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AHANA would value your feedback about the development of a national association for allied health assistants. The following questions relate to the presentation you have just watched and your answers will help AHANA better meet the needs of our members and their employers or other partner organisations.

The survey will take around 5 minutes to complete and your feedback will be collated and provided to AHANA as part of the AHANA consultation. No individual identifying data will be captured or reported in any documents.

This survey is being coordinated by Dr Susan Nancarrow of HealthWork International. For any questions about the survey or consultation process, please contact Susan on susan@hwitl.com.

AHANA is proposing the following, 4 tiered membership structure. We would value your feedback on the 4 tiered structure and also the titles of the different membership tiers. Please comment below.

Membership Tier	Description
1. Non-practicing member	Affiliate member AHANA: Interested 3 rd parties, not currently practicing as an AHA Honorary members: Anyone AHANA wants to recognise as a member but with no voting rights
2. Practicing AHA	Any currently practicing AHA, but does not necessarily meet the entry standard of Cert IV or experience
3. Accredited Practicing AHA	Accredited at AQF level 4 (relevant qualification and experience)
4. Advanced Practicing AHA	Accredited at AQF level 5 – some advanced responsibilities (relevant qualifications and experience)

- Looks fine
- Structure is fine but titles need changing (please specify)
- Other feedback (please specify)

AHANA is proposing the following fee structure above. Please provide your feedback on the proposed fee structure.

Membership Tier	Proposed fee structure (ex GST)
1. Non-practicing member	\$65
2. Practicing AHA	\$100
3. Accredited Practicing AHA	\$145
4. Advanced Practicing AHA	\$165
Clinical endorsement areas (eg physiotherapy assistant, speech pathology assistant)	\$20 per endorsement

- Looks about right
- Too expensive
- Could charge more
- Other (please specify)

Please provide any other feedback about the development of a national registration and self-accreditation for allied health assistants in Australia

Do you foresee any risks or challenges to the establishment of national registration and self-accreditation of allied health assistants?

Are there any key bodies that you are aware of that AHANA should consult with in the development of the full AHA accreditation framework (i.e. the currently proposed tier 3 and 4 membership levels)?

Which of the following member benefits do you believe are likely to be of most value to AHAs? Please select up to five (5) benefits.

- Employer recognition of AHAs
- State/Territory health award wages
- Job alert notifications
- Industry development through advocacy and lobbying services
- Member and industry representation
- Access to CPD opportunities
- Regulation of professional standards, ethics and disciplinary processes

- Links to expert advisors (e.g. disability, mental health, aged care etc)
- Networking with colleagues (e.g. State meetings, closed FB groups etc)
- Access to workplace resources (e.g. professional and advocacy tools, NDIS templates, supervision resources)
- Weekly Newsletter
- Access to professional indemnity insurance
- Access to discounts and support measures (e.g. bursaries, reduced membership renewal rates & payment plans, reduced conference registration etc) and payment plans
- COVID-19 updates
- Workforce planning
- Other (please specify)

What are the three (3) most important issues facing allied health assistants that you would like to see addressed by AHANA?

- Increased public understanding and awareness of AHAs
- Recognition and valuing AHAs
- Job security
- Cultural safety, diversity, equity and inclusion within AHANA
- Quality and access of training for AHAs
- Ensuring consistent standards for AHAs
- Higher pay for AHAs
- Better access to professional support & supervision
- Greater quality and quantity of research and evidence for AHAs
- Career development opportunities for AHAs
- Establishment and maintenance of professional skills/standards

- Lobbying / advocacy on behalf of AHAs with agencies such as the NDIS
- Other (please specify)

Finally, please help us to understand your perspective. In which state or territory do you work?

- Australian Capital Territory
- New South Wales
- Victoria
- Tasmania
- South Australia
- Western Australia
- Northern Territory
- Queensland
- Nationally
- Other (please specify)

What type of organisation/role do you represent?

- State/territory health workforce branch
- Primary health care/general practice
- Disability services
- Disability provider
- Aged care sector representative
- Allied health professional

- AHA managers
- Allied health assistant
- Education / training provider
- Service user organisation
- Academic
- Commonwealth workforce planning
- Representative of allied health professional association
- Other (please specify)

Please provide any other feedback or questions about the development of a national allied health assistant national association not already captured in this consultation.