

## Introduction

In its review of ANZSCO, the ABS would like feedback on the [draft classification](#)<sup>1</sup>. There are three parts to this survey:

- a. Contact information
- b. How you intend to use the classification and data consumption tools
- c. Proposed changes, structure and implementation of the classification

Please provide your contact details to assist with follow-up if we require more information about your feedback.

<sup>1</sup>This draft classification is only available for the 6 week period of consultation until 6 September 2024.

1. What is your first name?

Elizabeth

2. What is your last name?

Moore

3. What is your organisation?

Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists  
(RANZCP)

4. What is your position/title?

President

5. Which state are you located in (or country if overseas)?

ACT  
NSW  
NT

QLD

SA

TAS

VIC

WA

Outside Australia

6. What is your email address?

[policy@ranzcp.org](mailto:policy@ranzcp.org)

7. What is your phone number?

[+61 3 9640 0646](tel:+61396400646)

8. How do you or your organisation intend to use the classification?

- a. Please indicate which levels of the classification hierarchy you use and why (i.e. major group, sub-major group, minor group, unit group, occupation level)
- b. Please describe any constraints to your usage in relation to the specific segment or level of the classification you use (i.e. a particular sub-major group)

The RANZCP acknowledges the value of the ANZSCO classification hierarchy and commends the work of the ABS in reviewing this data and maintaining the ANZSCO listings. The RANZCP supports the use of the hierarchy and relies on occupation level listings to help plan for our future workforce needs. Consistent and contemporary occupation classifications is key to understand the work conducted by psychiatrists and provides valuable data about our workforce.

As part of the review of ANZSCO listings, the RANZCP strongly supports that the Specialisations section of Occupation 'Psychiatrist' be updated to reflect contemporary specialist areas in psychiatry. This would align the occupation listing with the [RANZCP listing of specialist areas](#).

Specialist areas in psychiatry:

- Adult psychiatry
- Addiction psychiatry
- Child and adolescent psychiatry
- Consultation–liaison psychiatry
- Forensic psychiatry
- Neuropsychiatry
- Old age psychiatry
- Perinatal and infant psychiatry
- Psychiatry of intellectual and developmental disabilities
- Psychiatric psychotherapy

Psychiatry is a broad field with a variety of subspecialties addressing the needs of patients throughout all the stages of life, from childhood and adolescence into adulthood and old age. The RANZCP would be limited in its use of the proposed ANZSCO occupation listings, specifically in identifying specialisation-specific workforce needs.

9. What is your preferred method of consuming the classification?

- a. Examples of methods include: Google search, ABS website search, coding tool, API, Excel file, JSON file format, other
- b. Please indicate the reasons for using your preferred format/s and consumption method/s and the reasons for your preferred or non-preferred formats
- c. Please include positive or negative impacts of your preferred method or format preferred format/s for consuming the classification

The RANZCP does not have feedback to provide at this time.

10. Will the new groupings in the draft structure impact the way you or your organisation uses the classification?

- a. Please indicate if the impact is positive, negative or neutral and why
- b. Please describe which specific groupings in the proposed structure may impact the way you or your organisation use the classification

The proposed ANZSCO occupation listings impact our ability to address our specialisation-specific workforce needs. Contemporary and accurate occupation data is vital for workforce planning and the proposed ANZSCO listings should reflect the breadth of work conducted by psychiatrists.

11. Do you have any feedback on the proposed web page layout of the classification?

- a. Please provide any positive or negative impacts the web page layout of the classification might have on your usage
- b. Please include any positive or negative impacts the web page layout might have on how you navigate through the classification
- c. Please consider any positive or negative impacts regarding the order in which the information is displayed

The RANZCP commends the work on the proposed web page layout and acknowledges the need for it to be accessible to all users.

12. Do you or your organisation have any key implementation concerns about the proposed structure?

- a. Please describe any positive or negative impacts regarding the implementation of the proposed structure
- b. Please provide details to help us understand why implementing the new classification is a concern to you

The RANZCP reiterates the need for the Specialisations section of Occupation 'Psychiatrist' be updated to reflect contemporary specialist areas in psychiatry.

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The delivery of mental healthcare in Australia and New Zealand cannot be achieved without adequate development of the mental healthcare workforce, and we recognise the value of accurate ANZSCO listings in helping to plan for and develop the future workforce across both countries.

13. Is there any other information to help support your feedback?

The RANZCP would like to acknowledge it provided a submission to Stats NZ in supporting the review of the ANZSCO listings and recommends occupation classifications remain contemporary and consistent across both of our countries. The RANZCP thanks the ABS for the opportunity to provide this feedback.

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