

**AUSTRALIAN COMMISSION  
ON SAFETY AND QUALITY IN HEALTH CARE**



# ADVISORY

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## **AS18/03: Assessments from October 2018 to the second edition of the National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards**

### **PURPOSE:**

To describe the conditions that accrediting agencies must meet in order to assess health service organisations to the National Safety and Quality Health Service (NSQHS) Standards (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.) from October 2018.

### **ISSUE:**

Assessment to the NSQHS Standards (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.) will commence from 1 January 2019 for the majority of health service organisations.

However some health service organisations have requested early assessment to the second edition, and the Australian Commission of Safety and Quality in Health Care (the Commission) is supportive of early assessments taking place from October 2018, subject to specific conditions being met.

### **REQUIREMENTS:**

For a health service organisation to be assessed to the second edition of the NSQHS Standards from October 2018, the following conditions must be met:

- The accrediting agency must have approval from the Commission to assess to the NSQHS Standards (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.)
- The accrediting agency must have assessors available to undertake the assessment who have completed the Commission's online assessor orientation on the NSQHS Standards (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.) and online modules and mandatory reading in relation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health. Assessors must be able to provide certificates of completion for both the assessor orientation and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health online courses
- The accrediting agency must have in place all necessary processes and procedures that comply with the Commission's requirements for the AHSSQA Scheme.

Health service organisations will be required to make an application to the Commission via the accrediting agency to participate in early assessment to the NSQHS Standards (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.). These applications will be assessed on a case by case basis in collaboration with the relevant regulator.

Accrediting agencies should ensure these applications provide the following information about the health service organisation:

- Name of organisation
- Name of accrediting agency
- Proposed assessment date
- Accreditation type (short notice assessment or announced)
- Accreditation expiry date
- Contact name, email and phone number.

Health service organisations are to consult with their contracted accrediting agency prior to submitting an application.