

Cosmetic Surgery Module

Process for accreditation to the NSQHS Standards and the Cosmetic Surgery Module

This fact sheet describes the requirements for accreditation to the Cosmetic Surgery Module (the Module).

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The Module has been developed specifically for Services that are already accredited to the National Safety and Quality Health Service (NSQHS) Standards. Implementation of the Module allows Services to become accredited to both the NSQHS Standards and Cosmetic Surgery Standards in a single assessment, thereby reducing compliance burden.

The Module consists of 20 actions:

- **11 actions** that have no direct match to actions in the NSQHS Standards and need to be implemented in full
- **9 actions** that are partially matched to actions in the NSQHS Standards and require Services to demonstrate additional compliance strategies for the sub-actions identified.

Refer to the [Cosmetic Surgery Module](#) for further information on scope of the Module.

Scope

Cosmetic surgery employs invasive surgical procedures, to revise or change the appearance, colour, texture, structure or position of normal bodily features, and often involves cutting beneath the skin, with the dominant purpose of achieving what the patient perceives to be a more desirable appearance.

Accreditation to the Cosmetic Surgery Module comes under the [Australian Health Service Safety and Quality Accreditation \(AHSSQA\) Scheme](#).

Which facilities need to be accredited?

Any cosmetic surgery that poses a significant risk to a patient should be undertaken in a Service that is appropriately licensed. The states and territories are responsible for determining:

- Which facilities are required to be licensed (requiring accreditation)
- The timeframes for implementation
- The safety and quality standards that Services are to be accredited against.

Where cosmetic surgery is performed in a Service that is accredited to the NSQHS Standards, they will be required to implement the actions specified in the Cosmetic Surgery Module.

The assessment process

To become accredited, Services undergo an assessment to show they have met the requirements of the NSQHS Standards and the Module. Assessments are conducted by independent accrediting agencies, [approved by the Commission](#).

Accreditation to the Module will be incorporated into the Service's next assessment to the NSQHS Standards. As such, the accreditation requirements for the Cosmetic Surgery Module will follow those outlined for the NSQHS Standards in the [AHSSQA Scheme](#).

Resources

The Commission has developed a range of resources to support Services to implement the NSQHS Standards and the Module. These are available on the [Commission's website](#).

An overview of applicable fact sheets and advisories is provided in **Table 1**.

More Information

For more information, please visit the [Commission website](#).

If you have any questions, you can email the Safety and Quality Advice Centre AdviceCentre@safetyandquality.gov.au or call 1800 304 056.

Table 1: Applicable fact sheets and advisories for Services implementing the Cosmetic Surgery Module

Advisory/Fact sheet	Cosmetic Surgery Module
Flow chart of an assessment	Flow chart of an assessment to the NSQHS Standards
Advice on not applicable actions	AS18/01: Advice on not applicable actions
Sampling	AS18/13: Sampling for accreditation assessment
Interim accreditation	AS18/02: Interim accreditation for newly established health service organisations
Short notice assessment	Fact Sheet 17: Short notice accreditation assessment Fact Sheet 18: Scheduling for short notice assessment
Rating Scale	Fact Sheet 4: Rating scale for assessment
Mandatory reassessment	Fact Sheet 3: Mandatory reassessment of health service organisations
Attestation statement	Fact Sheet 7: Governing body attestation statement
Applicability of Clinical Care Standards	Fact Sheet 11: Applicability of Clinical Care Standards
Assessing high-risk scenarios	Fact Sheet 14: Assessing high-risk scenarios during an assessment
Notification of significant risk	AS18/09: Notification of significant risk