



**Australian Government**

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Practice**

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### **Modification History**

Release	Comments
2	Minor change to replace superseded units of competency in the elective bank.
1	This qualification was first released in HLT Health Release 9.0.

### **Qualification Description**

This qualification reflects the role of experienced Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioners. It is specific to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people who work as part of a multidisciplinary health care team providing primary health care services to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander clients and communities.

They provide culturally safe health and wellbeing promotion, preventative health care and clinical treatment services in a diversity of locations including urban, rural and remote settings.

Experienced Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioners are able to work independently using specialist clinical knowledge, discretion and judgement within the parameters of practice standards, treatment protocols and clinical supervision arrangements established by the employing organisation.

This qualification provides a pathway to work in a range of health care settings including Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander community organisations, and the public or private health sector.

### **Licensing/Regulatory Information**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioners are registered with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Board of Australia (ATSIHPBA) and, only when registered, can use the protected title of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander health practitioner. Current registration requirements should be checked with ATSIHPBA.

### **Entry Requirements**

Entry to this qualification is open to individuals who:

- hold, or have held, registration as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander health practitioner with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Board of Australia (ATSIHPBA),

or

- hold a *HLT40213 Certificate IV in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Health Practice* or a *HLT40221 Certificate IV in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Health Practice* issued by a Registered Training Organisation which had its Certificate IV program of study approved by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Accreditation Committee (ATSIHPAC) at the time of awarding the qualification.

## Packaging Rules

15 units must be completed:

- 5 core units
- 10 elective units, consisting of:
  - 1 unit from Group A
  - 7 units from Group B
  - 2 units from Group B or elsewhere in HLT Training Package, or any other current Training Package or accredited course.

The selection of electives must be guided by the job outcome sought, local industry requirements and the complexity of skills appropriate to the AQF level of this qualification.

Units marked with \* have one or more prerequisites. Please check individual unit requirements for details of prerequisites.

<b>Core</b>	
HLTAHCS01 6	Develop primary health care programs
HLTAHPR00 5	Promote awareness and prevention of chronic disease
HLTASEW0 03	Provide support to clients affected by loss, grief or trauma
HLTASEW0 05	Provide supervision for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander health workers
HLTWHS00 3	Maintain work health and safety
<b>Electives</b>	
<b>Group A – Infection control</b>	
HLTINF007	Implement and monitor infection prevention and control standards, policies and procedures

<b>Group B</b>	
<b>Advocacy</b>	
HLTAADV003	Support the rights and needs of clients in the justice system
HLTAADV004*	Advocate on behalf of groups or the community
<b>Alcohol and other drugs care</b>	
CHCAOD004	Assess needs of clients with alcohol and other drugs issues
CHCAOD005	Provide alcohol and other drugs withdrawal services
CHCAOD007	Develop strategies for alcohol and other drugs relapse prevention and management
CHCAOD008	Provide advanced interventions to meet the needs of clients with alcohol and other drugs issues
CHCAOD009	Develop and review individual alcohol and other drugs treatment plans
HLTAHCS011	Provide support to clients experiencing alcohol and other drugs problems
<b>Children's health</b>	
CHCPRT025	Identify and report children and young people at risk
HLTAMAT004	Assess children's health
HLTAMAT005	Provide health care for children
<b>Chronic condition health</b>	
CHCPAL003	Deliver care services using a palliative approach
CHCPAL004*	Contribute to planning and implementation of care services using a palliative approach
HLTAHCS007	Provide support to men with cancer

HLTAHCS008	Provide support to women with cancer
HLTAHCS009	Provide support to clients with diabetes
HLTAHCS010	Provide support to clients with chronic disease
HLTAHPR002	Promote awareness and early detection of cancer to men
HLTAHPR003	Promote awareness and early detection of cancer to women
HLTAHPR004	Promote awareness and early detection of diabetes
<b>Domestic and family violence</b>	
CHCDFV001	Recognise and respond appropriately to domestic and family violence
CHCDFV002	Provide support to children affected by domestic and family violence
CHCDFV003	Promote community awareness of domestic and family violence
CHCDFV006	Counsel clients affected by domestic and family violence
<b>Ear and hearing health</b>	
HLTAHCS014	Provide ear health care
HLTAUD007	Conduct basic audiometric testing
HLTAUD008	Conduct audiometric testing
HLTAUD009	Conduct audiometric screening for young school age children
HLTAUD010	Assess and respond to occupational noise risk
<b>Emergency response</b>	
HLTAEDR002	Assess and respond to medical emergencies
HLTAID011	Provide first aid

HLTAID013	Provide first aid in remote or isolated site
HLTAID015 *	Provide advanced resuscitation and oxygen therapy
PUAEC0002	Process emergency incident calls and enquiries
PUASAR022	Participate in a rescue operation
PUASAR024 *	Undertake road crash rescue
<b>Leadership and management</b>	
BSBOPS502	Manage business operational plans
BSBTWK50 2	Manage team effectiveness
CHCLEG003	Manage legal and ethical compliance
HLTAMED0 04*	Manage medications in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander primary health care
<b>Maternal health</b>	
HLTAMAT0 01	Provide antenatal health care
HLTAMAT0 02	Assist with childbirth
HLTAMAT0 03	Provide postnatal health care for mothers and babies
<b>Oral health</b>	
HLTOHC007	Recognise and respond to oral health issues
HLTOHC008	Inform and support patients and groups about oral health
HLTOHC009	Apply and use basic oral health products
HLTOHC010	Use basic oral health screening tools
HLTOHC011	Apply fluoride varnish
<b>Pathology collection</b>	

HLTPAT008	Identify and respond to clinical risks in pathology collection
HLTPAT009	Collect pathology specimens other than blood
HLTPAT014	<i>Perform venous blood collections</i>
<b>Sexual health</b>	
HLTASXH001	Promote men's sexual health
HLTASXH002	Promote women's sexual health
HLTASXH003	Provide sexual health care
<b>Social and emotional wellbeing</b>	
CHCCCS003	Increase the safety of individuals at risk of suicide
CHCMHS005	Provide services to people with co-existing mental health and alcohol and other drugs issues
HLTASEW001	Work according to the principles of social and emotional wellbeing care
HLTASEW004	Contribute to the care of clients living with mental illness
<b>General health care, support and administration</b>	
CHCAGE011	Provide support to people living with dementia
CHCCCS020	Respond effectively to behaviours of concern
CHCCSL003	Facilitate the counselling relationship and process
CHCDIS019	Provide person-centred services to people with disability with complex needs
CHCFAM010	Provide intervention support to families
CHCGRP002	Plan and conduct group activities
CHCPRT027	Work collaboratively to maintain an environment safe for children and young people

HLTAADV002	Support the rights and needs of clients
HLTADM008	Administer and coordinate Telehealth services
HLTADM009	Manage Telehealth technology
HLTAHCS012	Provide support to older clients
HLTAHCS013	Provide eye health care
HLTAHCS015	Facilitate access to tertiary health services
HLTAHPR001	Develop health promotion programs
HLTAMED003	Administer medications
HLTARES003	Research community health
HLTINF006	Apply basic principles and practices of infection prevention and control
HLTPOP015	Provide information on smoking and smoking cessation
HLTPOP016	Provide interventions to clients who are nicotine dependent
HLTPOP030	Determine and implement disease prevention and control measures
HLTPOP031	Provide information and support on environmental health issues

*\* Units have prerequisite units of competency, which are also included in the appropriate group.*

*Units listed in italics include a mandatory workplace requirement*

## Pre-requisite Requirements

Unit of competency	Prerequisite requirement
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HLTAMED004 Manage medications in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander primary health care	HLTAMED003 Administer medications
HLTAADV004 Advocate on behalf of groups or the community	HLTAADV002 Facilitate and advocate for the rights and needs of clients and community members
PUASAR022 Participate in a rescue operation	HLTAID011 Provide First Aid
PUASAR024 Undertake road crash rescue	PUASAR022 Participate in a rescue operation HLTAID011 Provide First Aid
HLTAID015 Provide advanced resuscitation and oxygen therapy	HLTAID011 Provide First Aid
CHCPAL004 Contribute to planning and implementation of care services using a palliative approach	CHCPAL003 Deliver care services using a palliative approach

## Qualification Mapping Information

Current Code and Title	Previous Code and Title	Comments	Equivalence
HLT50121 Diploma of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care Practice	HLT50213 Diploma of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care Practice	Non Equivalent. Packaging rules updated. Core and elective lists updated.	Not-Equivalent

## Links

Companion volumes, including implementation guides, are found on the national training register - <https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=ced1390f-48d9-4ab0-bd50-b015e5485705>.