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**Development of the third edition of the NSQHS Standards**

As the national agency responsible for leading safety and quality improvement, the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (the Commission) develops national standards in collaboration with the healthcare system and community representatives.

The Commission is preparing to develop the National Safety and Quality Health Service (NSQHS) Standards (third edition).

The NSQHS Standards provide a structured framework for providing high-quality care with nationally consistent systems across the continuum of care. The NSQHS Standards (3rd ed.) will incorporate new evidence-based practices, emerging evidence and contemporary clinical governance approaches.

By consulting broadly, the Commission will design the NSQHS Standards (3rd ed.) to respond to health system needs. The initial consultation, coming soon, aims to identify:

* Focus areas for the NSQHS Standards (3rd ed.)
* Emerging and existing safety and quality issues
* Key learnings from the [NSQHS Standards (second edition)](https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/publications-and-resources/resource-library/national-safety-and-quality-health-service-standards-second-edition)
* Opportunities to improve the NSQHS Standards structure, support improved engagement and implementation
* Implementation resources to support the NSQHS Standards (3rd ed.).

This will inform the development of the NSQHS Standards (3rd ed.).

The first stage of consultations will occur in 2025. The Commission anticipates formally launching the NSQHS Standards (3rd ed.) in 2028. Assessment to the NSQHS Standards (3rd ed.) is scheduled to commence in 2030.

[Sign-up](https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/newsroom/subscribe-news) to the NSQHS Standards (third edition) subscriber list to receive information on the project, including how to get involved in the consultations on the NSQHS Standards (3rd ed.).

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