

Overview: National Pathology Standard Consultation

This paper provides an overview on how you can participate in the National Pathology Standard consultation.

National Pathology Standards

The National Pathology Standard has been developed to protect the public from harm and improve the quality of pathology services by describing a nationally consistent safety and quality framework.

The National Pathology Standard is replacing the Requirements for Medical Pathology Services and six other pathology standards.

The Commission consulted extensively with clinical scientists, clinicians, consumers, jurisdictions, pathologists, professional bodies, regulators, scientists and technicians, to develop this standard.

This standard is now undergoing a second round of consultation to ensure the revisions are applicable to the pathology sector.

What does the Commission want to know?

The Commission is seeking your feedback on the following questions:

1. Will the actions provide a robust safety and quality framework?
2. What safety and quality issues are not addressed in the standard?
3. Which actions need changes to the language to improve the clarity?
4. Are there areas of duplication or redundancy that could be removed?
5. Will the standards enable pathology practices to focus on their risks and outcomes?
6. Is your pathology practice ready to implement the standard?
7. Will the standard improve pathology testing safety and quality?

How can I get involved?

You can provide your feedback via survey, written responses, or participate in an online focus group. Details on how to be involved are below.

Your input is essential to inform the development of the National Pathology Standard.
The public consultation closes on **8 December 2025**.

Have your say

Complete a survey

You are invited to complete an online survey via the links below

- [Survey for consumers](#)
- [Surveys for pathology workforce](#)

Participate in an online focus group

You are invited to participate in an [online focus group](#) for:

- Consumers
- People working in the pathology sector

These will be held between Tuesday 25 November and Friday 5 December 2025.

Prepare a submission

You are invited to provide a written response to the submission questions or any issues related to the draft National Pathology Standard.

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