

Aged Care Worker Screening – Preparatory Support – Australian Capital Territory

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – HEALTH

Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule

Parties	Commonwealth Australian Capital Territory
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 June 2025 or upon completion with the provision of the final report.
Purpose	<p>This Schedule supports the ongoing collaboration between the Commonwealth and state and territory governments to operationalise aged care worker screening and to enable jurisdictions to undertake the necessary preparatory activities to facilitate information sharing through legislative and Communications Technology (ICT) system changes prior to commencement of aged care worker screening.</p> <p>Funding for this Schedule will be used for preparatory activities to operationalise aged care worker screening as outlined in the state or territory funding request. With regard to Australian Capital Territory, funding will be used for the following bodies of work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • policy analysis across the worker screening responsibility to support the implementation of the national aged care worker screening • provision of legislative analysis and drafting new territory-based legislative proposals • ICT system upgrades, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ development of required ICT technical specifications and system modifications to capture new data sources (system redesign and rebuild) ○ design, development and maintenance of aged care worker screening digital service ○ upgrades to Australian Capital Territory Working with Vulnerable People database • procurement of staff, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ to undertake risk assessments, internal reviews and appeals processes to accommodate the increased workload • contract management with relevant stakeholders relating to the criminal history checking of registrants

Estimated financial contributions

The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to Australian Capital Territory of \$0.90 million in respect of this Schedule.

(\$)	2024-25	Total
Estimated total budget	900,000.00	900,000.00
Less estimated National Partnership Payments	900,000.00	900,000.00
Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	0.00	0.00

Additional terms

The Parties agree funding can be used for travel and accommodation for one Australian Capital Territory officer to participate in two in-person Aged Care Worker Screening workshops to implement the national aged care worker screening process.

The Parties acknowledge Australian Capital Territory will commence implementation preparation as soon as possible as territory-based legislative reform and ICT changes must be initiated prior to commencement of the aged care worker screening.

The Parties acknowledge that this funding is provided on the basis of Australian Capital Territory's in-principle agreement to deliver aged care worker screening, which is subject to execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement.

Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary

Output (delete if the schedule has one output only)	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
<p>Delivery of the early preparatory activities and ongoing collaboration required prior to implementation of aged care worker screening, as prescribed in Table 1 of the Schedule.</p>	<p>Milestone 1: Provision of an outline confirming preparatory activities have commenced, including a forecast delivery schedule for completion against the activities outlined in the submitted funding request.</p> <p>Milestone 2: Provision of status report clearly detailing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress of work as outlined in the delivery schedule from milestone 1 • Confirmation of how these activities contribute towards operational readiness for implementation of aged care worker screening. • List of any outstanding deliverables with scheduled completion dates <p>Milestone 3: Provision of a final report outlining the outputs achieved, their contribution to overall project outcomes and operational readiness for implementation of aged care worker screening, include an overall assessment of the benefits arising from the preparatory activities and confirmation that the funds were used for the purposes outlined.</p>	<p>16/08/24</p> <p>No later than 31/12/2024</p> <p>31/07/2025</p>	<p>50 % payment in accordance with Table 1.</p> <p>50 % payment in accordance with Table 1.</p> <p>Payment made following receipt of mid-point report.</p> <p>Nil.</p>

The Parties have confirmed their commitment to this schedule as follows:


Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by



The Honourable Anika Wells MP
Minister for Aged Care

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Signed for and on behalf of the Australian Capital Territory by



The Honourable Emma Davidson MP
Minister for Community Services, Seniors and Veterans, Minister for Corrections and Justice Health, Minister for Population Health, Minister for Mental Health

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12 September 2024