least ten years of continuous service. An additional one (1) week of notice is provided to Employees aged 45 years or more.
- 69.3 Severance
- Severance payments based on the period of continuous service are as per the table below:

<b>Length of Service</b>	<b>Severance Payments</b>
Less than 1 year	Nil
1 year and less than 2 years	4 weeks
2 years and less than 3 years	6 weeks
3 years and less than 4 years	8 weeks
4 years and less than 5 years	10 weeks
5 years and less than 6 years	12 weeks
6 years and less than 7 years	14weeks
7 years and less than 8 years	16weeks
8 years and less than 9 years	18weeks
9 years and less than 10 years	20weeks
10 years and over	22weeks

Where no redeployment opportunities have been identified, an Employee may elect to access the redundancy payment above and in addition be paid the unused portion of the consultation and redeployment period.

## **70. Outplacement assistance**

- 70.1 AHPRA will provide outplacement assistance, as soon as an Employee is notified that their position is in excess to requirements, to assist the Employee in their transition and to obtain alternative employment. This assistance may include but is not limited to networking, job search and resume preparation, and may occur onsite or off site. Employees may elect to participate in the program immediately during the consultation phase or wait until after they have left AHPRA. Outplacement assistance will be made available for a period of up to six (6) months post departure from AHPRA.

## **71. Job search entitlement**

- 71.1 Employees will be entitled to take up to one (1) day of paid leave each week during the notice period, for the purposes of seeking alternative employment. The time off should be convenient to the Employee and mutually agreed following consultation with the line manager.

## **72. Future employment**

- 72.1 Employees who accept redundancy may be considered for re-employment with AHPRA. The time limit that applies to re engaging a redundant Employee is subject to the Employment Termination Payment ('ETP') rules of the ATO.

## **73. Individual grievance**

- 73.1 An Employee may request a review of the redundancy process that resulted in their position being made redundant if they believe the process has not been followed. An Employee must provide their HR representative or their line manager detailed reasons in writing of the grievance within 10 working days of being advised that their position is redundant. On receipt of the grievance a panel of Employee and AHPRA representatives will be established within five (5) working days to consider and respond to the individual grievance. The notice period will not be extended while the panel undertakes its deliberations. The panel may recommend appropriate actions once determining that:
- (a) the provisions of this clause have not been satisfied; or
  - (b) there are no grounds for the panel to intervene in the redundancy process.
- 73.2 If a grievance is not resolved the individual may invoke the dispute resolution procedure in clause 13.

SIGNATORY PAGE

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF the AUSTRALIAN HEALTH PRACTITIONER REGULATION AGENCY (AHPRA) by:

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Date *20 December 2016*

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Position *Executive Director Business Services*

Address *Level 7, 111 Burke Street Melbourne 3000*

Witness *Symons*

Witness Name in full *Samarah Symons*

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Signature *Bianca*

Date *20 December 2016*

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Witness *KuBrms*

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## Appendix 1.a – Classifications and Salary

Grade Step	2.5% From 1/7/2016	2.5% From 1/7/2017	2.5% From 1/7/2018
1.0	\$47,577	\$48,767	\$49,986
1.1	\$48,900	\$50,123	\$51,376
1.2	\$50,224	\$51,479	\$52,766
1.3	\$51,547	\$52,835	\$54,156
1.4	\$52,870	\$54,191	\$55,546
1.5	\$54,193	\$55,548	\$56,936
2.0	\$54,334	\$55,693	\$57,085
2.1	\$55,845	\$57,241	\$58,672
2.2	\$57,355	\$58,789	\$60,259
2.3	\$58,866	\$60,337	\$61,846
2.4	\$60,376	\$61,885	\$63,433
2.5	\$61,886	\$63,434	\$65,019
3.0	\$62,043	\$63,594	\$65,184
3.1	\$63,769	\$65,363	\$66,997
3.2	\$65,494	\$67,131	\$68,809
3.3	\$67,219	\$68,900	\$70,622
3.4	\$68,944	\$70,668	\$72,435
3.5	\$70,670	\$72,436	\$74,247
4.0	\$70,854	\$72,626	\$74,441
4.1	\$72,824	\$74,645	\$76,511
4.2	\$74,795	\$76,665	\$78,581
4.3	\$76,765	\$78,684	\$80,651
4.4	\$78,735	\$80,704	\$82,721
4.5	\$80,705	\$82,723	\$84,791
5.0	\$80,915	\$82,937	\$85,011
5.1	\$83,165	\$85,244	\$87,375
5.2	\$85,415	\$87,550	\$89,739
5.3	\$87,665	\$89,857	\$92,103
5.4	\$89,916	\$92,164	\$94,468
5.5	\$92,166	\$94,470	\$96,832
6.0	\$92,429	\$94,740	\$97,109
6.1	\$94,973	\$97,347	\$99,781
6.2	\$97,517	\$99,955	\$102,453
6.3	\$100,060	\$102,562	\$105,126
6.4	\$102,604	\$105,169	\$107,798
6.5	\$105,148	\$107,776	\$110,471
7.0	\$105,279	\$107,911	\$110,609
7.1	\$108,418	\$111,129	\$113,907
7.2	\$111,558	\$114,347	\$117,206
7.3	\$114,698	\$117,565	\$120,504
7.4	\$117,837	\$120,783	\$123,803
7.5	\$120,977	\$124,001	\$127,101
8.0	\$121,525	\$124,563	\$127,677
8.1	\$125,184	\$128,313	\$131,521
8.2	\$128,842	\$132,063	\$135,365

8.3	\$132,501	\$135,813	\$139,209
8.4	\$136,160	\$139,564	\$143,053
8.5	\$139,818	\$143,314	\$146,896
9.0	\$140,640	\$144,156	\$147,760
9.1	\$149,261	\$152,992	\$156,817
9.2	\$157,881	\$161,828	\$165,874
9.3	\$166,502	\$170,664	\$174,931
9.4	\$175,122	\$179,500	\$183,988
9.5	\$183,743	\$188,336	\$193,044

To avoid doubt, an employee employed under a comprehensive stand-alone written contract of employment for a maximum term will not fall within any classification contained in Appendix 1.a of the Agreement.

## Appendix 1.b – Work Level Descriptors

### Introduction

Work level descriptors provide a clear overview of the types of responsibilities that fall within AHPRA's classification levels contained in Appendix 1.a. They form a classification and benchmarking tool for easily determining which level a role belongs to, depending on scope, responsibilities, experience and qualification requirements of the role.

The adoption of work level descriptors assists in classifying positions more efficiently than full job evaluation scoring, and is an approach that does not exclusively rely on the application of the methodology.

Work level descriptors support the following activities:

- (a) job design and classification decisions;
- (b) development of job descriptions, job documentation and other selection tools;
- (c) redesign and reclassification of existing and new roles (e.g. where there has been a significant change in the work value of a job);
- (d) setting of an Employee's salary on engagement and promotion, assignment of duties and movement within Appendix 1.a on the basis of a change in work value or an individual's capabilities;
- (e) the development of individual learning and development plans;
- (f) performance management, including the management of underperformance;
- (g) determination of individual career progression; and
- (h) succession planning.

The work level descriptors have been developed to suit AHPRA's particular organisational context and delineate each level in the nine level classification contained in Appendix 1.a. The work level descriptors provide job examples for each level and are underpinned by the Mercer CED Job Evaluation Methodology.

AHPRA has referenced the work value points for the benchmark roles at each level and attributed work value profiles for each level, to build work level descriptors that are consistent with the Mercer CED Job Evaluation Methodology.

The descriptors reflect the key characteristics and requirements of work that are typical at each level. Each descriptor incorporates:

- (a) a level description;
- (b) key skills and attributes;
- (c) primary responsibilities; and
- (d) examples of representative jobs at that level.

### Work Level Descriptors

The following table provides an overview of each level.

Work Level	Description
<b>AHPRA Level 1: General support positions</b>	Typically provides basic administrative assistance and general support
<b>AHPRA Level 2: Entry level Officer</b>	Typically entry level officers, performing secretarial, operational, technical, clerical or administrative tasks and duties
<b>AHPRA Level 3: Officer</b>	Typically officers or assistants with some experience, performing support or administrative activities
<b>AHPRA Level 4: Senior Officer</b>	Typically senior officers requiring knowledge and experience in a relevant discipline
<b>AHPRA Level 5: Supervisor / Senior Officer</b>	Typically entry level supervisors or senior officers performing a range of tasks or providing a range of advice within their disciplines

<b>AHPRA Level 6: Manager</b>	Typically manages a small team within an AHPRA office or are a specialist providing advice in a specific discipline
<b>AHPRA Level 7: Manager</b>	Typically provides specialised advice in a specific discipline or technical area and may lead and manage a team within an AHPRA office
<b>AHPRA Level 8: Senior Manager</b>	Typically in charge of a major function of AHPRA's core business within a state or territory or national office
<b>AHPRA Level 9: Senior Manager</b>	Typically in charge of a major complex function of AHPRA's core business

## **AHPRA Level 1 Work Level Descriptor**

### **Level Description**

Positions at this level typically provide basic administrative assistance and general support.

### **Key Skills and Attributes**

- positions require secondary school education (minimum year 10); and
- positions require adequate communication skills to communicate with departmental peers to perform daily work routines.

### **Primary Responsibilities**

Positions at this level typically provide a defined service with clear direction that is necessary for AHPRA to perform its daily operations and meet client needs.

Positions perform a group of integrated non-repetitive tasks within a single activity.

The tasks performed at this level are governed by established procedures, specific guidelines and standard instructions, and positions are regularly supervised.

Positions work to specific instructions in which a limited number of choices are available and clear rules guide decision making.

Most work situations encountered by positions at this level are recurring.

Limited discretion is required and positions have specific accountability as to how the service is provided.

Positions at this level may:

- enter data;
- maintain records of data input;
- process Word documents;
- make standard calculations;
- operate switchboards, receive and correctly refer calls;
- greet visitors and determine the nature of their visits; and/or
- perform administrative duties such as maintaining conference room booking register and distributing mail.



## **AHPRA Level 2 Work Level Descriptor**

### **Level Description**

Positions at this level are typically entry level officers, performing secretarial, operational, technical, clerical or administrative tasks and duties.

### **Key Skills and Attributes**

- positions require the knowledge and skills to understand and apply technology, work practices and workflow in the relevant area of AHPRA;
- positions require general education standards including secondary school education (minimum year 10), and may have vocational training in commercial, technical or secretarial areas; and
- positions require adequate skills in communication to identify needs and convey factual information, often to contacts outside the immediate work area or to clients. Some positions may require the ability to obtain the cooperation of others to comply with technical, commercial and administrative requirements.

### **Primary Responsibilities**

Positions at this level typically provide a service that is necessary for AHPRA to perform its daily operations and meet client needs.

Positions execute a group of integrated or related tasks. Some positions perform a narrower range of tasks with common specified objectives.

Tasks are performed in accordance with established procedures and as a result of structured training.

Positions interpret well-established procedures and guidelines which limit the number of alternative courses of action available.

Positions work to standard work procedures or specific instructions and the service they provide may require basic explanation. Positions may be able to vary a number of tasks in the work plan process; however there is a clear definition of the required outcomes.

Duties are assigned to positions at this level by managers or more senior officers.

Positions at this level may:

- respond to telephone and counter enquiries;
- forward or appropriately refer specific enquiries;
- process payments of fees and charges;
- collect and collate readily retrievable data and draft routine correspondence; and/or
- undertake word processing, data entry, scanning and other administrative and clerical tasks.

## **AHPRA Level 3 Work Level Descriptor**

### **Level Description**

Positions at this level are typically officers or assistants with some experience, performing support or administrative activities.

### **Key Skills and Attributes**

- positions require the knowledge and skills to understand the methods and operations of the relevant work area;
- positions at this level acquire knowledge through either an advanced certificate or diploma; secondary education combined with significant work experience and vocational training; or a combination of on the job training, work experience and specific skill development programs; and
- positions require the ability to obtain the cooperation of others to comply with technical, commercial and administrative requirements.

### **Primary Responsibilities**

Positions at this level typically provide a service that is necessary for AHPRA to perform its daily operations and meet client needs.

Positions at this level perform a group of integrated tasks within a single activity, for which there is typically a common theme, such as Registrations or Notifications.

Positions have a prescribed number of methods, techniques or processes at their disposal to complete the work and are governed by precedent, rules and guidelines which usually determine the most appropriate course of action.

Positions are required to prioritise work and are challenged by the need to meet deadlines in a high volume work environment.

Positions share accountability with other team members for the service they provide.

Positions may review and improve administrative and monitoring procedures within regulatory guidelines.

Positions at this level may:

- prepare general correspondence;
- access applications for registration;
- provide administrative support related to financial transactions associated with application fees and registration costs;
- prepare schedules of advice for the Boards;
- provide efficient customer service;
- provide secretariat support such as preparation of agendas and taking of minutes; and/or
- prepare and maintain data, including the Pivotal database, for the Registration Boards.

## **AHPRA Level 4 Work Level Descriptor**

### **Level Description**

Positions at this level are typically senior officers requiring knowledge and experience in a relevant discipline.

### **Key Skills and Attributes**

- positions require the knowledge and skills to understand the methods and operations of the relevant work area;
- some positions at this level require several years of experience in addition to an advanced certificate or diploma or equivalent qualification; while others are base professional positions that may require a degree or equivalent qualification; and
- positions require the ability to obtain the cooperation or assistance in the delivery of well-defined activities.

### **Primary Responsibilities**

Positions may either:

- provide advice, where they are one of several equally sound sources of professional advice available, or in areas where defined policy covers most issues. Advice provided by these positions affects the immediate team or work area and the recipient of the advice is typically a client or manager within the same or related area of work; and/or
- provide a service or information that is necessary for AHPRA to perform its daily operations; however the service is not critical to the organisation as a whole.

Positions at this level require performance on a group of integrated tasks within a defined area of a division, such as notifications. Some positions are engaged in a more diverse range of tasks.

Positions are regularly required to make some adaptation to techniques or processes that affect the way work is organised or adapt guidelines that affect the way work is performed.

Positions at this level have access to precedents and policy to guide their choice of response, however the range of options is imprecise and occasionally an adaptation of accepted practices and procedures is required.

Positions at this level may:

- draft agency responses;
- review, develop and maintain reporting and administrative systems, policies and protocols;
- identify and implement service improvement;
- provide administrative support related to various functions across the organisation; and/or
- seeking, receiving and assessing information to determine a practitioner or student's compliance with any restrictions on registration.

## **AHPRA Level 5 Work Level Descriptor**

### **Level Description**

Positions at this level are generally entry level supervisors or senior officers performing a range of tasks or providing a range of advice within their discipline.

### **Key Skills and Attributes**

- positions at this level are base level professionals and may require a degree or equivalent and some relevant work experience;
- positions require proficiency in applying established technical, professional, administrative or commercial disciplines to analyse and interpret business plans, financial practices, or organisational operations; and
- positions require sound communication skills to convince and influence others in the pursuit of specific set objectives.

### **Primary Responsibilities**

Positions may either:

- provide advice and recommendations for which they are individually accountable, but within established policy guidelines and professional standards. Advice provided by positions at this level generally affects the immediate division of a state or territory office, and the recipient of the advice is typically a client or manager within the division; and/or
- provide an important service or information that is necessary to allow AHPRA to perform its daily operations.

Positions are engaged in a diverse range of tasks within an activity, or are closely focused on one activity. Some positions may manage the integration of tasks within activities or activities within a function.

Positions are regularly required to make some adaptation to techniques or processes that affect the way work is organised or adapt guidelines that affect the way work is performed.

Positions encounter problems of a recurring nature and problem resolution occurs within established guidelines.

Positions at this level may:

- prepare reports, correspondence and briefing notes on legal and policy issues in relation to the registration, professional standards and notifications including complaints, investigations and disciplinary proceedings which concern health practitioners;
- develop and maintain a database of relevant legal and disciplinary decisions and advice;
- coordinate cases or matters to ensure correct application of processes;
- develop, implement and review policies and procedures relating to the area of work;
- support the delivery of quality people management practices; and/or
- provide professional advice within existing standards, precedents, legislation or policy.

## AHPRA Level 6 Work Level Descriptor

### Level Description

Positions at this level typically manage a small team within an AHPRA office or are specialists providing advice in a specific discipline.

### Key Skills and Attributes

- positions at this level have acquired professional knowledge from several years of casework, research, investigation or involvement in a range of challenging projects and have received coaching from specialist or senior managerial staff;
- positions may be required to have formal education qualifications such as a degree or equivalent, or substantial experience and training combined with an advanced diploma or equivalent; and
- positions require significant communication skills to convince and influence others in the pursuit of specific set objectives.

### Primary Responsibilities

Positions provide sound advice and recommendations, for which they are individually accountable, to others who have knowledge of the general discipline.

Positions are focused on one activity, or for professional specialist positions, are focused on a sub-discipline.

Positions may have regular contact with members of the public on sensitive issues requiring tact and diplomacy.

Positions are regularly required to adapt techniques and processes that affect the way work is organised and/or performed.

Positions must frequently resolve problems of a recurrent nature using existing organisational or professional knowledge.

Positions at this level may:

- manage a team and provide leadership to that team;
- manage the daily operation of a team of professionals;
- administer delegated provisions of the National Law;
- plan and conduct investigations and inspections of health practitioners;
- resolve notifications with health practitioners, insurers and legal representatives;
- provide advice and reports including findings and recommendations to the Health Practitioner Boards and committees;
- prepare complex and sensitive correspondence, agendas, reports and briefing papers;
- conduct preliminary assessments, commission health and performance assessments and manage cases;
- establish systems to monitor conditions placed on registrants;
- contribute to the design and development of efficient and nationally consistent processes for the management of conduct issues;
- maintain up to date knowledge of industry developments and tools;
- establish and maintain national or state/territory systems;
- develop strategic payroll and HR policies and procedures in accordance with awards, agreements and legislative requirements;
- provide authoritative advice to managers and Employees at all levels on a wide range of people management issues;
- prepare complex reports and correspondence;
- implement national initiatives; and/or
- provide specialist/professional advice to external clients/stakeholders.

## **AHPRA Level 7 Work Level Descriptor**

### **Level Description**

Positions at this level typically provide specialised advice in specific disciplines or technical areas and may lead and manage teams within an AHPRA office.

### **Key Skills and Attributes**

- positions at this level have acquired professional knowledge from many years of advanced casework, research, investigation or involvement in a range of challenging projects and have received coaching from specialist or senior managerial staff;
- positions require postgraduate or second degrees, or equivalent experience
- professionals at this level would be regarded as competent and experienced practitioners; and
- positions require the ability to lead and motivate others to cooperative in resolving conflicts and issues.

### **Primary Responsibilities**

Positions provide expert advice for which they are individually accountable, however AHPRA may have ready access to such advice from a number of resources on a national basis and there is an established body of knowledge in the area.

Positions operate across the range of a recognised discipline.

Positions incorporate many of the activities that comprise a function in AHPRA and may have significant management responsibilities.

Positions are required to develop or modify operational methods or specific operational policies, practices and standards, but are constrained to a degree by precedent.

Problem resolution is a frequent requirement for positions at this level and necessitates the detailed analysis of alternative courses of action and their implications.

Positions need to address difficulties in the work environment, devise action plans and advance new approaches.

Positions are generally recognised reference points for others in relation to policy, precedent, best practice and resolution of problems.

The position provides leadership in an important area of advice within AHPRA offices and may supervise other advisory positions or specialists.

Positions at this level may:

- manage the corporate functions within a state or territory office;
- develop and monitor the budget for an office and provide quarterly and annual financial reports;
- develop staffing strategy;
- organise in house training, recruitment, performance management processes;
- oversee staff delivering purchasing, contract management, record management, facilities management and fleet management;
- provide authoritative advice to resolve financial and administrative or HR matters; and/or
- provide recommendations for improvement of national systems, processes and procedures.

## AHPRA Level 8 Work Level Descriptor

### Level Description

Positions at this level are typically in charge of a major function of AHPRA's core business within a state or territory or national office.

### Key Skills and Attributes

- positions require highly specialised professional and managerial capabilities to understand the nature of the enterprise and to position AHPRA to meet major challenges;
- positions typically depend on advice and guidance from a well established body of knowledge and precedents exist;
- positions generally perform a leadership role in control of an important organisational element such as Registrations, Notifications or Corporate Services, and are responsible for the achievement of results in line with organisational goals; and
- positions require significant communication skills in order to negotiate, resolve conflict and systemic or major issues, lead and motivate others and inspire change.

### Primary Responsibilities

Positions provide expert advice on specific organisational issues of a strategic nature; and higher position is available to review advice in detail.

Positions provide leadership in an important area of advice within state or territory offices and may supervise other advisory positions or specialists.

Positions operate in a complex and specialised environment.

Positions are involved in a range of activities that comprise a complete function in AHPRA.

Positions are regularly required to modify established systems or operating plans.

Problem resolution is a regular requirement for positions at this level.

Positions at this level provide expert advice or counsel that is fundamental to AHPRA and for which they are individually accountable, although AHPRA might seek alternative advice or a second opinion on sensitive issues.

Positions at this level may:

- manage the registration or notifications of health professionals in a state or territory office;
- manage the delivery of corporate or support functions within a state or territory office;
- administer delegated provisions of the National Law;
- provide expert advice to the state and territory Boards and National Boards as required;
- provide oversight and integration of corporate, HR, finance and IT services to the state and territory offices in consultation with national office;
- assess and manage complex and high risk cases;
- contribute to the design and development of efficient, nationally consistent and integrated registration and notification handling processes;
- manage effective communication and relationships with key stakeholders internally and externally;
- manage key contracts in the state or territory;
- implement national initiatives;
- ensure that all nationally agreed operational policies are maintained and adhered to locally;
- establish and maintain an organisational culture that emphasises the delivery of high quality services and continuous quality improvement; and/or
- ensure ongoing implementation and support of AHPRA's regulatory principles at a local level.

## AHPRA Level 9 Work Level Descriptor

### Level Description

Positions at this level are typically required to undertake work that is very complex or sensitive and operate under broad direction. They exercise a considerable degree of independence and perform a senior manager role.

### Key Skills and Attributes

- provide expertise across a broad range of activities potentially relating to the work of different program areas;
- provide expert advice on policy, complex problem solving and issues management for internal and external stakeholders;
- extensive knowledge of and compliance with legislative, administrative and financial frameworks, decision-making processes and guidelines and regulations;
- responsible for the achievements of own and team outcomes or KPI's, monitor progress and report on completion;
- recommend strategic directions for areas of responsibility and consider wider AHPRA implications when making decisions;
- consider and effectively manage competing priorities and strategic directions when achieving team planning and project outcomes in line with AHPRA goals and objectives;
- provide local support and oversight for AHPRA's Transformation Program and provide feedback to the National Team on key issues;
- provide a significant contribution to innovation and business improvement strategies including the implementation support locally for new processes or systems; and/or
- engage with risk, including the conduct of risk assessment and risk management activities for area of responsibility.

### Primary Responsibilities

Undertake work activities with an awareness of their possible impact on strategic, political or operational outcomes for AHPRA.

Attain and maintain an extensive understanding of the role and responsibilities of AHPRA, including and understanding the AHPRA operating environment more broadly.

Work within established legislative and policy frameworks.

Work with a high level of independence, under broad direction, with a concurrent need to resolve issues and deliver quality outcomes.

Decision making will have a high level of impact on the functional area and the potential to impact more broadly on AHPRA operations and externally.

Decisions made and advice given is based on professional judgement, evaluating risks and in the context of a complex and changing environment.

Work with a focus on research, analysis and judgment to manage complex issues where problem resolution is a frequent requirement.

Engage and collaborate with key stakeholders to identify opportunities, achieve outcomes and facilitate cooperation.

Promote AHPRA's business objectives through key strategic relationships with a range of stakeholders.

Develop and manage a range of stakeholder relationships.

Establish and maintain internal and external networks.

Present AHPRA's position in the context of more complex issues.

Manage stakeholders through change, resolving conflict and managing sensitivities.

Identify new stakeholders considering future needs/direction and a changing environment.

Manage a number of Employees performing diverse tasks and manage a larger team where skill sets are similar and tasks are related.



Ensure quality outputs including that Employees maintain a high level of specialist, professional and/or technical expertise.

Coordinate and undertake detailed or sensitive projects that impact on the strategic or operational outcomes of AHPRA.

Develop and implement work plans that provide strategic directions for the work area.

Plan and monitor work processes, direct and coordinate quality assurance practices and set performance indicators outlined in the Performance Reporting Framework.

Build capability in a team environment through coaching others, providing performance feedback, conflict resolution and encouraging career development.

Exercise autonomy and initiative in team management and allocation of resources and managing finances to meet objectives.

Ensure ongoing implementation and support of AHPRA's regulatory principles at a local level.

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## Appendix 1.c – Allowances

<b>Allowance</b>	<b>Per 12 hour period (or part thereof on a week day)</b>	<b>Per 12 hour period (or part thereof on a weekend)</b>	<b>Per Fortnight</b>
<b>On-Call</b>	<b>\$29.35</b>	<b>\$58.70</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>First Aid</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>\$26.90</b>
<b>Fire Warden</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>\$19.00</b>

The above allowances will be increased at the % rates on the dates shown in Appendix 1.a.

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## Appendix 2 – Supported Wage Guideline

### Introduction

This Guideline sets out the conditions which will apply to Employees who, because of the effects of a disability, are eligible for a supported wage.

### Definitions

The following definitions apply in the context of this Guideline:

- (a) **Supported wage system** means the government system to promote employment for people who cannot work at full Agreement wages because of a disability, as documented in Supported Wage System: Guidelines and Assessment Process.
- (b) **Accredited assessor** means a person accredited by the management unit established by the Government under the supported wage system to perform assessments of an individual's productive capacity within the supported wage system.
- (c) **Disability support pension** means the Commonwealth pension scheme to provide income security for persons with a disability as provided under the *Social Security Act 1991* (Cth), as amended from time to time, or any successor to that scheme.
- (d) **Assessment instrument** means the form provided for under the supported wage system that records the assessment of the productive capacity of the person to be employed under the supported wage system.

### Eligibility

Employees eligible for a supported wage will be those who are unable to perform the range of duties to the competence level required within the class of work for which the Employee is engaged, because of the effects of a disability on their productive capacity and who meet the impairment criteria for receipt of a disability support pension.

This Guideline does not apply to any existing Employee who has a claim against AHPRA which is subject to the provisions of workers' compensation legislation or any other term and condition of their employment relating to the rehabilitation of Employees who are injured in the course of their employment.

This Guideline does not apply to AHPRA in respect of their facility, programme, undertaking, service or the like which receives funding under the *Disability Services Act 1986* (Cth) and fulfils the dual role of service provider and sheltered AHPRA to people with disabilities who are in receipt of or are eligible for a disability support pension, except with respect to an organisation which has received recognition under s.10 or under s.12AA of the *Disability Services Act 1986* (Cth), or if a part only has received recognition, that part.

### **Supported wage rate**

Employees to whom this Guideline applies shall be paid the applicable percentage of the minimum rate of salary prescribed for the class of work which the person is performing according to the following schedule:

<b>Assessed capacity</b>	<b>Prescribed rate</b>	<b>Agreement</b>
10%*	10%	
20%	20%	
30%	30%	
40%	40%	
50%	50%	
60%	60%	
70%	70%	
80%	80%	
90%	90%	

Provided that the minimum amount payable shall be not less than \$81 per week and that, where a person's assessed capacity is 10%, they shall received a high degree of assistance and support.

### **Assessment of productive capacity of the Employee**

For the purpose of establishing the percentage of the Agreement rate to be paid to an Employee under this Guideline, the productive capacity of the Employee will be assessed in accordance with the supported wage system and documented in an assessment instrument by either:

- (a) AHPRA and the Union party to the Agreement, in consultation with the Employee or, if desired by any of these, or
- (b) AHPRA and an accredited assessor from a panel agreed by the parties to the Agreement and the Employee.

### **Assessment instruments to be lodged with Fair Work Australia**

All assessment instruments under the conditions of this Guideline, including the appropriate percentage of the Agreement wage to be paid to the Employee, shall be lodged by AHPRA with Fair Work Australia. All assessment instruments shall be agreed and signed by the parties to the assessment, provided that where a Union is not a party to the assessment it shall be referred by the Register to the Union by certified mail and shall take effect unless an objection is notified to the Register within ten working days.

### **Review of assessment**

The assessment of the applicable percentage should be subject to annual review or earlier on the basis of a reasonable request for such a review. The process of review shall be in accordance with the procedures for assessing capacity under the supported wage system.

### **Assessment percentage to be applied to wage rate only**

Where an assessment has been made, the applicable percentage shall apply to the wage rate only. Employees covered by the provisions of the Guidelines will be entitled to the same terms and conditions of employment as all other Employees covered by this Agreement paid on a pro rata basis.

### **AHPRA to take reasonable steps to enhance Employee's capacity**

AHPRA wishing to employ a person under the provisions of this Guideline will take reasonable steps to make changes in the workplace to enhance the Employee's capacity to do the job. Changes may involve re-design of job duties, working time arrangements and work organisation in consultation with other Employees in the area.

### **Trial period for purposes of assessment**

A trial period will be provided as follows:

- (a) In order for an adequate assessment of the Employee's capacity to be made, AHPRA may employ a person under the provisions of this clause for a trial period not exceeding twelve weeks, except that in some cases additional work adjustment time (not exceeding four weeks) may be needed.
- (b) During that trial period the assessment of capacity shall be undertaken and the proposed wage rate for a continuing employment relationship shall be determined.
- (c) The minimum amount payable to the Employee during the trial period shall be no less than \$81 per week or other amount as required by law.
- (d) Work trials should include induction or training as appropriate to the job being trialled.
- (e) Where AHPRA and the Employee wish to establish a continuing employment relationship following the completion of the trial period, a further contract of employment shall be entered into based on the outcome of assessment.

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## **Appendix 3 – Probation Guidelines**

### **Introduction**

A probation period is designed to provide a supportive process for the Employee during which mutual evaluation and decisions about ongoing appointment of an Employee can be made.

### **When these guidelines apply**

The following guidelines apply where an Employee's engagement by AHPRA is subject to the Employee successfully completing a period of probation.

### **Employee to be notified of probation period**

At the time of an offer of employment on probation, AHPRA will inform the Employee in writing of the period of probation that will apply and the criteria and objectives to be met for their appointment to be confirmed. Criteria and objectives will where reasonably possible, specific, measurable and achievable.

### **Length of probation period**

Where an Employee is appointed on probation, the period of probation will be determined having regard to the particular circumstances of the employment. In most cases, a period of probation will apply for three months or less. The probation period can be extended once, up to a period not exceeding six months.

### **Assessment**

There must be a least one formal probation assessment conducted by the Employee's manager or supervisor during the probation period. The purpose of the assessment is to monitor the Employee's progress and to provide support and guidance to the Employee.

Concerns relating to the Employee's progress should be raised at the earliest opportunity and should not be delayed until the formal probation assessment.

### **Timing of formal assessments**

The assessment(s) must be conducted at least halfway through the three month probation period. Where the period of probation extends beyond three months, assessments should be carried at intervals of one per month until the completion of probation.

### **Assessment report to be completed**

Once an assessment has been completed, the manager or supervisor must complete an assessment report to be provided to, and endorsed by, the next level manager, who will then forward the assessment report along with a recommendation to the Employee and Human Resources.

In that report, the manager or supervisor must recommend one of the following:

- (a) confirmation of employment;
- (b) continuation of extension of the probation period; or
- (c) termination of employment.

If the assessment is sufficiently negative for the manager or supervisor to recommend that AHPRA terminate the Employee's employment, the reasons for that recommendation must also be included in the assessment report. The Employee must be provided with an opportunity to respond within seven working days. Where this occurs, the report must be forwarded to the CEO (or his / her delegate) for consideration.

The CEO (or his/her delegate) will then make a decision with respect to the Employee's employment.

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## **Appendix 4 – Performance planning and review system principles**

Progression within the classification structure outlined in Appendix 1.a will be based on the following principles:

- (a) Performance review cycle of twelve months.
- (b) A Performance review at the end of the cycle is what will ultimately determine eligibility for Progression.
- (c) Progression steps within classification levels are not defined work values.
- (d) Progression within the salary structure will not be automatic.
- (e) The 'progression criteria' are to be agreed with each Employee at the start of the performance cycle or upon the Employee's commencement in a role.
- (f) Performance goals are to be achievable and agreed between the parties, and must be consistent with the work value of their classification Level.
- (g) Standards for progression are based on:
  - i. meeting performance targets;
  - ii. demonstrating values and behaviours; and
  - iii. applying any requirements for learning and development.
- (h) Where an opportunity for learning and development is not available, then this should not disadvantage an Employee from obtaining progression.
- (i) Formal and informal reviews and discussions will take place within the performance cycle.
- (j) The performance plan can be altered during the performance cycle by agreement.
- (k) Progression will occur when an Employee is assessed as 'achieving' the performance criteria as detailed in the Employee's performance plan.
- (l) An Employee will not be eligible for progression if notification of a discipline outcome has been issued in accordance with this Agreement during the performance cycle.

Central to progression is the need for supervisors and managers, in consultation with Employees, to determine what should, and can, be delivered to warrant progression through a combination of increasing capability, productivity, performance and professionalism. This interaction between managers and Employees gives authority and integrity to the structure and its sustainability in the long term.

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## **Appendix 5 – Preserved terms and conditions**

### **Introduction**

The Parties to this Agreement recognise that the complexity of terms and conditions being superseded to form this Agreement and the formation of AHPRA may result in unintended consequences. The Parties to this Agreement agree to working cooperatively to resolve these consequences wherever they arise. No Employee will, on balance, have his or her overall salary and conditions reduced as a result of the making of this Agreement.

Each eligible Employee will receive a letter outlining their specific terms and conditions which will be preserved. Where an Employee believes that an entitlement to a transitional condition of employment has not been recognised, AHPRA will consider additional evidence to determine whether it will be preserved.

### **Impact of change of role**

Where an Employee is successful in applying for a role which is classified at the same level as their existing role, all preserved terms and conditions will be maintained.

Where an Employee is successful in applying for a role which is classified at a higher salary level than their current salary, the salary offer for the new role will be determined including consideration of any preserved terms and conditions i.e. their current total remuneration.

Where an Employee is successful in applying for a role which is classified at a higher salary level resulting in a total remuneration greater than their existing terms and conditions, all preserved terms and conditions will be reviewed.

### **Terms and conditions recognised for preservation purposes**

#### ***Preserved Entitlements***

#### **VICTORIA**

Eligible former Nurses Board of Victoria Employees

- Additional annual and long service leave accruals

Eligible former Dental Practice Board Employees

- Additional paid maternity leave provisions

Eligible former Psychology Registration Board Employees

- Additional paid leave provisions

Eligible former Medical Practitioners Board Employees

- Additional long service leave accruals

#### **NORTHERN TERRITORY**

- Additional pregnancy-related and maternity leave provisions
- Additional long service leave accruals

#### **AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

- Additional annual leave provisions
- Additional long service leave accruals
- Additional 2 days in lieu of former office close down This entitlement extends to all Employees employed by AHPRA at the date of operation as contained in clause 4.1 of this Agreement. Employees employed after that date will not be entitled to this benefit.



## **WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

Two days in lieu of the repealed Public Service holidays.

Early access to pro rata long service leave.

Early access to pro rata long service leave is available at the rate of 9.28 days per completed 12 month period of continuous service, regardless of the length of prior service, for Employees within seven years of preservation age under Western Australian Government superannuation arrangements.

Only leave accrued within seven years of the Employee's preservation age or post the Employee's preservation age can be accessed. This means that any pro rata long service leave accrued prior to this date cannot be accessed under the provisions of this clause once an Employee is within the seven year timeframe [see example in below].

Eligible Employees can access 9.28 days from their anniversary date of commencing employment, adjusted for any long service leave previously taken. The following examples illustrate how pro rata long service may be accessed by an Employee who meets the requirements of this schedule.

(a) If an Employee is within seven years of preservation age on 1 March 2012 and the first anniversary date is 14 October 2012 (i.e. he or she commenced employment on 14 October 2011), 9.28 days may be accessed from 14 October 2012.

(b) If this Employee takes two days long service leave during the period 14 October 2011 to 13 October 2012, then from 16 October 2012 the employee can access 16.56 days (7.28 + 9.28 days). The anniversary date has moved out by the two days long service leave taken.

Employees who take pro rata long service and terminate prior to their preservation age are not required to pay back the monetary equivalent of the taken leave.

Employees who terminate for any reason prior to seven years' service will not be entitled to any payment for any unused leave accrual at the date of termination.

Information required concerning preservation age under Western Australia Government superannuation arrangements can be obtained from GESB.

These entitlements extend to all Employees employed by AHPRA prior to 27 June 2013. Employees employed after that date will not be entitled to the benefits detailed in this Appendix.

### **Other preserved entitlements for eligible Employees:**

- Additional Employer superannuation above the required employer 9.5% contribution.

## **QUEENSLAND**

- One day paid concessional leave per year to be taken at a time agreed with the state manager.
- Where AHPRA has agreed to an Employee becoming a member of the approved Q Super Government Schemes (defined benefits or accumulation) AHPRA will continue to make employer contributions in accordance with the rules of those schemes as amended from time to time.

## **SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

Eligible former Nurses Board of South Australia Employees

- Additional employer superannuation above the required employer 9% contribution (9.25 from 1 July 2013)
- Additional annual leave accruals
- Additional long service accruals

Eligible former Medical Board of South Australia Employees

- Additional employer superannuation above the required employer 9% contribution (9.25 from 1 July 2013)
- Additional long service accruals

Eligible former Pharmacy Board of South Australia Employees

- Additional employer superannuation above the required employer 9% contribution (9.25 from 1 July 2013)

Eligible former Chiropractic & Osteopathy Board of South Australia Employees

- Additional long service accruals

Eligible Employees covered by the South Australian Public Sector Wages Parity Enterprise Agreement: Salaried 2012

- Additional maternity leave entitlements

Union Training Leave

- Eligible Employees for the purpose of this provision are those Employees employed on or before seven (7) days after approval by FWC of this Agreement.
- Time off with pay for an employee eligible to attend courses may be granted up to a maximum of 10 working days during two (2) calendar years to be calculated from the date the Employee is first granted leave to attend a trade union training course. Time off with pay in excess of this entitlement may be granted in special circumstances at the discretion of AHPRA but in no case will the amount exceed 20 working days during two (2) years.
- All other costs related to the attendance at a course will be the responsibility of the nominating Association.

## **NEW SOUTH WALES**

Employees employed by AHPRA in New South Wales will be granted one additional day and this must be taken no later than 31 May each year as directed by AHPRA.

Eligible former Employees of the Medical Board of New South Wales

- Additional employer superannuation above the required employer 9% contribution (9.25% from 1 July 2013)

Eligible former Employees of the Pharmacy Board of New South Wales

- Additional employer superannuation above the required employer 9% contribution (9.25% from 1 July 2013)

**Other preserved entitlements for eligible Employees:**

- Additional employer superannuation above the required employer 9.5% contribution.

## **TASMANIA**

Employees employed by AHPRA in Tasmania will be granted one additional day and this must be taken no later than 31 May each year as directed by AHPRA.

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## Appendix 6 – Ordinary weekly hours – full time employees

The ordinary hours of work for full time Employees appointed after the commencement of this Agreement is 37.5 hours per week.

The ordinary hours of work for full time Employees appointed before the commencement of this Agreement are set out below.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Daily hours</b>	<b>Weekly hours</b>
Australian Capital Territory	7 hours and 21 minutes	36.75 hours
Northern Territory	7 hours and 21 minutes	36.75 hours
Victoria	7 hours and 30 minutes	37.5 hours
Western Australia	7 hours and 30 minutes	37.5 hours
South Australia	7 hours and 30 minutes	37.5 hours
Tasmania	7 hours and 30 minutes	37.5 hours
New South Wales	7 hours	35 hours
Queensland	7 hours and 15 minutes	36.25 hours

Employees who are promoted to classification levels 1-5 during the life of the Agreement will grandfather their existing hours of work.

Employees who are promoted to classification levels 6-9 during the life of the Agreement will commence on 37.5 hours of work per week.



**IN THE FAIR WORK COMMISSION**  
**APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT**  
*Fair Work Act 2009 – s 185*

**AG 2016/7958 – AUSTRALIAN HEALTH PRACTITIONER REGULATION AGENCY (AHPRA) ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT 2016 – 2019**

The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency, the employer named in the *Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) Enterprise Agreement 2016 – 2019 (Agreement)*, provides the following undertakings pursuant to section 190 of the *Fair Work Act 2009 (Cth)*, which it will comply with at all relevant times while the Agreement is in force and effect:

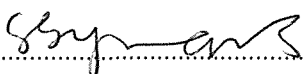
- From the commencement date of the Agreement and up to 30 June 2017, all employees covered by the Agreement will be paid not less than the minimum salary rate under each of the following classifications:

<b>Grade level</b>	<b>Classification – General employees</b>	<b>Minimum salary rate</b>
Level 1	General support positions	\$47,582
Level 2	Entry Level Officer	\$54,339
Level 3	Officer	\$62,050
Level 4	Senior Officer	\$70,862
Level 5	Supervisor/Senior Officer	\$80,923
Level 6	Manager	\$92,439
Level 7	Senior Manager	\$105,611
Level 8	Senior Manager	\$121,390


<b>Grade level</b>	<b>Classification – Technical employees</b>	<b>Minimum salary rate</b>
Level 6	Technical Specialist	\$105,158
Level 7	Senior Technical Specialist 1	\$121,537
Level 8	Senior Technical Specialist 2	\$140,654

- All employees that are eligible for a supported wage will be paid the rates of pay in Appendix 2 of the Agreement, provided that the minimum amount payable to a supported wage employee shall not be less than \$82 per week.

Signed for Australian Health Practitioner  
Regulation Agency by its authorised officer in  
the presence of:

  
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Signature of Witness

Samarrah Symons  
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Name of Witness

  
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Signature of Authorised Officer

Sandran Horsfall  
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Name of Officer