

Becoming an authorised voluntary assisted dying practitioner in the ACT

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Introduction

Voluntary assisted dying is available to eligible people in the ACT from 3 November 2025.

This process gives people the option to use medical help to end their life at a time of their choosing. It is for people who have a medical condition that is terminal and causing them to suffer. A person wanting access to voluntary assisted dying must meet all the eligibility requirements and follow all the legal steps in the process.

Voluntary assisted dying, along with high quality healthcare and palliative care, is an end of life choice that can support people to live comfortably and die with dignity.

If you wish to become a voluntary assisted dying practitioner (authorised practitioner), you need to:

- meet the qualification and experience requirements
- inform the Director-General about—
 - any adverse finding made against you; and
 - any notification made about you under the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (ACT)*;
- not have had a disqualifying finding made against you
- complete mandatory training based on the ACT legislation
- receive authorisation from the Health and Community Services Directorate (HSCD).

This information pack includes:

- a summary of practitioner roles
- eligibility requirements
- disqualifying findings
- mandatory training
- how to apply
- remuneration
- statutory declaration
- support.

More information about voluntary assisted dying and the process is on the [ACT Government website](#). This website will be updated with additional information closer to November 2025.

Types of voluntary assisted dying practitioners

There are 3 types of authorised practitioners who can provide voluntary assisted dying services:

- coordinating practitioner
- consulting practitioner
- administering practitioner.

The eligibility requirements to be an authorised practitioner are in Part 5 of the [Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2024](#) as well as the [Voluntary Assisted Dying Regulation 2025](#).

An overview of each role is below.

Role	Function
Coordinating practitioner	• is a medical or nurse practitioner • coordinates all steps in the voluntary assisted dying process for a person including: ○ completing the first assessment to check if the person is eligible to access voluntary assisted dying ○ referring the person to a different health practitioner for their consulting assessment ○ completing the person's final assessment ○ using the ACT Voluntary Assisted Dying Online Portal to notify the ACT Voluntary Assisted Dying Oversight Board at various times in the voluntary assisted dying process • prescribes the voluntary assisted dying substance • can be the administering practitioner if they meet the requirements and are asked by the person • is the main contact for the person who is going through the voluntary assisted dying process • cannot also be the consulting practitioner for the same person they are already the coordinating practitioner for • may be appointed by the person to be their contact person.
Consulting practitioner	• is a medical or nurse practitioner • completes the consulting assessment for the person to check their eligibility to access voluntary assisted dying • can be the administering practitioner if they meet requirements and are asked by the person • cannot also be the coordinating practitioner for the same person they are already the consulting practitioner for • may be appointed by the person to be their contact person.

Administering practitioner	• is a medical or nurse practitioner or registered nurse • administers the voluntary assisted dying substance to the person if they choose practitioner administration • makes sure the person has decision-making capacity and is acting voluntarily and without coercion before administering the substance • gets the voluntary assisted dying substance from the ACT Voluntary Assisted Dying Pharmacy Service (pharmacy service) and makes sure it is safely stored until it is administered to the person • returns any unused or partially used substances to the pharmacy service • makes sure a witness is present when they administer the substance.
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Eligibility requirements for voluntary assisted dying practitioners

Coordinating and consulting practitioners

If you are a **medical practitioner**, you are eligible to be a coordinating and/or consulting practitioner if you meet one of the following:

- you have a specialist registration and have practised for at least one year under that specialist registration
- you have a general registration and have practised for at least 5 years under that general registration
- you have specialist registration and have practised for at least 5 years with a general registration.

Note: this accounts for a medical practitioner who has held a specialist registration for less than a year.

If you are a **nurse practitioner**, you are eligible to be a coordinating and/or a consulting practitioner if you have at least one year of experience in a relevant area of practice ¹ after becoming a nurse practitioner.

Administering practitioners

Any registered **medical or nurse practitioner** is eligible to be an administering practitioner.

¹ Relevant area of practice means practice in an area requiring skills relevant to voluntary assisted dying and includes but are not limited to practice in palliative care, supportive care, anaesthetics, emergency medicine, geriatrics/aged care, general medicine, general practice, primary health care, haematology, intensive care medicine, medical oncology, radiation oncology, neurology or complex chronic care.

If you are a **registered nurse**, you are also eligible to be an administering practitioner if you have practised for at least 5 years as a registered nurse.

The qualification and experience requirements are summarised in the table below.

Types of health professionals	Coordinating practitioner	Consulting practitioner	Administering practitioner
A medical practitioner who has specialist registration and has practised for at least one year under that specialist registration	Yes	Yes	Yes
A medical practitioner who has general registration and has practised for at least 5 years under that general registration	Yes	Yes	Yes
A medical practitioner who has specialist registration for less than one year but has practised with general registration for at least 5 years	Yes	Yes	Yes
A nurse practitioner with experience in a relevant area of practice of at least one year after becoming a nurse practitioner	Yes	Yes	Yes
A practitioner who is a medical practitioner but does not meet the experience requirements above	No	No	Yes
A practitioner who is a nurse practitioner but does not meet the experience requirements above	No	No	Yes
A registered nurse with at least 5 years of experience as a registered nurse	No	No	Yes
A registered nurse with less than 5 years of experience as a registered nurse	No	No	No

A skills matrix further defining the skills and competencies of each practitioner role is at [Appendix A](#).

Person-specific eligibility requirements

Along with the eligibility requirements to become an authorised practitioner, you must **not** have a 'personal interest' in the person accessing voluntary assisted dying. Having a personal interest includes:

- being a family member of the person requesting voluntary assisted dying
- being a beneficiary in the will of the person
- knowing or believing you may otherwise benefit financially or in any other material way from helping the person to access voluntary assisted dying or from the death of the person (other than by receiving reasonable fees for your services relating to your role as an authorised practitioner).

Expectations of authorised voluntary assisted dying practitioners

1. The ACT Government is committed to providing high quality end of life care which supports and respects an individual's values and goals. This includes supporting and facilitating, where required, a person's choice to access voluntary assisted dying.
2. The ACT Government recognises there are diverse views among staff and health practitioners in relation to voluntary assisted dying. We fully support the right of staff members and health practitioners to choose not to participate in voluntary assisted dying. However, everyone is expected to respond professionally and with sensitivity to all enquiries. This includes requests for general information about voluntary assisted dying, or if a person discloses they are pursuing voluntary assisted dying, even if this conflicts with your own values or religious beliefs.
3. All requests, including those for general information, should be treated with compassion and understanding.
4. Authorised practitioners are expected to provide culturally sensitive care to all persons and their families. This includes consultation with the family or support people of the person exploring voluntary assisted dying, and taking into consideration their specific cultural requirements, for care, through death and dying.

Disqualifying findings

You are not eligible for authorisation if you have had a disqualifying finding made against you.

A disqualifying finding means any of the following adverse findings:

- a finding that you unlawfully provided or authorised the medical treatment of a person without consent for the treatment being given
- a finding that you unlawfully coerced a person
- a condition placed on your Ahpra registration which prevents you from carrying out the functions of a coordinating practitioner, consulting practitioner or administering practitioner. For example - a condition placed by Ahpra restricting you from prescribing an approved substance
- a condition placed on your Ahpra registration which arose from the following circumstances and places a restriction on your registration. Note that you will only be ineligible to be an authorised practitioner for the duration of the restriction (or in the case of an education or supervision requirement, until you have completed the requirement training or no longer is required to be supervised):
 - the misappropriation of a schedule 4 or 8 medicine (i.e. a controlled medicine or prescription only medicine); or
 - the provision of treatment to a patient where a practitioner knew or believed that they were a beneficiary under the patient's will or would otherwise benefit financially in any other material way; or
 - the provision of false or misleading information to an Ahpra board or any other professional, ethical standards or disciplinary body in Australia or outside Australia.

If your application to become an authorised practitioner has been declined

The decisions made about your eligibility to be an authorised practitioner under the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2024* or any conditions placed on your authorisation are reviewable decisions. You can apply to the ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (ACAT) for a review of these decisions.

To make an [application](#) and lodge it with ACAT, visit the [ACAT website](#) for more information.

How to apply for authorisation as a voluntary assisted dying practitioner

The process to become an authorised practitioner is outlined below:

Step 1:	You must complete and submit the Practitioner Registration Form.
Application	You must include the following supporting documents in your application: • a Curriculum Vitae that shows your years of clinical practice at the relevant registration and practice type, and your recent and relevant clinical practice (including experience caring for people at end of life, patient assessment and clinical decision making) • a copy of a completed Statutory Declaration • details of at least 2 professional referees. One of these referees must be a practicing registered health practitioner who can confirm your clinical experience. They must have no conflict of interest and be able to confirm your eligibility within the past 12 months. They will be contacted via email by the Voluntary Assisted Dying Implementation Taskforce as part of the application process • certified copies of your qualifications, including undergraduate degree/s, specialist qualifications, or other relevant post graduate qualifications • certified copies of two forms of identification (including at least one form of photo ID) • proof of your name change (this is only needed if your name on your qualifications, identification or another certified document is different). Once you have completed the Practitioner Registration Form and have all of your supporting documents ready, please send your application to the Voluntary Assisted Dying Implementation Taskforce via email at VADWorkforce@act.gov.au.

	Statutory Declaration As part of your application, you must complete and submit a statutory declaration. There are 3 ways to make a statutory declaration (see link): • A PDF form where an approved witness observes your signature in person • A PDF form where an approved witness observes your signature remotely using video link (such as over Zoom, Microsoft Teams, Skype or Facetime) • Digitally via MyGov, which then generates a PDF document with a QR Code. Once you complete a statutory declaration via one of the above 3 methods, you need to attach the statutory declaration PDF as part of your application. You may wish to use the recommended wording below in your declaration. 1. [I completed the 'Practitioner Registration Form' on DD/MM/YYYY (the Authorisation Request).] 2. [In the Authorisation Request, I have accurately disclosed each disqualifying finding that has been made against me.] OR [No disqualifying findings have been made against me.] 3. [In the Authorisation Request, I have accurately disclosed each notification made about me under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (ACT).] OR [No notifications have been made about me under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (ACT).] 4. All the information provided in the Authorisation Request is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Step 2: Verification	After you have submitted the application and other supporting documents to the Voluntary Assisted Dying Implementation Taskforce, the Voluntary Assisted Dying Implementation Taskforce will acknowledge receipt of your application via return email and then complete a verification process. The purpose of this process is to verify all claims made in your application with relevant people, external organisations, and your chosen referees. It also confirms whether you meet the eligibility requirements to provide voluntary assisted dying services in the ACT. You may be asked to take part in a face-to-face or virtual screening conversation and/or provide more information.

	The Voluntary Assisted Dying Implementation Taskforce will send you a letter via email to confirm if your application has been endorsed and if you are approved to proceed to the mandatory training. This process may take up to two to three weeks to finalise.
Step 3: Mandatory training	If you are approved to proceed to the mandatory training, you will be given access to the mandatory training materials. The training will be delivered in person. At this stage you will also receive details of the financial remuneration options available (remuneration options is also available at Appendix B). You can indicate your preferred option at this point or later in the authorisation process. You need to complete the mandatory training and successfully pass the assessment. The results from the assessment will be available to you the following day and confirmed in a letter via email. If you are successful, you will then receive sensitive documents via registered post. You will need to sign an acknowledgment and compliance form to confirm you have received and understood the sensitive documents. If you are unsuccessful, you will have up to 3 attempts to successfully complete the assessment before you need to re-start the training. You will get a notification via email after each attempt to confirm you were unsuccessful.
Step 4: Authorisation	After you have confirmed you have received and understood the sensitive documents and have made all required declarations, the Voluntary Assisted Dying Implementation Taskforce will do a final eligibility review. If successful, you will be confirmed as an authorised voluntary assisted dying practitioner. You will receive: • a letter and certificate of authorisation • a unique authorised voluntary assisted dying practitioner ID number • access to the Online Portal (Voluntary Assisted Dying Information Management System). You will then be authorised to provide voluntary assisted dying services in the ACT from 3 November 2025. The HCSD may impose conditions on your authorisation. Current Aphra conditions on your ability to practice will also apply. More information on this will be provided to you in your authorisation letter. You are required to complete refresher training every 3 years to continue being an authorised practitioner.

	You can stop being an authorised practitioner at any time. To do this, inform the HCSD in writing or complete a form which will be soon be available on the ACT Government website. You will receive a letter via email confirming your withdrawal. Your ability to practise as an authorised practitioner may be cancelled at any time if you are deemed ineligible by the HCSD. You will receive a letter via email confirming your cancelled authorisation. You will be required to cease practising as an authorised voluntary assisted dying practitioner immediately.
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Mandatory training to become an authorised voluntary assisted dying practitioner

You must complete mandatory voluntary assisted dying training before you can be authorised to provide voluntary assisted dying services. The training takes approximately 6-8 hours to complete and will be conducted face-to-face at 2-6 Bowes Street, Phillip ACT 2606.

The training requirements for coordinating, consulting and administering practitioners are the same. The mandatory training recognises and builds on your existing clinical skills. It gives you an overview of the legal framework and core knowledge needed to deliver voluntary assisted dying services under the ACT legislation.

You must pass an assessment to complete the mandatory training. If you do not successfully pass the assessment after 3 attempts, you will need to complete the training again before re-attempting the assessment. The assessment is 'open book' so you can refer to supporting resources such as the ACT Voluntary Assisted Dying Clinical Guidelines.

Non-salaried practitioners who successfully complete the mandatory voluntary assisted dying training will receive remuneration for their time commitment. This is initially set at \$1280 per practitioner.

More information

If you have questions about becoming authorised or remuneration options, or have any issues submitting your application, please contact the Voluntary Assisted Dying Implementation Taskforce at VADWorkforce@act.gov.au.

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Appendix A – Skills Matrix

Skill	Competency	Coordinating Practitioner	Consulting Practitioner	Administering Practitioner
Clinical competencies	Prognostication and assessment of life-limiting conditions	✓	✓	✗
	Pain and symptom management	✓	✓	✗
	Mental health screening	✓	✓	✓
	Ability to assess for indicators for coercion	✓	✓	✓
	Ability to assess capacity and medical decision making	✓	✓	✓
	IV cannulation skills	✓	✗	✓
	Competency in management of enteral devices	✗	✗	✓

Communication skills	Discussing prognosis and palliative care options with patients and families	☒	☒	☐
	Facilitating shared decision making	☒	☒	☒
	Conflict resolution and family dynamics	☒	☐	☒
	Clearly articulate information on procedures, effects, and expected outcomes	☒	☒	☒
Procedural knowledge	VAD process and timelines (e.g., request pathways, waiting periods)	☒	☒	☒
	Administration of VAD medication (if practitioner-administered)	☐	☐	☒
Legal knowledge	Understanding of relevant VAD legislation and eligibility criteria	☒	☒	☒
	Documentation and reporting requirements	☒	☒	☒

	Navigating conscientious objection and referral pathways	☒	☒	☒
Ethical practice	Application of ethical principles in end-of-life care	☒	☒	☒
	Management of ethical dilemmas	☒	☒	☒
Cultural competency	Respect for diverse values and beliefs around death and dying	☒	☒	☒
	Working with interpreters and culturally diverse families	☒	☒	☒
Reflective practice and support	Engages in peer review and reflective debriefing	☒	☒	☒
	Recognises impact on self and seeks support when needed	☒	☒	☒

Advanced proficiency required ☒

Proficiency desired but not required ☐

Non-essential ☒

Remuneration as an authorised voluntary assisted dying practitioner

Authorised voluntary assisted dying practitioners may receive remuneration from the ACT Government.

Salaried practitioners (including Canberra Health Services (CHS) employees) who provide voluntary assisted dying services within the scope of their CHS employment will not be eligible for additional remuneration. Practitioners who elect to provide voluntary assisted dying services within the scope of their employment are encouraged to speak further with CHS.

For other practitioners, there are two options for receiving remuneration.

Option 1: Reimbursement for administrative time

If you elect Option 1, you will be issued a Deed of Grant with the Health and Community Services Directorate (HCSD).

Under this option, you'll continue working within your usual practice and employment arrangements. You can carry out voluntary assisted dying assessments, such as the first assessment, consulting assessment and final assessment, as well as practitioner administration and associated activities on a schedule that suits you.

The ACT Government does not set or pay fees for these clinical activities; you'll continue to charge and bill for them at your discretion. However, the ACT Government recognises that the administrative work involved such as completing forms, uploading documents, and meeting legislative requirements under the ACT's *Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2024* is substantial. To account for that, the ACT Government will reimburse you separately for the time you spend on these administrative tasks.

The payment schedule is provided at Table 1. Payments will be made following confirmation that the relevant administrative requirements have been completed and submitted to the HCSD. This process will be linked to the submission of relevant reports via the Voluntary Assisted Dying Online Portal.

This option may suit you if you prefer to provide voluntary assisted dying services to your existing patients or wish to practise voluntary assisted dying on an irregular basis.

Under this option, you may also be eligible to receive an Annual Participation Payment in recognition of your ongoing involvement in the voluntary assisted dying scheme. To qualify, you must maintain your status as a current authorised voluntary assisted dying practitioner in the ACT. This includes:

- **Participating in the Voluntary Assisted Dying Practitioner Community of Practice**, fostering shared learning and professional development. You must attend at least 75% of the Voluntary Assisted Dying Community of Practice meetings per year.
- **Actively participating in the voluntary assisted dying process as an authorised practitioner**, ensuring continued engagement with the voluntary assisted dying scheme.
- **Completing refresher training as required**, maintaining competency in ACT voluntary assisted dying practice.
- **Contributing to the ACT Government's evaluation of the voluntary assisted dying scheme**, supporting operational and legislative improvements.

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The Annual Participation Payment is initially set at \$2,400 (GST exclusive) per annum.

Remuneration timeline

The Annual Participation Payment is payable as an annual lump sum. The payment will be made in arrears for the previous 12 months.

Payments for the administrative tasks will be made fortnightly. The payment will be made in arrears for the previous fortnightly period.

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Table 1

Fee Schedule			
Administration task	Online Portal form	Fee (GST exclusive)	Form submission
Patient Intake	Patient profile	\$160	Coordinating practitioner
	Consent to share information		
First Assessment	First assessment report	\$160	Coordinating practitioner
Consulting Assessment	Accept or refuse referral for consulting assessment	\$160	Consulting practitioner
	Consulting assessment report		
Patient Second Request	Notification of second request	\$80	Coordinating practitioner
Final Request	Final request	\$80	Coordinating practitioner
Final Assessment	Final assessment report	\$80	Coordinating practitioner
Determine administration decision	Administration decision	\$160	Coordinating practitioner
Prescription	Written notice of prescription	\$80	Coordinating practitioner
Notification of Death	Notification of death	\$160	Administering or coordinating practitioner
Practitioner administration decision			
Practitioner Administration	Appointment of administering practitioner	\$320	Administering practitioner
	Practitioner administration certificate		
	Notification of administration witness certificate		
Self-administration decision			
Contact person appointment	Notification of contact person appointment	\$160	Coordinating practitioner
Miscellaneous tasks			
Miscellaneous	Further final assessment report	\$80	Coordinating practitioner
	Change of administration decision	\$160	Coordinating practitioner
	Revoking an administration decision	\$80	Coordinating practitioner or administering practitioner
	Transfer of substance by administering practitioner	\$80	Administering practitioner
	End of appointment of contact person	\$80	Coordinating practitioner
	Subsequent prescription	\$80	Coordinating practitioner
	Transfer of practitioner	\$160	If the transfer was initiated by the practitioner – Original coordinating or administering practitioner If the transfer was initiated by the person – New coordinating or administering practitioner

Note: this schedule has been estimated by engaging with Australian jurisdictions and referring to relevant published research. The schedule is subject to review and revision.

Option 2: Contracted services

If you elect Option 2, you may be offered a casual employment contract with the HCSD.

Under this arrangement, you will be rostered to provide voluntary assisted dying services based on your availability and paid an hourly rate in accordance with ACT Government employment arrangements.

Practitioners can provide services as often or as little as they want. However, services will generally only be accepted within normal business hours to align with the operating hours of the Voluntary Assisted Dying Care Navigator Service.

Practitioners will be offered casual employment under the relevant enterprise agreement commensurate with their skills, experience and qualifications. This will be confirmed when employment is offered. Applicable employment awards include:

- [ACT Public Sector Medical Practitioners Enterprise Agreement](#) (for medical practitioners)
- [ACT Public Sector Nurses and Midwives Enterprise Agreement](#) (for nurse practitioners)

Practitioners employed under this option will provide coordinating and/or consulting practitioner voluntary assisted dying services only. **The coordinating and/or consulting practitioner will not undertake administering practitioner functions in any capacity under this option in the first instance. Options for performing practitioner administration under this arrangement are in development.**

Practitioners authorised solely for the administration of the voluntary assisted dying substance (i.e. registered nurses) will not be employed under this model in the first instance. Employment as an administering practitioner only may be offered in 2026.

You will not receive separate reimbursement for time spent on administrative tasks, as this work is included in the hourly rate. Similarly, activities that would attract the annual participation payment as provided in Option 1 are expected to be completed in rostered hours. Practitioners under this option will be offered hours to participate in these activities.

If you elect this option, you must undertake a credentialing process with CHS. The credentialing process will occur with the relevant credentialing committee:

- **Medical and Dental Appointments Advisory Committee (MDAAC)**
(for medical practitioners)
- **Nursing and Midwifery Scope of Clinical Practice and Credentialing Committee**
(for nurse practitioners)

You must be credentialled before a casual employment contract is issued to you, and before you provide voluntary assisted dying services.

Practitioners who are currently credentialled via CHS

If you are a CHS employee and/or already credentialled via CHS, your successful completion of voluntary assisted dying practitioner training letter and certificate will be sent to the relevant

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committee by the Voluntary Assisted Dying Taskforce to seek an amendment to your current scope of clinical practice.

The relevant committee will consider your successful completion of training letter and you will receive a recommendation notice from the committee that will contain details of your endorsed scope of clinical practice. The Voluntary Assisted Dying Taskforce will be copied into this notice.

If you are a nurse practitioner, you will be required to complete an additional skills credentialing form which will be sent to you by the Nursing and Midwifery Scope of Clinical Practice and Credentialing Committee.

Practitioners who are **not** credentialed via CHS

Practitioners who are not a CHS employee and are not credentialed via CHS, you will need to provide all relevant paperwork as per the credentialing process established by CHS and complete the credentialing process. The Voluntary Assisted Dying Taskforce will notify the relevant committee of your decision to enter a casual employment contract with HCSD via the credentialing request form and the relevant committee will invite you to submit your credentialing application. The Voluntary Assisted Dying Taskforce will also provide the relevant committee with a copy of your successful completion of voluntary assisted dying practitioner training letter and certificate. You may be asked to submit a copy of these documents also by the credentialing committee.

Documents required for Medical Practitioner credentialing:

- Current curriculum vitae
- Copies of degree and speciality qualification must be formally certified in accordance with the Medical Board of Australia requirements
- Evidence of continued professional development
- Medical Indemnity certificate (if applicable)
- Voluntary Assisted Dying training certificate and letter
- Two references, one professional referee and one line manager

Documents required for Nurse Practitioner credentialing:

- Current curriculum vitae
- Copies of degree and speciality qualification must be formally certified in accordance with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia requirements
- Evidence of continued professional development
- Evidence of evaluation of clinical practice
- Copy of position description (initial requirement only)
- Completed scope of practice
- Voluntary Assisted Dying training certificate and letter
- Two references, one professional referee and one line manager

The relevant committee will consider your credentialing application and successful completion of training letter and you will receive a recommendation notice from the committee. The Voluntary Assisted Dying Taskforce will be copied into this notice.

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Credentialing committee meeting timeframe

MDAAC meets monthly (at the end of the month) to review medical practitioners who are applying for initial credentialing. Out-of-session meetings to review urgent applications may occur.

The Nursing and Midwifery Scope of Clinical Practice and Credentialing Committee meets the second Wednesday of odd months to review nurse practitioners who are applying for initial credentialing. Additional meetings are arranged if there are sufficient number of applications for consideration.

The Voluntary Assisted Dying Taskforce will do their best to keep you updated on the committee meeting deadlines to ensure your application is considered at the earliest opportunity.

Patient appointments for voluntary assisted dying services

Under this option, you may deliver voluntary assisted dying services in a location approved in your credentialing application. You will be required to share your availability with the HCSD and allocate no less than four (4) hours per session. There may be the opportunity to provide voluntary assisted dying services in people's homes, including residential care facilities. Home visits are not compulsory and will be subject to a risk assessment process before attending.

Appointments will be coordinated by the Voluntary Assisted Dying Care Navigator Service which sits with CHS to support timely and appropriate access.

Additional requirements

The practitioner must complete mandatory training; this will be during paid time:

- HCSD online training, including Work Health and Safety training.
- If driving an ACT Government vehicle, complete the driver authorisation process.
- Voluntary assisted dying practitioner refresher training as required.

Other requirements include:

- Participating in the Voluntary Assisted Dying Practitioner Community of Practice.
- Actively participating in the voluntary assisted dying scheme as an authorised practitioner.
- Contributing to the ACT Government's evaluation of the voluntary assisted dying scheme.

Frequently Asked Questions

Question: Can I have two contracts with the ACT Government?

Answer: Yes, one contract will be with your current ACT Government employer and this contract will be issued with the HCSD. Each contract will be under a separate AGS number. You may require second employment authorisation from your current employer.

Question: How often do I need to provide voluntary assisted dying services?

Answer: You can provide services as often or as little as you want, however, patient appointments can only occur in a location approved in your credentialing application. You must provide your availability to the HCSD and allocate no less than four (4) hours per session. The Voluntary Assisted Dying Implementation Taskforce will provide your availability to the Voluntary Assisted Dying Care Navigator Service who will coordinate patient appointments on your behalf.

Question: Where can I provide voluntary assisted dying services under this contract?

Answer: Appointments with persons wishing to access voluntary assisted dying can only occur in a location approved in your credentialing application. There may be the opportunity to provide voluntary assisted dying services in people's homes, including residential care facilities. Home visits are not compulsory and will be subject to a risk assessment process before attending.

Question: Can I terminate my contract?

Answer: Yes, termination of the contract may occur at any time. If you change your mind regarding the remuneration model, the contract can be terminated. Termination of the contract can occur for other reasons as outlined by legislation i.e if you are no longer eligible to be an authorised voluntary assisted dying practitioner.

Question: Can I accrue leave on a casual employment contract?

Answer: A casual employee is not eligible for paid leave entitlements other than long service leave.

Question: Can I undertake voluntary assisted dying services if my contract isn't in place?

Answer: No, not under this option. You must be credentialed prior to the commencement of casual employment and undertaking of voluntary assisted dying services as you are not covered by indemnity insurance until credentialing is complete. You may provide voluntary assisted dying services under an alternate employment arrangement.