



NAATSIHWP
National Association of Aboriginal and Torres
Strait Islander Health Workers and Practitioners

Factsheet

(NAATSIHWP FACTSHEET on Proposed Training
Package and the possible effects on registration with
A&TSI Health Practice Board -AHPRA)

Commonly Asked Questions

*With the recent discussions and **draft changes** to the Aboriginal Health Worker Training package, there have been questions from members and Organisations about how these changes **may** affect them. We have developed the following factsheet to help answer some of those questions.*

I am currently registered as an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioner with A&TSI Health Practice Board -AHPRA. Will they require me to upskill my qualification to the proposed Diploma* in order to maintain registration?

No, you will not be required to change your qualification or do any additional training (Apart from your annual CPD requirements) in order to maintain your registration.

If I have previously registered as an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioner and let my registration lapse for a period of time, will i be required to complete the proposed Diploma* to reregister as an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioner?

No, you will not be required to complete the proposed Diploma to register.

Section 53(d) of the National law outlines that if you have been registered with the qualification previously, you can reregister again. Additional information you will need to include when reapplying for registration include:

What have you been doing during the break period in connection to your profession?

What completed Continuous Professional Development has been done during the break?

What was your previous job role prior to the registration lapse?

What job role will you be doing once reregistered?

The A&TSI Health Practice Board - AHPRA will look at all of this information and may put in safeguards such as supervision for a period of time to minimise any risk of harm.

Will there be an increase in registration costs if the Diploma becomes accredited with A&TSI Health Practice Board - AHPRA?

The A&TSI Health Practice Board - AHPRA have indicated that they do not believe there will be an increase in registration costs as the regulation fees are only used to run the regulatory functions.

Will there be a time limit period for students to register with the A&TSI Health Practice Board -AHPRA who are currently completing the Current Certificate IV in Practice?

As part of the process of transitioning to a new qualification, Registered Training Organisations have a teach out period that they must adhere to in order to complete currently enrolled students. The A&TSI Health Practice Board -AHPRA will work with Registered Training Organisations to ensure students are able to Register with the A&TSI Health Practice Board - AHPRA as soon as they finish their qualification.

I have noticed that the First Aid unit is no longer a part of the new training package, will this affect my registration with the A&TSI Health Practice Board -AHPRA?

No, in a Newsletter the A&TSI Health Practice Board - AHPRA published in May 2019, the A&TSI Health Practice Board -AHPRA stated that First Aid Certificates are no longer required for registration.

"As the Board does not define the scope of practice for registrants, it knows that not everyone works in a job where the first aid certificate is needed - if it is, the training is generally provided by the workplace employer."

***The proposed Diploma will still be subject to accreditation and approval with the A&TSI Health Practice Board prior to it being recognised as a registerable qualification for an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioner.**