



National Scheme Research and Evaluation Strategy 2024–29

Vision

Leaders in evidence-based research and evaluation in health practitioner regulation, to protect the public and achieve culturally safe healthcare

Purpose

Evidence-based research and evaluation that is the foundation of the National Scheme, informing strategic and policy directions to improve our regulatory practice to achieve public safety

Research and Evaluation Strategy Priorities

Support risk-based regulation

Use predictive methods to proactively identify regulatory risk factors to support decision making and regulatory responses

Inform and improve regulatory processes and outcomes

Drive innovation and contribute to actionable outcomes by translating evidence to inform and evaluate National Scheme policy

Build evidence and evaluate to inform, improve, and humanise regulatory processes

Produce an evidence base to inform the workforce, wider health and regulatory context

Develop research partnerships and contribute to an evidence base to support effective regulation, accreditation and a sustainable health workforce

Explore and inform understanding of the National Scheme and value of regulatory processes

Build trust and confidence with the general public and health practitioners through social research that contributes improved understanding of the National Scheme and regulatory functions

Experience

Research and evaluate to improve understanding of stakeholder experience with Ahpra and the National Boards, with a focus on priority populations.

Co-designed research to support culturally safe regulation and eliminate racism for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples

Public safety

Research and Evaluation Strategy Principles

- Incorporate evaluation activities in project/program design
- Conduct research and evaluation in accordance with Ahpra's Research and Evaluation Ethics policy
- Share research and evaluation outcomes with research and evaluation participants
- Translate research and evaluation findings to different audiences
- Disseminate and translate research and evaluation through peer-reviewed avenues
- Apply Ahpra's Authorship policy when publishing research and evaluation
- Publish in open access journals whenever possible and practicable