Response template: Public consultation - revised *Guidelines for mandatory notifications*

National Boards and the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) are seeking feedback about the revised *Guidelines for mandatory notifications.*

This response template is an alternative to providing your response through the online platform available on the consultation [website](https://www.ahpra.gov.au/News/Consultations.aspx).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Privacy

Your response will be anonymous unless you choose to provide your name and/or the name of your organisation.

The information collected will be used by AHPRA to evaluate the revised guidelines. The information will be handled in accordance with AHPRA’s privacy policy available [here](https://www.ahpra.gov.au/About-AHPRA/Privacy.aspx).

Publication of responses

Published responses will include the name (if provided) of the individual and/or the organisation that made the response.

You must let us know if you do **not** want us to publish your response.

Please see the [public consultation papers](https://www.ahpra.gov.au/News/Consultations.aspx) for more information about publication of responses.

**Submitting your response**

Please send your response to: [AHPRA.consultation@ahpra.gov.au](mailto:AHPRA.consultation@ahpra.gov.au)

Please use the subject line: Feedback on guidelines for mandatory notifications

Responses are due by: **6 November 2019**

General information about your response

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| Are you responding on behalf of an organisation? | |
| Yes | What is the name of your organisation? |
| No | Are you a registered health practitioner?  Yes/No  If yes, which profession(s)?  Are you a student?  Yes/No  If yes, which profession? |
| We may need to contact you about your response.  Please write your name and contact details below.  (Skip if you wish to remain anonymous) | |
| Name (optional) |  |
| Contact details (optional) |  |

**Public consultation questions**

**Please ensure you have read the** [**public consultation papers**](https://www.ahpra.gov.au/News/Consultations.aspx) **before providing feedback as the questions are specific to the revised Guidelines for mandatory notifications.**

Use the corresponding text boxes to provide your responses. You do not need to answer every question if you have no comment.

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| 1. **How easy is it to find specific information in the revised guidelines** |
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| 1. **How relevant is the content of the revised guidelines?** |
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| 1. **Please describe any content that needs to be changed or deleted in the revised guidelines.** |
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| 1. **Should some of the content be moved out of the revised guidelines to be published on the website instead?**   **If yes, please describe what should be moved and your reasons why.** |
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| 1. **How helpful is the structure of the revised guidelines?** |
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| 1. **Do the revised guidelines clearly explain when a mandatory notification is required and when it is not?**   **Please explain your answer.** |
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| 1. **Are the flow charts and diagrams helpful?**   **Please explain your answer.** |
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| 1. **Are the risk factor consideration charts helpful?**   **Please explain your answer.** |
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| 1. **Are the examples in the revised guidelines helpful?**   **Please explain your answer.** |
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| 1. **Should there be separate guidelines for mandatory notifications about students or should the information be included in guidelines about practitioners and students (but as a separate section)?**   **Please explain your answer.** |
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| ***The revised guidelines explain that it is not an offence to fail to make a mandatory notification when required, but a National Board may take disciplinary action in this situation.***   1. **Is this made clear in the revised guidelines?**   **Please explain your answer.** |
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| 1. **Is there anything that needs to be added to the revised guidelines?** |
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| 1. **It is proposed that the guidelines will be reviewed every five years, or earlier if required.**   **Is this reasonable?**  **Please explain your answer.** |
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| 1. **Please describe anything else the National Boards should consider in the review of the guidelines.** |
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| 1. **Please add any other comments or suggestions for the revised guidelines.** |
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**Thank you!**

**Thank you for participating in the consultation.**

Your answers will be used by the National Boards and AHPRA to improve the Guidelines for mandatory notifications.