

## *Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2019*

# CEO Practitioner Eligibility Requirements

I, Dr D J Russell-Weisz, CEO of the Department of Health, approve:

- a. pursuant to section 17(2)(a) of the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2019*, the eligibility requirements set out in Table 1 for a medical practitioner to act as a coordinating practitioner or consulting practitioner for a patient; and
- b. pursuant to section 54(1)(a)(ii) of the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2019*, the eligibility requirements set out in Table 2 for a nurse practitioner to act as an administering practitioner for a patient.



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**Table 1**

Section 17(2)(a)(i) COORDINATING or CONSULTING PRACTITIONER (specialist medical practitioner)	
1.1	Medical practitioner must have clinically practised twice the minimum hours per registration period described in the Recency of Practice Registration Standard published by the Medical Board of Australia and this clinical practice must include patient assessment and clinical decision making.
1.2	Medical practitioner must not have any notations, conditions, undertakings or reprimands on their Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Authority (AHPRA) registration record which make the practitioner unsuitable for roles under the <i>Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2019</i> as determined by the CEO.
1.3	The CEO must be satisfied as to the suitability of the medical practitioner for roles under the <i>Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2019</i> on the basis of two professional referees provided by the medical practitioner.

**Section 17(2)(a)(ii)**  
**COORDINATING or CONSULTING PRACTITIONER (generalist medical practitioner)**

2.1	Medical practitioner must have clinically practised twice the minimum hours per registration period described in the Recency of Practice Registration Standard published by the Medical Board of Australia and this clinical practice must include patient assessment and clinical decision making.
2.2	Medical practitioner must not have any notations, conditions, undertakings or reprimands on their Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Authority (AHPRA) registration record which make the practitioner unsuitable for roles under the <i>Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2019</i> as determined by the CEO.
2.3	The CEO must be satisfied as to the suitability of the medical practitioner for roles under the <i>Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2019</i> on the basis of two professional referees provided by the medical practitioner.

**Section 17(2)(a)(iii)**  
**COORDINATING or CONSULTING PRACTITIONER (overseas trained specialist medical practitioner)**

3.1	Medical practitioner must be permitted by their registration to work in a gazetted area of need OR as a sponsored provider within a health service in Western Australia.
3.2	Medical practitioner must have undergone formal assessment by the relevant Australian college.
3.3	Medical practitioner must have at least 5 years of experience as a specialist.
3.4	Medical practitioner must have had their specialist pathway and supervision program approved by the relevant Australian college and must have completed at least 12 months working in a supervised position within Western Australia.
3.5	Medical practitioner must have clinically practised twice the minimum hours per registration period described in the 'Recency of Practice Registration Standard published by the Medical Board of Australia and this clinical practice must include patient assessment and clinical decision making.
3.6	Medical practitioner must not have any notations, conditions, undertakings or reprimands on their Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Authority (AHPRA) registration record which make the practitioner unsuitable for roles under the <i>Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2019</i> as determined by the CEO.
3.7	The CEO must be satisfied as to the suitability of the medical practitioner for roles under the <i>Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2019</i> on the basis of two professional referees provided by the medical practitioner.

**Table 2**

<b>Section 54(1)(a)(ii) ADMINISTERING PRACTITIONER (nurse practitioner)</b>	
4.1	Nurse practitioner must have clinically practised twice the minimum hours per registration period described in the Recency of Practice Registration Standard published by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia at the advanced practice nursing level as required by the Endorsement as a Nurse Practitioner Registration Standard published by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia, and this clinical practice must include patient assessment and clinical decision making.
4.2	Nurse practitioner must not have any notations, conditions, undertakings or reprimands on their Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Authority (AHPRA) registration record which make the practitioner unsuitable for role under the <i>Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2019</i> as determined by the CEO.
4.3	The CEO must be satisfied as to the suitability of the nurse practitioner for role under the <i>Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2019</i> on the basis of two professional referees provided by the nurse practitioner.

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