

Schedule

Nursing and Midwifery Academy at the Epworth Hospital in Melbourne

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT - HEALTH

Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule

Parties	Commonwealth Victoria
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 June 2028, or on completion of the initiative, including acceptance of final performance reporting and processing of final payments.
Purpose	<p>This Schedule will support the delivery of a dedicated facility for the Brookes Academy Nursing and Midwifery at the Epworth Hospital in Richmond, Victoria. The facility will strengthen the Australian nursing and midwifery workforce by expanding access to education and career development opportunities across all stages of professional practice, including to regional, rural and remote workforces.</p> <p>The project comprises the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the construction of a six-storey Brookes Academy Nursing and Midwifery facility at Erin Street Richmond, Victoria, integrated with the Epworth Richmond campus providing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> approximately 1,100m² of dedicated teaching, training and education space to support nursing and midwifery professional development; digitally enabled training capability to support delivery of face-to-face, hybrid and online learning, including programs to participants outside metropolitan areas, including in rural and remote communities; simulation and digital learning capability, including a Simovation Room and immersive simulation technologies to support contemporary education and training; dedicated facilities for research and innovation, including research workspaces, collaboration areas and content development infrastructure; office, administration and support spaces required for the operation of the Brookes Academy Nursing and Midwifery; and

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> commissioning of the facility and commencement of the delivery programs utilising its capability and functionality to support nurses and midwives from graduate entry through to advanced clinical, education and leadership practice.
Estimated financial contributions	<p>The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to Victoria of \$28,000,000.00 in respect of this Schedule. The profile for the total financial contribution is presented in Table 2.</p>
Additional terms	<p>Victoria will establish appropriate contractual arrangements with the Epworth Foundation (Epworth HealthCare) to support the delivery of the dedicated facility for the Brookes Academy Nursing and Midwifery at the Epworth Hospital in Richmond, Victoria, including for commissioning and commencement of operations (see 'Purpose'), to ensure the funding provided under this Schedule achieves those outcomes. In recognition that Victoria is responsible for all aspects of delivering and reporting on the delivery of the outputs described in this Schedule, the arrangements with the Epworth Foundation (Epworth HealthCare) will establish appropriate governance and reporting arrangements for Victoria to acquit these responsibilities.</p> <p>Victoria will advise the Commonwealth as soon as practicable of any significant delay, risk or change that may affect delivery of the performance milestones described in Table 3. Victoria will provide the Commonwealth with updated delivery scheduling information that reflects any significant changes to the due dates identified in Table 3.</p>

Table 2: Financial contributions to Victoria

(\$ million)	2026-27	2027-28	Total
Estimated total budget	17,000,000.00	11,000,000.00	28,000,000.00
Less estimated National Partnership Payments	17,000,000.00	11,000,000.00	28,000,000.00
Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	-	-	-

Table 3: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary

Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
Dedicated six-storey facility for the Brookes Academy Nursing and Midwifery at the Epworth Hospital in Erin Street Richmond, Victoria	<p>Establishment of contractual arrangements between Victoria and the Epworth Foundation (Epworth HealthCare) (see 'Additional terms'), completion of designs for the facility and the commencement and progression of construction activities up to the completion of the building superstructure, evidenced by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of the contract between Victoria and the Epworth Foundation (Epworth HealthCare) • Finalised design documentation (for example, architectural design renders); • Evidence of certification from a registered Building Certifier or Structural Engineer engaged by Epworth Foundation (Epworth HealthCare) confirming completion of the superstructure; and • photographic and other relevant evidence to confirm the performance milestone is satisfied. <p>Note: The superstructure includes all structural framework and enclosure elements constructed above the foundation, including concrete slabs, columns, load-bearing walls, external cladding, and the completed roof structure that bring the six-story building to a fully watertight (lock-up) stage.</p>	30/11/2026	\$16,000,000.00
	Completion of construction activities (building complete) evidenced by a certificate of practical completion); and completion of internal fit out so that the facility is fully functional, able to be used and ready for final handover to meet the functionality outlined in the 'Purpose', evidenced by an occupancy permit, photographic evidence, and other appropriate evidence to confirm the performance milestone is satisfied.	01/03/2027	\$1,000,000.00
	Completion of operational commissioning and the commencement of delivery of each of the services at the facility (including clinical, leadership and education pathway programs operational; research and innovation activities commenced, simulation facilities operational), evidenced by utilisation information and other appropriate evidence to confirm the performance milestone is satisfied.	01/07/2027	\$10,000,000.00
	Report on the delivery, operational commissioning and commencement of delivery of services of the dedicated facility for the Brookes Academy Nursing and Midwifery at the Epworth Hospital in Erin Street Richmond, Victoria confirming delivery of all elements described in the 'Purpose' section; the opening of the facility and the commencement of program delivery.	01/10/2027	\$1,000,000.00
	Final report on the delivery and establishment of the Brookes Academy Nursing and	31/03/2028	Nil

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	Midwifery at the Epworth Hospital in Erin Street Richmond, Victoria providing an assessment of impacts, benefits and outcomes (including lessons learned) of the activities undertaken under this Schedule, including in regard to supporting the Australian nursing and midwifery workforce.		
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The Parties have confirmed their commitment to this schedule as follows:

*Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth
of Australia by*



The Honourable Mark Butler MP

Minister for Health and Ageing
Minister for Disability and the National Disability
Insurance Scheme

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*Signed for and on behalf of the
State of Victoria by*



Ingrid Stitt MP

Minister for Health
Minister for Mental Health
Minister for Ambulance Services

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