

Public consultation overview

Point of Care Testing Standard

This paper provides an overview of how you can participate in the consultation of the draft Point of Care Testing (POCT) Standard.

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The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (the Commission) is reviewing the *Requirements for Point of Care Testing (second edition, 2021)*. The POCT Standard has been developed following extensive consultation with technicians, scientists, medical practitioners, pathologists, consumers, professional and peak bodies, health service organisations, pathology practices, jurisdictions and government agencies.

The POCT Standard aims to guide health and aged care service providers conducting POCT by enhancing patient safety, ensuring quality assurance, promoting consistent practices across care settings, and maintaining a relevant framework as new technologies emerge.

How can you get involved?

The consultation opens on 3 November 2025. You can provide your feedback via a survey, written submission, or participate in an online focus group. Your input is essential to inform the final development of the POCT Standard.

Details on how to be involved are below.

Have your say

Complete a survey

You are invited to complete an online survey via the link below:

- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/67GJ23V>

Prepare a written submission

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

Email

pathology@safetyandquality.gov.au

The survey and call for written submissions **close on 12 December 2025**.



Participate in an online focus group

The Commission is facilitating online focus groups for consumers and stakeholders. You can participate in an online focus group between **3 to 10 February 2026**.

For more information on dates and times, please visit safetyandquality.gov.au/poct-consultation

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