

# NATA ASSESSMENTS TO THE NSQHS STANDARDS

NATA is pleased to announce that it has been approved by the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Healthcare (ACSQHC) to provide assessments to the National Safety and Quality Health Service (NSQHS) Standards.

## NSQHS Background

The ACSQHC developed the NSQHS Standards to improve the quality of health service provision in Australia.

The National Standards were endorsed by Australian Health Ministers in 2011 and provide a clear statement about the level of care consumers can expect from Health Service Organisations. Public hospitals, day procedures services and public dental clinics are now required to be accredited to the NSQHS Standards. Some States and Territories have also determined that additional health services (e.g. private hospitals) will be required to be accredited to these standards.

## The NSQHS Standards

There are 10 NSQHS Standards focusing on areas that are essential to drive the implementation and use of safety and quality systems:

1. Governance for Safety and Quality in Health Service Organisations
2. Partnering with Consumers
3. Preventing and Controlling Healthcare Associated Infections
4. Medication Safety
5. Patient Identification and Procedure Matching
6. Clinical Handover
7. Blood and Blood Products
8. Preventing and Managing Pressure Injuries
9. Recognising and Responding to Clinical Deterioration in Acute Health Care
10. Preventing Falls and Harm from Falls

The NSQHS Standards and additional information and resources are available directly from the Commission's website [www.safetyandquality.gov.au](http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au)

## Assessment to the NSQHS Standards

NATA will offer accreditation to the NSQHS Standards to complement our current health accreditation activities, including pathology laboratories and their associated collection services, medical and diagnostic imaging services and sleep disorders services. Assessments will be coordinated with current NATA assessment visits and will operate on a four yearly assessment cycle.

## Fee Schedule

Facilities assessed against the NSQHS Standards will be charged at an hourly rate. Please refer to our current fee schedule.

To discuss assessment to the NSQHS Standards for your organisation please contact our highly qualified and experienced staff on 1800 621 666 or email us [nationalstandards@nata.com.au](mailto:nationalstandards@nata.com.au)



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