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ABORIGINAL HEALTH WORKERS' (STATE) AWARD 2023

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Application by NSW Ministry of Health.

(Case No. 214722 of 2023)

Before Chief Commissioner Constant

17 August 2023

AWARD**PART A****Arrangement**

Clause No.	Subject Matter
1.	Definitions
2.	Wages
3.	Conditions of Service
4.	Progression and Appointment
5.	Anti-Discrimination
6.	No Extra Claims
7.	Area, Incidence and Duration

1. Definitions

"Aboriginal Health Practitioner" means a person who is appointed as such and holds a Certificate IV in Aboriginal Primary Health Care (Practice), and is registered with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency. Aboriginal Health Practitioners perform a range of clinical practice and primary healthcare duties for the community in which they work under direct or indirect supervision at more experienced years.

"Aboriginal Health Worker" means a person who is appointed as such and is a provider of flexible, holistic and culturally sensitive health services to the Aboriginal community, and holds or aspires to hold a minimum Certificate III qualification in Aboriginal Primary Health Care or a minimum Certificate III health qualification in the area of care in which the Aboriginal Health Worker works. Aboriginal Health Workers perform a range of primary health care duties for the community in which they work under direct or indirect supervision at more experienced years.

"Employer" means the Secretary of the Ministry of Health exercising employer functions on behalf of the Government of New South Wales.

"Principal Aboriginal Health Worker" means a person who has applied for an advertised Principal Aboriginal Health Worker role and has been selected on merit. Principal Aboriginal Health Workers develop, implement and review Aboriginal primary health care strategy and policies and may be responsible for the supervision and training of Aboriginal Health Workers. Principal Aboriginal Health Workers hold a relevant degree qualification.

"Senior Aboriginal Health Worker" means a person who has applied for an advertised Senior Aboriginal Health Worker role and has been selected on merit. Senior Aboriginal Health Workers manage resources for the delivery of individual health services or health programs, and may be responsible for the supervision and training of Aboriginal Health Workers.

"Union" means the Health Services Union New South Wales.

2. Wages

- 2.1 Full time employees shall be paid the salaries as set out in the Health Professional Medical Salaries (State) Award 2022, as varied or replaced from time to time.

3. Conditions. of Service

- 3.1 The Public Hospitals (Professional & Associated Staff) Conditions of Employment (State) Award 2022, as varied from time to time, shall apply to all classifications of employees as defined in clause 1 of this Award.

4. Progression and Appointment

- 4.1 Progression for Aboriginal Health Workers and Aboriginal Health Practitioners is incremental upon the completion of 12 months full time satisfactory service.
- 4.2 Aboriginal Health Workers who hold a minimum Certificate III qualification in Aboriginal Primary Health Care or a minimum Certificate III health qualification in the area of care in which the Aboriginal Health Worker works may commence at Year 2.
- 4.3 Senior Aboriginal Health Workers are appointed on merit. Incremental progression occurs once upon the completion of the first 12 months full time satisfactory service.
- 4.4 Principal Aboriginal Health Workers are appointed on merit. Incremental progression occurs once upon the completion of the first 12 months full time satisfactory service.

5. Anti-Discrimination

- 5.1 It is the intention of the parties bound by this Award to seek to achieve the object of section 3(f) of the *Industrial Relations Act 1996* to prevent and eliminate discrimination in the workplace. This includes discrimination on the grounds of race, sex, marital status, disability, homosexuality, transgender identity and age.
- 5.2 It follows that in fulfilling their obligations under the dispute resolution procedure prescribed by this Award the parties have obligations to take all reasonable steps to ensure that the operation of the provisions of this award are not directly or indirectly discriminatory effects. It will be consistent with the fulfilment of these obligations for the parties to make an application to vary any provisions of the award which, by its terms or operation, has a direct or indirect discriminatory effect.
- 5.3 Under the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*, it is unlawful to victimise an employee because the employee has made or may make or has been involved in a complaint of unlawful discrimination or harassment.
- 5.4 Nothing in this clause is to be taken to affect:
- (i) Any conduct or act which is specifically exempt from anti-discrimination legislation.
 - (ii) Offering or providing junior rates to a person under 21 years of age.
 - (iii) Any act or practice of a body established to propagate religion which is exempted under Section 56(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.
 - (iv) A party to this award from pursuing matters of unlawful discrimination in a State or federal jurisdiction.
- 5.5 This clause does not create legal rights or obligations in addition to those imposed upon the parties by the legislation referred to in this clause.

Notes:

- (a) Employers and employees may also be subject to Commonwealth anti-discrimination legislation.
- (b) Section 56(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977* provides: ‘Nothing in this Act affects any other act or practice of a body established to propagate religion that conforms to the doctrines of that religion or is necessary to avoid injury to the religious susceptibilities of the adherents of that religion’.

6. No Extra Claims

- 6.1 Other than as provided for in the *Industrial Relations Act 1996* and the Industrial Relations (Public Sector Conditions of Employment) Regulation 2014 (or its successor however described), there shall be no further claims/demands or proceedings instituted before the Industrial Relations Commission of New South Wales for extra or reduced wages, salaries, rates of pay, allowances or conditions of employment with respect to the employees covered by the Award that take effect prior to 30 June 2024 by a party to this award.

7. Area, Incidence and Duration

- 7.1 This Award shall apply to employees of the classifications in clause 1, Definitions who are employed in the New South Wales Health service under Section 115(1) of the *Health Services Act 1997*, or their successors, assignees or transmittees.
- 7.2 The Award shall take effect on and from 01 July 2023 and shall remain in force for a period of one year. This Award rescinds and replaces the NSW Health Aboriginal Health Workers (State) Award 2022 published 4 November 2022 (393 I.G. 192) and all variations thereof.

N. CONSTANT, *Chief Commissioner*

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HEALTH EMPLOYEES' COMPUTER STAFF (STATE) AWARD 2023

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Application by NSW Ministry of Health.

(Case No. 212324 of 2023)

Before Chief Commissioner Constant

17 August 2023

AWARD**PART A****Arrangement**

Clause No.	Subject Matter
1.	Definitions
2.	Salaries
3.	Conditions of Service
4.	Dispute Resolution
5.	Anti-Discrimination
6.	No Extra Claims
7.	Area, Incidence and Duration

PART B - MONETARY RATES

Table 1 - Salaries

PART A**1. Definitions**

Unless the context otherwise indicates or requires the several expressions hereunder defined shall have their respective meaning assigned to them:

"Employer" means the Secretary of the Ministry of Health exercising employer functions on behalf of the Government of New South Wales.

"Union" means the Health Services Union NSW.

2. Salaries

Full-time Computer Staff employees shall be paid the salaries as set in Table 1 of Part B - Monetary Rates, of this Award.

3. Conditions of Service

The Health Employees Conditions of Employment (State) Award 2023 as varied or replaced from time to time, shall apply to all persons covered by this Award.

In addition, the Health Industry Status of Employment (State) Award 2023, as varied or replaced from time to time, shall also apply to relevant employees.

4. Dispute Resolution

The dispute resolution procedure contained in the Health Employees Conditions of Employment (State) Award 2023 as varied or replaced from time to time, shall apply.

5. Anti-Discrimination

- (i) It is the intention of the parties bound by this Award to seek to achieve the object in section 3(f) of the *Industrial Relations Act 1996* to prevent and eliminate discrimination in the workplace. This includes discrimination on the grounds of race, sex, marital status, disability, homosexuality, transgender identity, age and responsibilities as a carer.
- (ii) It follows that in fulfilling their obligations under the dispute resolution procedure prescribed by this Award the parties have obligations to take all reasonable steps to ensure that the operation of the provisions of this Award are not directly or indirectly discriminatory in their effects. It will be consistent with the fulfilment of these obligations for the parties to make application to vary any provision of the Award which, by its terms or operation, has a direct or indirect discriminatory effect.
- (iii) Under the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*, it is unlawful to victimise an employee because the employee has made or may make or has been involved in a complaint of unlawful discrimination or harassment.
- (iv) Nothing in this clause is to be taken to affect:
 - (a) any conduct or act which is specifically exempted from anti-discrimination legislation;
 - (b) offering or providing junior rates of pay to persons under 21 years of age;
 - (c) any act or practice of a body established to propagate religion which is exempted under section 56(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*;
 - (d) a party to this Award from pursuing matters of unlawful discrimination in any State or Federal jurisdiction.
- (v) This clause does not create legal rights or obligations in addition to those imposed upon the parties by the legislation referred to in this clause.

NOTES -

- (a) Employers and employees may also be subject to Commonwealth anti-discrimination legislation.
- (b) Section 56(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977* provides:

"Nothing in this Act affects ... any other act or practice of a body established to propagate religion that conforms to the doctrines of that religion or is necessary to avoid injury to the religious susceptibilities of the adherents of that religion.

6. No Extra Claims

Other than as provided for in the *Industrial Relations Act 1996* and the Industrial Relations (Public Sector Conditions of Employment) Regulation 2014 (or its successor however described), there shall be no further claims/demands or proceedings instituted before the Industrial Relations Commission of New South Wales for extra or reduced wages, salaries, rates of pay, allowances or conditions of employment with respect to the employees covered by the Award that take effect prior to 30 June 2024 by a party to this Award.

7. Area, Incidence and Duration

- (i) This Award takes effect from 1 July 2023 and shall remain in force for a period of one year. The rates in the second column in Table 1 of Part B - Monetary Rates, will apply from the first full pay period on or after (ffppoa) 1 July 2023.

- (ii) This Award rescinds and replaces the Health Employees Computer Staff (State) Award 2022 published 4 November 2022 (393 I.G. 63) and all variations thereof.
- (iii) This Award shall apply to persons employed in classifications contained herein employed in the New South Wales Health Service under s115(1) of the *Health Services Act 1997*, or their successors, assignees or transmittes, excluding the County of Yancowinna.

PART B

In the period 1 July 2023 to the commencement of the first full pay period on or after 1 July 2023, the applicable rates of pay are those that applied immediately prior to the first full pay period on or after 1 July 2023.

MONETARY RATES

Table 1 – Salaries

Classification	Rate from ffppoa 01-Jul-2023 Per annum \$
Computer Manager	
Grade 1	
1st Year	109,802
2nd Year	112,998
3rd Year	116,734
4th Year	119,914
5th Year	124,152
6th Year and Thereafter	127,349
Grade 2	
1st Year	124,152
2nd Year	127,349
3rd Year	133,773
4th Year and Thereafter	140,163
Analyst	
1st Year	90,582
2nd Year	93,305
3rd Year	96,932
4th Year	99,635
5th Year	102,945
6th Year and Thereafter	105,637
Senior Analyst	
1st Year	109,802
2nd Year	112,998
3rd Year	116,734
4th Year	119,914
5th Year	124,152
6th Year and Thereafter	127,349
Programmers	
Trainee	
1st Year	53,703
2nd Year	55,155
3rd Year	57,177
4th Year	58,535
5th Year	59,902

6th Year	61,850
7th Year	63,894
8th Year	65,988
9th Year and Thereafter	69,810
Programmer	
1st Year	73,518
2nd Year	77,620
3rd Year	82,251
4th Year	90,582
5th Year	96,932
6th Year and Thereafter	99,635
Supervisor	
1st Year	102,945
2nd Year	105,638
3rd Year	109,802
4th Year and Thereafter	112,998
Computer Operator	
Grade 1	
1st Year	55,155
2nd Year	57,177
3rd Year	58,535
4th Year and Thereafter	59,902
Grade 2	
1st Year	61,850
2nd Year	63,894
3rd Year and Thereafter	65,988
Senior	
Grade 1	
1st Year	69,810
2nd Year	71,446
3rd Year	73,518
4th Year and Thereafter	75,251
Grade 2	
1st Year	77,620
2nd Year	79,441
3rd Year	82,251
4th Year and Thereafter	84,431
Field Implementation Officer	
1st Year	77,620
2nd Year	79,441
3rd Year	82,251
4th Year and Thereafter	84,431
Network Analyst	
1st Year	80,811
2nd Year and Thereafter	83,205

N. CONSTANT, *Chief Commissioner*

HEALTH EMPLOYEES' DENTAL OFFICERS (STATE) AWARD 2023

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Application by NSW Ministry of Health.

(Case No. 212372 of 2023)

Before Chief Commissioner Constant

17 August 2023

AWARD**Arrangement**

Clause No.	Subject Matter
1.	Definitions
2.	Conditions of Service
3.	Salaries
4.	Classifications
5.	Transitional Arrangements
6.	No Extra Claims
7.	Area, Incidence and Duration

1. Definitions

"Dental Officer" means a person appointed as such by a hospital who holds a dental qualification registrable with the Dental Board of Australia.

"Hospital" means a public hospital as defined under section 15 of the *Health Services Act 1997*, as amended or varied from time to time.

"Ministry" means the Ministry of Health.

"Officer" means a Dental Officer, as defined herein, occupying a position as specified in clause 3, Salaries, in a hospital as defined above.

"Service", unless the context otherwise indicates or requires, means relevant service before and/or after commencement of this Award in any one or more New South Wales public health organisations or any other organisations deemed acceptable by the Ministry.

"Specialist" means a person appointed by the hospital who:

- (a) holds a dental qualification registrable in Australia;
- (b) after full registration has spent not less than six years in the practice of dentistry whether in New South Wales or elsewhere, deemed by the hospital to be of equivalent standing;
- (c) has spent not less than four years in supervised specialist training and/or experience, and either:
 - (1) has obtained an appropriate dental qualification in his/her speciality acceptable to the hospital, or
 - (2) is deemed by the Ministry to be a specialist by recognition of his/her experience and demonstrated performance at specialist level.

"Union" means Health Services Union NSW.

"Weekly rates" will be ascertained by dividing an annual amount by 52.17857 or a weekly rate can be multiplied by 52.17857 to obtain the annual amount

2. Conditions of Service

The Public Hospitals (Professional and Associated Staff) Conditions of Employment (State) Award 2023, as varied or replaced from time to time, shall apply to all persons covered by this Award.

In addition, the Health Industry Status of Employment (State) Award 2023, as varied or replaced from time to time, shall also apply to all relevant employees.

3.. Salaries

Full time Dental Officer employees shall be paid the salaries in the Health Professional and Medical Salaries (State) Award 2023, as varied or replaced from time to time.

4.. Classifications

4.1 Dental Officer Level 1

- (a) Dental officers employed at level 1 are newly qualified employees. Dental officers at this level are beginning practitioners who are developing their skills and competencies in dentistry.
- (b) Level 1 staff are responsible and accountable for providing a professional level of service to the health facility. Under the general oversight of a more experienced dentist, a level 1 year 1 Dental Officer performs examinations, investigations and basic treatment of commonly encountered dental diseases or dental health problems requiring standard corrective, restorative, or preventive measures.
- (c) Dental officers on level 1 year 2-4 serve as practicing dentists who perform routine dental work requiring the independent examination, investigation, treatment planning and treatment of patients. This is a moderate skill level and includes the moderately experienced dentist who is competent in basic tasks. They may require regular professional support and mentoring.
- (d) Level 1 staff participate in quality activities and workplace education. Level 1 year 2-4 staff may be required to provide supervision to undergraduate student on observational placements, work experience students and to level 1 year 1 Dental Officers.

4.2 Dental Officer Level 2

- (a) Progression to level 2 from level 1 is dependent upon having a minimum of 2 years' clinical experience, meeting the annual performance review requirements and successfully completing the standard Dental Officers Skills Assessment set by the Centre for Oral Health Strategy conducted by the clinical supervisor.
- (b) The level 2 Dental Officer is a general dental practitioner who performs the full range of professional dental tasks described for the level 1 Dental Officer. The work differs from the level 1 Dental Officer in that the dental officer regularly encounters, diagnoses, and administers treatment for dental diseases and dental health problems of greater-than-usual difficulty.
- (c) Positions at this level are required to exercise independent professional judgement on routine matters. They may require professional supervision from more senior staff members when performing novel, complex or critical tasks.
- (d) Positions at this level assist in the development of policies, procedures, standards and practices, participate in quality improvement activities and may participate in clinical research activities as required.

- (e) Dental registrars (dentists undertaking training as Specialists by Masters degree) are placed on level 2, with remuneration linked to the proportion of time spent providing dental services to public patients.

4.3 Dental Officer Level 3 - Senior Dentist

- (a) This level is only achieved by appointment to such a position. Level 3 Dental Officers are experienced and capable of operating with a level of independence reflective of their skill and competency in general dentistry. Some of these dental officers will be entitled to clinical manager allowances.
- (b) The level 3 Dental Officer will have the majority of the following duties and attributes:
 - (i) highly advanced skills in managing most of the difficult clinical situations, complex medical histories and those with disabilities.
 - (ii) widely recognised for their exceptional competence in general dental work and has a proven record for carrying out a broad range of advanced and complex dental procedures. This may include the attainment of a Fellowship or Membership of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons (RACDS) or equivalent organisation as recognised by the Ministry of Health.
 - (iii) experienced clinician who demonstrates advanced clinical reasoning skills;
 - (iv) duties and responsibilities involving planning, implementing, evaluating and reporting on services;
 - (v) responsibility for identifying opportunities for improvement in clinical practice, develop and lead ongoing quality improvement activities with other staff;
 - (vi) conduct clinical research
 - (vii) acts as a mentor to other clinical staff and teaches undergraduate students
 - (viii) may be responsible for providing clinical supervision and support to level 1 and 2 Dental Officers, technical and support staff;
 - (ix) responsible for components of clinical governance; and
 - (x) participate in the provision of clinical development in-service education programs to staff and students.

4.4 Dental Officer Level 4 - Head of Department/Senior Clinical Adviser

- (a) This level is only achieved by appointment. Level 4 Dental Officers will have the competencies of a level 3 Dental Officer plus additional areas of expertise. They may have a clinical, education or management focus or may have elements of all three features. Current grade 5 Dental Officers will go to level 4 on transition to the new structure.
- (b) In recognition of their superior clinical expertise, a clinician at this level is responsible for quality assurance, development of better practice and clinical research within a facility and is actively involved in teaching staff and students in their field of clinical specialty. The level 4 Dental Officer also has responsibility for education support to other clinicians in the management of patients requiring ongoing specialist treatment in a geographic network, region or zone.
- (c) Staff at level 4 deliver and/or manage and direct the delivery of services in a complex clinical setting. They perform novel, complex or critical discipline specific clinical work with a high level of professional knowledge and by the exercise of substantial professional judgement.

- (d) Dental officers at this level would undertake work with significant scope and/or complexity and/or undertake professional duties of an innovative, novel and/or critical nature without direction.
- (e) Roles that may be undertaken at level 4 include, but are not limited to, the following:

Level 4 - Clinical Stream

Level 4 - Dental Officers are experienced dentists who are:

- (i) widely recognised for their exceptional competence in general dental work and have a proven record for carrying out a broad range of advanced and complex dental procedures.
- (ii) maintain a clinical caseload and provides:
 - clinical education in the area of expertise through in-service training to under-graduate and/or post-graduate students;
 - in-service to other dental officers in their clinical specialist area of expertise;
 - consultation and advice to specialist teams across an area or geographic or clinical network; and
 - discipline specific professional supervision and leadership either within a facility or across facilities and/or Local Health District(s).

Level 4 - Management Stream

Level 4 - Dental Officers may be appointed as:

- (i) Department Head - responsible for operational co-ordination of staffing and related clinical services and may work across a geographic region, zone or clinical network. Department Heads may also be required to maintain a clinical load.
- (ii) Unit Head or Team Leader- responsible for the leadership, guidance and line management of a multi-disciplinary clinical unit or specialist team that may work across a geographic region, zone or clinical network. The work involves supervision of other dental officers and support staff as well as a clinical load.

4.5 Dental Officer Levels 1 - 3 Management Allowances

- (a) Dental Officers in level 1 (2nd year and thereafter), level 2 and level 3 may be paid a management allowance in addition to their rate of pay. The management allowance is paid as part of an employee's permanent salary following a merit selection process. If an employee is required to relieve for 5 days or more in the role of the manager, and performs all of the duties of the supervisor, then the management allowance will be paid to such employee. There are two levels of allowances, which are paid in the following circumstances:
 - (i) Clinic Manager Level 1 - A dental officer managing a dental clinical service that may encompass more than one small clinic. The work involves, clinical management, supervision of other dental officers, other oral health practitioners, and support staff as well as a clinical load. A level 1 managerial allowance would be paid.
 - (ii) Clinic Manager Level 2 - is responsible for the leadership, guidance and line management of a multi-disciplinary clinical unit that may work across a geographic region, zone or clinical network. The work involves clinical management, supervision of other dental officers, other oral health practitioners, and support staff as well as a clinical load. A level 2 managerial allowance would be paid. Level 1 Dental Officers are not eligible for this allowance.

4.6 Specialists

- (a) Employees occupying positions as specialists who have satisfied the full requirements of the Dental Board of Australia in a recognised speciality will be appointed to the Specialist scale in accordance with their years of experience in the speciality.
- (b) Continued payment as a specialist will be on the basis of a dentist remaining employed in the specialist area concerned.

4.7 Hospital Specialist

- (a) These will be differentiated from the board specialists as follows:
 - (i) Hospital specialists provide specialist services in an area of work that is not a specialty recognised by the Dental Board of Australia.
 - (ii) For the purpose of this Award, a hospital specialist will work in the specialties of special needs, geriodontics or restorative dentistry. Additional specialties can be recognised with the approval of the Chief Dental Officer. The Medical and Dental Advisory Committee assesses the merit of individual specialists for recognition as a hospital specialist within the categories determined by the Chief Dental Officer.
 - (iii) Hospital specialists do not have access to the senior clinical specialist classification.

4.8 Senior Clinical Specialist

- (a) Board Specialists may progress to the level of Senior Specialist. This is seen as recognition for an exceptional clinical leader who has made significant contributions to dentistry in their area of speciality. This is a personal appointment, where it can also be demonstrated that the specialist is appointed to a position having such duties and responsibilities as deemed by the employer to require the services of a senior clinical specialist.
- (b) Except in exceptional circumstances, this appointment would follow about 10 years of experience as a specialist. This classification is not available to hospital specialists. This appointment is considered upon application by or on behalf of an individual board specialist to the Medical and Dental Advisory Committee of the Local Health District(s). Appeal of any such decision lies with the Chief Dental Officer.

4.9 Specialist - Management Allowance

- (a) A specialist or a senior clinical specialist managing a clinical service that involves, clinical management, supervision and teaching of other specialists, other oral health practitioners, undergraduate students and support staff as well as a clinical load. A hospital specialist may be eligible for the payment of this allowance. The management allowance is paid as part of an employee's permanent salary following a merit selection process. If an employee is required to relieve for 5 days or more in the role of the manager, and performs all of the duties of the supervisor, then the management allowance will be paid to such employee.

4.10 Area Directors of Oral Health Clinical Services

- (a) Positions at this level lead, direct and co-ordinate all public sector oral health services within a Local Health District(s). They have significant responsibility for the human physical and financial resources under their control. Positions at this level will also make a major contribution towards the development and achievement of the strategic directions of the Area.
- (b) The position exercises a high degree of independence in the determination of overall strategies, priorities, work standards and the allocation of resources. It will also make independent decisions related to area wide expert practice in their field and will be responsible for outcomes for clients

and the organisation from the practice of other dental officers and staff. The position makes strategic management and service development decisions.

- (c) Positions at this level may include operational and strategic roles but are not limited to the following:
- (i) professional responsibility with regard to strategic workforce and service development and professional practice across an AHS;
 - (ii) provides professional co-ordination and leadership across an area to department heads and acts as a central point of contact for strategic consultation and liaison with Senior Executive management;
 - (iii) a dual role of department head within a facility;
 - (iv) required to provide an expert speciality consultancy role in their area of expertise; and
 - (v) involved in the provision of training to staff within the Local Health District(s).
- (d) There will be three levels of Area Director of Clinical Services reflecting the size of the Local Health District(s) and the complexity and mix of the dental facilities within it.
- (e) Area Director of Oral Health Clinical Services - Level 1

The level 1 reports to a health services manager responsible for oral health services. This is the lead dentist in a Local Health District(s) that provides the usual range of oral health services from community clinics but does not have

- (i) a dental teaching hospital where dental specialist services are also provided
 - (ii) a Rural and Regional Centre of Oral Health or
 - (iii) a dental clinical school.
- (f) Area Director of Oral Health Clinical Services - Level 2
- The level 2 reports to a health services manager responsible for oral health services. This is the lead dentist in a Local Health District(s) that provides the usual range of oral health services from community clinics but:
- (i) does not have a dental teaching hospital,
 - (ii) has a Rural and Regional Centre of Oral Health and/or
 - (iii) a dental clinical school.
- (g) Area Director of Oral Health Clinical Services - Level 3

The level 3 would also have the role of health services manager responsible for oral health services. This is the lead dentist in a Local Health District(s) that provides the usual range of oral health services from community clinics, and, in addition, has:

- (i) a dental teaching hospital where dental specialist services are also provided
- (ii) a Rural and Regional Centre of Oral Health and/or
- (iii) a dental clinical school.

5. Transition Arrangements

- (a) Employees' skills, responsibilities and qualifications will be assessed against the classification descriptors in clause 4 and will be placed on the appropriate level, maintaining their existing incremental date. Years of service at the relevant skill level will be used to determine the appropriate salary rate within the classification level. Employees will maintain their existing incremental date.

6. No Extra Claims

Other than as provided for in the *Industrial Relations Act 1996* and the Industrial Relations (Public Sector Conditions of Employment) Regulation 2014 (or its successor however described), there shall be no further claims/demands or proceedings instituted before the Industrial Relations Commission of New South Wales for extra or reduced wages, salaries, rates of pay, allowances or conditions of employment with respect to the employees covered by the Award that take effect prior to 30 June 2024 by a party to this Award.

7. Area, Incidence and Duration

- (i) This Award takes effect from 1 July 2023 and shall remain in force for a period of one year.
- (ii) This Award rescinds and replaces the Health Employees Dental Officers (State) Award 2022 published 20 October 2022 (392 I.G 1310) and all variations thereof.
- (ii) This Award shall apply to persons employed in classifications contained herein employed in or in connection with the New South Wales Health Service as defined in the *Health Services Act 1997*, or their successors, assignees or transmittes.

N. CONSTANT, *Chief Commissioner*

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HEALTH EMPLOYEES DENTAL PROSTHETISTS AND DENTAL TECHNICIANS (STATE) AWARD 2023

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Application by NSW Ministry of Health.

(Case No. 212476 of 2023)

Before Chief Commissioner Constant

17 August 2023

AWARD

1. Arrangement

Clause No.	Subject Matter
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6.	Salaries and Allowances
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9.	No Extra Claims
10.	Area, Incidence and Duration

2. Definitions

Unless the context otherwise indicates or requires the several expressions hereunder defined shall have their respective meanings assigned to them.

"Employee" means a person or persons employed in any hospital as defined.

"Hospital" means a public hospital as defined under section 15 of the *Health Services Act 1997*, as amended or varied from time to time.

"Industrial Committee" means the Public Health Employees (State) Industrial Committee.

"Industry Service" unless the context otherwise indicates or requires means service before and/or after commencement of this award in any hospital and/or laboratory acceptable to the Ministry.

"Ministry" means the Ministry of Health.

"Service", unless the context otherwise indicates or requires means service or experience as a Dental Technician before and/or after commencement of this Award in any one or more New South Wales public health organisations or any other organisation acceptable to the Ministry.

"Union" means the Health Services Union NSW.

3. Classifications

3.1 Dental Technician

- (a) Trainee Dental Technician means a person appointed as such who is undertaking the Diploma of Dental Technology conducted by NSW TAFE or an equivalent course in Dental Technology.
- (b) Dental Technician Level 1 means a person appointed as such who has successfully completed the Diploma of Dental Technology conducted by NSW TAFE or an equivalent course in Dental Technology.
- (c) Dental Technician Level 2 means a dental technician who fulfils the following criteria:
 - (i) having at least 3 years' experience as a registered dental technician; and
 - (ii)
 - (a) successful completion of the first year of the Dental Prosthetics course conducted by NSW TAFE; or
 - (b) having qualifications deemed by the Ministry to be equivalent to the first year of the Dental Prosthetics course; and
 - (iii) demonstrating skills in excess of those required of a Dental Technician Grade 1; and
 - (iv) being proficient in, and spending the major part of their time engaged in, one or more of the following areas of work;
 - orthodontic appliances;
 - cast metal denture techniques;
 - crown and bridge;
 - osseo-integrated implant technology;
 - maxillo facial and complicated prosthetics, including over-dentures, oburators, precision attachments and magnets, occlusal splints, complete and partial dentures requiring complicated (that is crossbite, class II and class III jaw relationship) tooth arrangements in balanced occlusion.
- (d) Dental Technician Level 3 means a dental technician who fulfils the following criteria:
 - (i) having at least 6 years' experience as a registered dental technician and maintains relevant registration; and
 - (ii) successfully completed qualifications deemed by the Employer to be equivalent to the Advance Diploma of Dental Prosthetics (these may include qualifications in ceramics, orthodontics, implants, crowns etc). Equivalency is to be assessed based upon the hours of study undertaken and the complexity of the course work; and
 - (iii) show a high level of competency in the exercise of all the skills of the recognised training in accordance with the position requirements.
- (e) Senior Dental Technician Level 4 means a dental technician appointed to such a position and who undertakes the following duties/or role:
 - (i) meets all the requirements of a Dental Technician Level 3; and

- (ii) manages a section/unit, which includes the responsibility of supervising the work and activities of other dental technicians/prosthetists.
- (f) Specialised Dental Technician Level 5 means a dental technician appointed to such a position and who undertakes most of the following duties/ role:
- (i) master or highly skilled technician with technical skills and proficiency above that which would be expected of a fully proficient level 3;
 - (ii) specialist in an area of their profession and relied on for advice in this field;
 - (iii) undertakes complex independent scientific, technical or specialist work and analysis;
 - (iv) contributes to the development of standards relating to the sector, program or profession;
 - (v) develops technical or professional standards for the organisation;
 - (vi) provides professional leadership, education and development of staff in area of professional expertise;
 - (vii) routinely advises senior levels of the organisation on technical issues and solutions within a functional area; and
 - (viii) manages complex and significant state-wide, in-house services provided by dental technicians. (Such services provided on a Local Health District(s)-wide basis would be managed by a technician at level 4.)

3.2 Dental Prosthetist

- (a) Dental Prosthetist Level 1 means a dental prosthetist who fulfils the following criteria:
- (i) having at least 6 years' experience as a registered dental technician;
 - (ii) having successfully completed all qualifications of the Diploma of Dental Technology and the Advanced Diploma of Dental Prosthetics;
 - (iii) possesses and maintains relevant registration; and
 - (iv) shows a high level of competency in the exercise of all the skills of the recognised training in accordance with the position requirements.
- (b) Senior Dental Prosthetist Level 2 means a dental prosthetist appointed to such a position who has developed specialised skills through additional study or the development of specialised skills/techniques and who undertakes the following duties:
- (i) meets all the requirements of a Dental Prosthetist Level 1; and
 - (ii) has a specialised area of practice such as dealing with special needs patients or trauma patients with complex prosthetics requirements; and
 - (iii) may manage a section/unit, which includes the responsibility of supervising the work and activities of other dental technicians/prosthetists.
- (c) Specialised Dental Prosthetist Level 3 - means a prosthetist appointed to such a position and who undertakes most of the following duties/ role:
- (i) master or highly skilled prosthetist with technical skills and proficiency above that which would be expected of a fully proficient level 2;

- (ii) specialist in an area of their profession and relied on for advice in this field;
- (iii) undertakes complex independent scientific, technical or specialist work and analysis;
- (iv) contributes to the development of standards relating to the sector, program or profession;
- (v) develops technical or professional standards for the organisation;
- (vi) provides professional leadership, education and development of staff in area of professional expertise;
- (vii) routinely advises senior levels of the organisation on technical issues and solutions within a functional area; and
- (viii) manages complex and significant state-wide, in-house services provided by dental prosthetists (such services provided on an Area-wide basis would be managed by a prosthetist at level 2.)

4. Transition Arrangements

- (a) Existing dental technicians will have their current duties and qualifications assessed against the classification descriptors provided in clause 3, in order to appropriately transfer employees into the dental prosthetist classification structure. There will be no reduction to employees' rates of pay arising from this transition and existing incremental dates will be maintained.
- (b) Dental technicians who obtained prosthetist qualifications under the previous award provisions will have their qualifications recognised and, if appropriate, their current grade as a dental technician maintained. However employees who have not yet commenced nor completed the prosthetist qualification will no longer have this qualification recognised for progression to level 2 or beyond in the technicians stream of the classification structure. Employees who have partially completed this qualification can only rely upon the qualification to progress as a prosthetist, not as a technician.
- (c) Progression to level 3 in the technicians' structure, and to level 1 in the prosthetist structure, will require completion of relevant qualifications, the exercise of the relevant skills and the possession of any relevant license or registration.
- (d) The parties will work together to identify suitable qualifications for progression in the dental technician classification structure.
- (e) The award classification of Deputy Chief Dental Technician has been deleted but this classification and salary will be maintained for the current occupant.

5. Previous Industry Service

Previous industry service shall be taken into account in determining the commencing salary of an employee to be paid in accordance with rates set in the Health Professional and Medical Salaries (State) Award 2023, as varied or replaced from time to time.

6. Salaries and Allowances

Full time Dental Prosthetist and Dental Technician employees shall be paid the salaries and allowances as set out in the Health Professional and Medical Salaries (State) Award 2023, as varied or replaced from time to time.

7. Conditions of Service

The Public Hospitals (Professional and Associated Staff) Conditions of Employment (State) Award 2023, as varied or replaced from time to time, shall apply to all persons covered by this award.

In addition, the Health Industry Status of Employment (State) Award 2023, as varied or replaced from time to time, shall also apply to all relevant employees.

8. Grading and Classification of Officers

Nothing in Clause 3 - Classifications, or Clause 5 - Previous Industry Service, shall affect the right of the Union to apply to the Industrial Commission of New South Wales for the settlement of any dispute arising from the grading of an employee under this award.

9. No Extra Claims

Other than as provided for in the Industrial Relations Act 1996 and the Industrial Relations (Public Sector Conditions of Employment) Regulation 2014, there shall be no further claims/demands or proceedings instituted before the Industrial Relations Commission of New South Wales for extra or reduced wages, salaries, rates of pay, allowances or conditions of employment with respect to the employees covered by the Award that take effect prior to 30 June 2024 by a party to this Award.

10. Area, Incidence and Duration

- (i) This Award takes effect from 1 July 2023 and shall remain in force for a period of one year.
- (ii) This Award rescinds and replaces the Health Employees Dental Prosthetists and Dental Technicians (State) Award 2022 as published 20 October 2022 (392 I.G. 1317) and all variations thereof.
- (ii) This Award shall apply to persons employed in classifications contained herein employed in the New South Wales Health Service under s115(1) of the *Health Services Act 1997*, or their successors, assignees or transmittes.

N. CONSTANT, *Chief Commissioner*

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HEALTH EMPLOYEES' MEDICAL RADIATION SCIENTISTS (STATE) AWARD 2023

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Application by NSW Ministry of Health.

(Case No. 212608 of 2023)

Before Chief Commissioner Constant

17 August 2023

AWARD

PART A

Arrangement

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PART A

1. Definitions

"Employer" means the Secretary of the Ministry of Health exercising employer functions on behalf of the Government of New South Wales.

"Health Service" means a Local Health District constituted under section 17 of the *Health Services Act 1997*, a Statutory Health Corporation constituted under section 41 of that Act, and an Affiliated Health Organisation recognised under section 62 of that Act, as amended or varied from time to time.

"Hospital" means a public hospital as defined in section 15 of the *Health Services Act 1997*, as amended or varied from time to time.

"MRPB" means the Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia.

"SPP" – Supervised Practice Program

"Union" means the Health Services Union NSW.

"MEDICAL RADIATION SCIENTIST (MRS) (DIAGNOSTIC RADIOGRAPHERS)"

"Diagnostic Radiographer" means a person who holds a Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science in Diagnostic Radiography and holds a Statement of Accreditation issued by the Australian Institute of Radiography. From 1 July 2012 Diagnostic Radiographers are required to hold registration with the MRPB.

MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) Qualifications:

Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science (Diagnostic Radiography).

Bachelor of Applied Science (Medical Radiation Science) - (Diagnostic Radiography).

Successful completion of a Diagnostic Radiography course recognised by the employer and the MRPB.

Accreditation by the Australian Institute of Radiography (AIR). From 1 July 2012, must hold registration with the MRPB.

LEVEL 1

Progression from Level 1 to Level 2 is automatic upon completion of the SPP (full-time or part-time equivalent) in an approved department. The MRS at this level must have been granted provisional accreditation by the AIR. From 1 July 2012, the MRS at this level must have been granted provisional registration by the MRPB. The Level 2 progression shall be retrospective to the SPP completion anniversary date.

The Medical Radiation Scientist (MRS) (Diagnostic Radiographer) at this level is employed in an approved department during their first-year post-graduation from a recognised university undergraduate course. This year may be referred to as their Provisional Development Year or PDY.

The MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) at this level shall develop a capacity to apply knowledge, skills, professional judgement and show initiative in solving routine professional issues involving patient care, radiation safety, work health and safety (WHS), manual handling and QA. They will be expected to work in an environment where there are multi-disciplinary teams.

LEVEL 2 (Years 1 - 5)

Progression through Level 2 is automatic and occurs annually on the MRS' (Diagnostic Radiographer) anniversary. This level also maintains those who are still on the "thereafter" rate.

To satisfy the criteria for progression to Level 2 the MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) will have completed the requirements for their SPP.

The MRS (Diagnostic Radiographers) at this level:

Demonstrates independent and significant professional knowledge and judgement to acquire and exhibit competency in all appropriate clinical tasks.

Begins to take an active part in multidisciplinary teams and gain experience in the more complex modalities of their department, including quality improvement/ assurance programmes, work health and safety issues and radiation safety.

Is expected to provide a high level of patient care and management with an understanding of patient needs and psychology and continue to develop their knowledge regarding work health and safety issues (e.g. manual handling, infection control, etc.).

Demonstrates significant ongoing commitment to continuing professional education and actively participates in undergraduate student education and departmental in-service lectures.

LEVEL 3

Grade 1 (Years 1 - 2: Specialist MRS)

At completion of one-year full-time (or part-time equivalent) at Level 3, Grade 1, Year 1, the MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) will automatically progress to Level 3, Grade 1, Year 2.

An MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) may apply for a personal regrading to this level after not less than two years' experience post accreditation or registration (i.e. Level 2, Year 2). The MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) must display a suitable level of professionalism, as determined by their peers (Level 4 or above) and develop competency in at least one sub-speciality from the list below. A panel of at least three Chief MRS (Diagnostic Radiographers) or their representative will assess the application.

The relevant Health Service may also establish such positions at Level 3, Grade 1 or 2 as it deems appropriate from time-to-time.

The profession of MRS (Diagnostic Radiography) is free to bring forward new technologies and procedures as they develop with a view to gaining agreement of their inclusion in the criteria listed below.

MRS (Diagnostic Radiographers) seeking appointment to Level 3, Grade 1 shall be required to demonstrate a high level of knowledge and proficiency in complex clinical procedures including but not confined to:

Education

Applied Computer Science (including PACS)

Paediatrics

Clinical Supervisor

QA

Radiation Safety & Assessment

CT

Angiography

Intra-operative interventional techniques

MRI

Ultrasound

Mammography/Breast Imaging

General/Trauma Radiography

Dental Imaging

Software development and application.

In addition, MRS (Diagnostic Radiographers) at this level are expected to:

Demonstrate a level of participation in teaching programs within and/or outside the establishment. This teaching may include undergraduate, postgraduate students, other health professionals, patients and their carers and the public in a field relevant to Diagnostic Radiography.

Demonstrate an ability to supervise and be responsible for other MRS' (Diagnostic Radiographers).

Demonstrate an ability to supervise and assess clinical experience of MRS (Diagnostic Radiography) undergraduate students. Provide liaison between the universities and the clinical setting.

Be able to demonstrate active participation and involvement in development of techniques through associated reports, presentations, conferences, publications or workplace in-service lectures.

Contribute to Quality Assurance activities.

Display judgement and demonstrate a high level of initiative and independence in problem solving; or

Possess a post graduate certificate in a relevant area of specialisation.

LEVEL 3

Grade 2 (Years 1 - 2: Consultant MRS)

At completion of one year full-time (or part-time equivalent) at Level 3, Grade 2, Year 1, the MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) will automatically progress to Level 3, Grade 2, Year 2.

The MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) after not less than the completion of 12 months service at Level 3, Grade 1, Year 2 may apply to the Chief MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) for personal progression to Level 3, Grade 2. The applicant will be assessed by a panel of at least three Chief MRS' (Diagnostic Radiographers) or their representatives.

The MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) at this level will have extensive clinical expertise related to specific areas/modalities and be able to demonstrate a high level of competency and a consistently high standard of practice, as outlined in Level 3, Grade 1 and as determined by their peers (Level 4 and above). They will be expected to demonstrate their expertise through the development and maintenance of protocols, clinical reviews, teaching and delivery of in-service and presentations of papers/publications related to their area of expertise at departmental level and at conferences at national or international level. They may be called on in an advisory capacity to assist other MRS (Diagnostic Radiographers) with difficulties encountered within specific situations relating to their area of expertise.

Applicants should have substantiated reports by Senior MRS (Diagnostic Radiographers) Level 4 or above and/or Staff Specialists. The reports should focus on the expertise, judgement, and provision of advice by the applicant, together with the impact on services provided by the department arising from the work of the applicant. A minimum of two reports should be included and at least one must be from an MRS. (Diagnostic Radiographer). This wider acknowledgment of their expertise may be for example, in publications in peer-reviewed journals.

The MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) Level 3, Grade 2 may also be designated as the Clinical Imaging Educator/Tutor.

This position would be responsible to the Chief MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) for the identification, provision and delivery of continuing education for MRS (Diagnostic Radiographers) with both clinical and general management components. In addition, responsible for the co-ordination and determined service delivery of the educator/tutor function for undergraduates on clinical placement and MRS (Diagnostic Radiographers) undergoing the SPP.

LEVEL 3

Grade 3

The MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) at this level must have obtained an appropriate recognised postgraduate diploma allied to their area of expertise. This refers to post graduate diploma in areas such

as (but not restricted to) ultrasound, CT, MRI, mammography, angiography, QA, management, education, research or IT. Such applicable diplomas must be relevant to the area of specialisation.

LEVEL 4

Grade 1 (Years 1 - 2: Section Manager/Assistant Chief MRS/Sole Chief MRS)

At completion of one year full-time (or part-time equivalent) at Level 4, Grade 1, Year 1, the MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) will automatically progress to Level 4, Grade 1 Year 2.

An MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) at this level would manage the operations of a section or functional unit (specialist or general) within the Diagnostic Radiology department and discharge the associated administrative duties. These operations include day to day management, throughput and patient care, patient scheduling as well as immediate staffing. The MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) would be responsible to the Assistant Chief MRS (Assistant Chief Diagnostic Radiographer) or the Chief MRS (Chief Diagnostic Radiographer) for the overall QA, organisation, activities and maintenance of standards within the particular specialised section; or

MRS (Diagnostic Radiographers) at this level may be a sole Chief MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) responsible to a Health Manager for both the clinical and financial management of the Imaging Department; or

An MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) at this level may be an Assistant Chief MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) within a department with 4-7 FTE MRS (Diagnostic Radiographers) in addition to other associated department staff e.g., clerical, hospital assistants, etc; or

Possess a Master's Degree in an area of Medical Radiation Science specialisation which is relevant to medical imaging and which will benefit the profession. Eligibility requires a minimum of three years equivalent clinical practice after successful completion of a SPP.

LEVEL 4

Grade 2

An MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) at this level would manage an area of the Diagnostic Radiology department with at least two specialist modalities such as 2 CT units or 2 Angiographic units; or

Two imaging sections within a tertiary referral teaching hospital e.g., Operating Suite and General Radiography.

In a department of only one specialist modality it may be appropriate to have only one position at this level, but the focus of the position would be the decision of the relevant Health Service.

The areas referred to in this section would include a number of imaging sections or units, such as all CT units or all angiographic units. The manager of the area would have the responsibility for the overall organisation of the designated area and be responsible for tasks such as coordinated implementation of existing and new techniques, creation of protocols for scheduling and training, overall waiting list management and ensuring all resources are used in the most effective manner; or

The MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) at this level may be a Chief MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) who manages a department with 2-3 FTE MRS (Diagnostic Radiographers) in addition to other associated department staff e.g., clerical, hospital assistants; or

The MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) at this level may be an Assistant Chief MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) within a department with 8-14 FTE MRS' (Diagnostic Radiographers) in addition to other associated department staff e.g., clerical, hospital assistants, etc.

At this level the MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) will have the duties and responsibilities of an MRS Section Manager (Level 4 Grade 1) but possess a post graduate diploma or Master's degree in an area of

relevance to their position. The post graduate diploma/Master's degree will have been completed after a minimum four years clinical experience. Such a position is to receive accelerated progression to Level 4, Grade 2, Year 2.

LEVEL 5

Grade 1

The MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) at this level is a Chief MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) who manages a department with 4-7 FTE MRS (Diagnostic Radiographers) in addition to other associated departmental staff e.g., clerical, hospital assistants, etc; or

The MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) at this level is an Assistant Chief MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) within a department with 15 - 19 FTE MRS (Diagnostic Radiographers) in addition to other associated departmental staff e.g., clerical, hospital assistants, etc; or

At this level the MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) is responsible for coordinating and managing a complex function for example, but not limited to: IT, PACS/RIS, CT, US etc. across a Local Health District(s); or

Has completed a PhD in a relevant area of specialisation.

LEVEL 5

Grade 2

The MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) at this level is a Chief MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) who manages a department with 8-14 FTE MRS (Diagnostic Radiographers) in addition to other associated departmental staff e.g. clerical, hospital assistants, etc; or

The MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) at this level is an Assistant Chief MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) within a department with 20-24 FTE MRS (Diagnostic Radiographers) in addition to other associated departmental staff e.g. clerical, hospital assistants, etc.

LEVEL 5

Grade 3

The MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) at this level is a Chief MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) who manages a department with 15-19 FTE MRS (Diagnostic radiographers) in addition to other associated departmental staff e.g., clerical, hospital assistants, etc; or

The MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) at this level is an Assistant Chief MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) within a department with more than 24 FTE MRS (Diagnostic Radiographers) in addition to other associated departmental staff e.g., clerical, hospital assistants etc.

LEVEL 6

Grade 1

The MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) at this level is a Chief MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) who manages a department with 20-24 FTE MRS (Diagnostic Radiographers) in addition to other associated departmental staff e.g., clerical, hospital assistants etc.

LEVEL 6**Grade 2**

The MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) at this level is a Chief MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) who manages a department with 25-30 FTE MRS (Diagnostic Radiographers) in addition to other associated departmental staff e.g., clerical, hospital assistants, etc.

LEVEL 6**Grade 3**

The MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) at this level is a Chief MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) who manages a department with 31 or more FTE MRS (Diagnostic Radiographers) in addition to other associated departmental staff e.g., clerical, hospital assistants, etc.

NB: FTEs refer to establishment radiographer positions only.

"MEDICAL RADIATION SCIENTIST (MRS) (NUCLEAR MEDICINE)"

An MRS (Nuclear Medicine) means a person who has acquired a Bachelor of Applied Science in Medical Radiation Science - Nuclear Medicine or equivalent qualifications recognised by the MRPB and currently holds a radiation license under the Radiation Control Act 1990. From 1 July 2012, an MRS (Nuclear Medicine) must hold registration with the MRPB. Employees employed as MRS (Nuclear Medicine) are classified into six levels as follows:

LEVEL 1 - SPP MRS (Nuclear Medicine)

The MRS (Nuclear Medicine) at this level are employed in an Australian and New Zealand Society of Nuclear Medicine (ANZSNM) approved department during their first-year post graduation from a university undergraduate or postgraduate course/program recognised by the MRPB. This year may be referred to as their Supervised Practice Program (SPP).

The MRS (Nuclear Medicine) at this level shall develop a capacity to apply knowledge, skills, professional judgement and show initiative in solving routine professional issues involving patient care, radiation safety, work health and safety, and manual handling.

Progression from Level 1 to Level 2 is upon completion of their SPP (full-time or part-time equivalent) in an approved department. The MRS (Nuclear Medicine) SPP must also have been granted accreditation with the ANZSNM.

NB. The level 2 progression shall be retrospective to their successful completion of their SPP.

LEVEL 2 (Years 1 - 5)

The MRS (Nuclear Medicine) at this level has completed at least one-year full-time employment or equivalent in an ANZSNM approved Department and obtained their accreditation.

The MRS (Nuclear Medicine) at this level:

Demonstrates independent and significant professional knowledge and judgement when performing clinical tasks.

Begins to take an active part in multidisciplinary teams and gain experience in the more complex Nuclear Medicine procedures including Quality Improvement / Assurance programmes.

Is expected to provide a high level of patient care and continue to develop their knowledge regarding workplace safety issues (e.g. manual handling, work health and safety).

Demonstrates significant ongoing commitment to continuing education and participates in undergraduate student education and departmental in-service lectures

Progression through Level 2 is automatic and occurs annually on the MRS' (Nuclear Medicine) anniversary of accreditation or registration.

LEVEL 3

Grade 1 (Years 1-2: Specialist MRS (Nuclear Medicine))

The MRS (Nuclear Medicine) may apply for a personal regrading to this level after not less than two years' experience post accreditation or registration (full-time or part-time equivalent). The MRS (Nuclear Medicine) must display a suitable level of professionalism, as determined by their peers, and develop competency in at least one essential criterion and 3 desirable criteria from the list below. A panel of at least three Chief MRS (or their representative) will assess the application.

Essential Criteria

Undertake relevant workplace academic postgraduate certificate, diploma or higher qualification or other 'relevant' professional qualifications i.e. Ultrasound, BMD, CT (hybrid course); or

Develop a high level of competency within area/s of specialty with a minimum of 12months (not necessarily continuous) experience in those relevant area/s. Areas of specialty may include: Education, applied computer science (including PACS), paediatrics, clinical supervisor, QA, Radiopharmacy, software development and application etc; or

Develop a consistently high standard of practice within the profession and has proven problem solving skills. The MRS (Nuclear Medicine) at this level should also be actively involved in the organisation and management of the workplace (e.g. Staff mentoring, IT duties, Staff Appraisals, QA, QC).

Desirable Criteria

Demonstrated high standard of practice within the profession, through the active involvement in areas such as conferences, lectures, seminars, continuing education or professional development.

Published papers, presentations or preparation of significant reports.

Active involvement in workplace in-services.

Contributes to the establishment of clinical protocols and development of techniques.

Demonstrate competency in, and a detailed knowledge of complex clinical procedures

Demonstrates an ability to supervise and assess clinical experience of MRS undergraduate students.

Involved in department quality management activities, including protocols and procedures

Involved in research either performed in the department or in conjunction with the department.

Participation in relevant professional committees. Example of these may be radiation safety, WHS, QA or Health Service committees relevant to the professional activities of Nuclear Medicine.

The profession of Nuclear Medicine is free to bring forward new technologies and procedures as they develop with a view to gaining agreement of their inclusion in the above listed criteria.

At completion of one-year full-time (or part-time equivalent) at Level 3 Grade 1 Year 1, the MRS (Nuclear Medicine) will automatically progress to Level 3 Grade 1 Year 2.

LEVEL 3

Grade 2 (Year 1-2: Specialist / Educator Co-ordinator MRS (Nuclear Medicine))

The MRS (Nuclear Medicine) may after not less than the completion of 2 years' service (full-time or part-time equivalent) at Level 3, Grade 1, Year 2 apply to the Chief MRS for personal progression to Level 3, Grade 2, Year 1. A panel of at least three Chief MRS (or their representative) will assess the application.

MRS (Nuclear Medicine) must have clinical expertise related to specific areas/modalities and be able to demonstrate a high level of competency and a consistently high standard of practice, as outlined in Level 3, Grade 1 and as determined by their peers (Level 4 and above).

They will be expected to demonstrate their expertise through the development and maintenance of protocols, clinical reviews, teaching and delivery of in-service and presentations of papers/publications related to their area of expertise at departmental level and at conferences at national or international level. They may be called on in an advisory capacity to assist other MRS (Nuclear Medicine) with difficulties encountered within specific situations relating to their area of expertise.

Applicants should have substantiated reports/appraisals by Senior MRS (Level 4 or above) and/or Staff Specialists. The reports should focus on the expertise, judgement, and provision of advice by the applicant, together with the impact on services provided by the department arising from the work of the applicant. A minimum of two reports should be included and at least one must be from an MRS (Nuclear Medicine). This wider acknowledgment of their expertise may be in publications in peer-reviewed journals; or

The MRS (Nuclear Medicine) Level 3, Grade 2 may also be designated as the Nuclear Medicine Department Educator/Tutor co-ordinator.

This position would be responsible to the Level 5 & 6 MRS (Nuclear Medicine) for the identification, provision and delivery of continuing education for the department, including both clinical and general management components. In addition, responsible for the co-ordination and determined service delivery of the tutor function for undergraduates on clinical placement and MRS (Nuclear Medicine) undergoing their SPP. This position would also be expected to liaise with the relevant professional bodies (e.g., Mentor program, accreditation, ANZSNM and New South Wales Society of Nuclear Medicine Scientists (NSWSNMS).

At completion of one-year full-time (or part-time equivalent) at Level 3 Grade 2 Year 1, the MRS (Nuclear Medicine) will automatically progress to Level 3 Grade 2 Year 2.

LEVEL 3

Grade 3

The MRS (Nuclear Medicine) at this level must have obtained an appropriate postgraduate diploma allied to their area of expertise. This refers to post graduate qualifications in areas such as (but not restricted to) ultrasound, CT, QA, management, education, research or IT. Such applicable qualifications must be relevant to the area of specialisation.

LEVEL 4

Grade 1 (Year 1-2: Section Manager)

The MRS (Nuclear Medicine) at this level is responsible for the scheduling and adaptation of services within a section of a Nuclear Medicine department. They must possess excellent leadership, communication and interpersonal skills. An MRS (Nuclear Medicine) at this level performs the clinical

duties and some associated administrative duties (e.g. policy and procedure development and implementation) of that section, under the direction of the Level 5 and/or Level 6 MRS (Nuclear Medicine); or

Research Co-ordinator MRS

The MRS at this level is primarily responsible for the co-ordination and development of research projects within the department. This MRS is required to liaise with related groups such as clinical departments, university faculties or private companies. This MRS is to be known as the research co-ordinator. At completion of one-year full-time (or part-time equivalent) at Level 4, Grade 1, Year 1 the MRS (Nuclear Medicine) will automatically progress to Level 4, Grade 1, Year 2.

LEVEL 4

Grade 2 (Year 1-2: Section Manager)

The MRS (Nuclear Medicine) at this level is responsible for the scheduling and adaptation of services within a section of a Nuclear Medicine department. They must possess excellent leadership, communication and interpersonal skills. An MRS (Nuclear Medicine) at this level performs the clinical duties and some associated administrative duties (e.g. policy and procedure development and implementation) of that section, under the direction of the Level 5 and/or Level 6 MRS (Nuclear Medicine); and

The MRS at this level must have obtained an appropriate postgraduate diploma or above allied to their area of expertise. This refers to post graduate qualifications in areas such as (but not restricted to) ultrasound, CT, QA, management, education, research or IT. Such applicable qualifications must be relevant to the area of specialisation.

At completion of one-year full-time (or part-time equivalent) at Level 4, Grade 2, Year 1 the MRS (Nuclear Medicine) will automatically progress to Level 4, Grade 2, Year 2.

LEVEL 5

Grade 1 (Deputy Chief MRS)

The MRS (Nuclear Medicine) at this level is responsible for providing managerial support to the Chief MRS (Nuclear Medicine) in a Nuclear Medicine Department with less than 3 gamma cameras. This MRS is to be known as the Deputy Chief MRS.

An MRS (Nuclear Medicine) at this level performs a combination of both clinical and administrative duties under the direction of the Chief MRS (Nuclear Medicine) e.g., Policy/procedure development and implementation, provide feedback and performance appraisals of less experienced MRS (Nuclear Medicine).

The Level 5, Grade 1 MRS (Nuclear Medicine) also possesses an understanding of hospital and departmental administration, and a working knowledge of purchasing requirements.

LEVEL 5

Grade 2 (Deputy Chief MRS)

The MRS (Nuclear Medicine) at this level is responsible for providing managerial support to the Chief MRS (Nuclear Medicine) in a Nuclear Medicine Department with 3 or more gamma cameras. This MRS is to be known as the Deputy Chief MRS.

An MRS (Nuclear Medicine) at this level performs a combination of both clinical and administrative duties under the direction of the Chief MRS (Nuclear Medicine) e.g., Policy/procedure development and implementation, provide feedback and performance appraisals of less experienced MRS (Nuclear Medicine).

The Level 5, Grade 2 MRS (Nuclear Medicine) also possesses an understanding of hospital and departmental administration, and a working knowledge of purchasing requirements.

LEVEL 5

Grade 3 (Deputy Chief MRS)

The MRS (Nuclear Medicine) at this level is responsible for providing managerial support to the Chief MRS (Nuclear Medicine) in a Nuclear Medicine Department with 3 or more gamma cameras including a dedicated PET facility. This MRS is to be known as the Deputy Chief MRS.

An MRS (Nuclear Medicine) at this level performs a combination of both clinical and administrative duties under the direction of the Chief MRS (Nuclear Medicine) e.g., Policy/procedure development and implementation, provide feedback and performance appraisals of less experienced MRS (Nuclear Medicine).

The Level 5, Grade 3 MRS (Nuclear Medicine) also possesses an understanding of hospital and departmental administration, and a working knowledge of purchasing requirements.

LEVEL 6

Grade 1 (Chief MRS (Nuclear Medicine))

The Chief MRS (Nuclear Medicine) has ultimate responsibility for service standards, patient throughput, continuing education, research, training of MRS (Nuclear Medicine) staff and students as well as liaison with appropriate universities and with relevant other bodies.

Duties of the MRS Level 6 Grade 1 include: HR management, recruitment and selection of staff, complaint handling, departmental accreditation, QA (EquiP) maintenance, financial, expenditure and resource management. Administration and clinical management, delegation and negotiation skills and development, and implementation of policies/procedures and strategic business plans are also tasks that the Level 6 Grade 1 MRS must perform.

The Level 6 Grade 1 MRS (Nuclear Medicine) is responsible for managing a Nuclear Medicine Department with less than 3 gamma cameras, in addition to other associated departmental staff e.g. clerical, hospital assistants etc. This MRS is to be known as the Chief MRS; or

The Level 6 Grade 1 MRS (Nuclear Medicine) is responsible for managing a Nuclear Medicine Department that is not accredited by the Australian and New Zealand Association of Physicians in Nuclear Medicine for the training of advanced registrars in Nuclear Medicine. This MRS is to be known as the Chief MRS.

LEVEL 6

Grade 2 (Chief MRS (Nuclear Medicine))

The Chief MRS (Nuclear Medicine) has ultimate responsibility for service standards, patient throughput, continuing education, research, training of MRS (Nuclear Medicine) staff and students as well as liaison with appropriate universities and with relevant other bodies.

Duties of the MRS Level 6, Grade 2 include: HR management, recruitment and selection of staff, complaint handling, departmental accreditation, QA (EquiP) maintenance, financial, expenditure and resource management. Administration and clinical management, delegation and negotiation skills and development, and implementation of policies/procedures and strategic business plans are also tasks that the Level 6, Grade 2 MRS must perform.

The Level 6, Grade 2 MRS (Nuclear Medicine), is responsible for managing a Nuclear Medicine Department with 3 or more gamma cameras, in addition to other associated departmental staff eg. clerical, hospital assistants etc; and

The Level 6, Grade 2 MRS (Nuclear Medicine) is responsible for managing a Nuclear Medicine Department that is accredited by the Australian and New Zealand Association of Physicians in Nuclear Medicine for the training of advanced registrars in Nuclear Medicine. This MRS is to be known as the Chief MRS.

LEVEL 6

Grade 3

The Chief MRS (Nuclear Medicine) has ultimate responsibility for service standards, patient throughput, continuing education, research, training of MRS (Nuclear Medicine) staff and students as well as liaison with appropriate universities and with relevant other bodies.

Duties of the MRS Level 6, Grade 3 include: HR management, recruitment and selection of staff, complaint handling, departmental accreditation, QA (Equip) maintenance, financial, expenditure and resource management. Administration and clinical management, delegation and negotiation skills and development, and implementation of policies/procedures and strategic business plans are also tasks that the Level 6, Grade 3 MRS must perform.

The Level 6, Grade 3 MRS (Nuclear Medicine), is responsible for managing a Nuclear Medicine Department with 3 or more gamma cameras including a dedicated PET facility, in addition to other associated departmental staff e.g., clerical, hospital assistants etc; and

The Level 6, Grade 3 MRS (Nuclear Medicine) is responsible for managing a Nuclear Medicine Department that is accredited by the Australian and New Zealand Association of Physicians in Nuclear Medicine for the training of advanced registrars in Nuclear Medicine. This MRS is to be known as the Chief MRS.

"MEDICAL RADIATION SCIENTIST (RADIATION THERAPIST)"

An MRS (Radiation Therapist) means a person who has acquired a Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science (Radiation Therapy)/Bachelor of Applied Science (Medical Radiation Sciences) - Radiation Therapy; or has qualifications deemed equivalent by the employer and recognised by the MRPB. From 1 July 2012, MRS (Radiation Therapists) must hold registration with the MRPB. Employees employed as a Medical Radiation Therapist are classified into one of the following six levels:

LEVEL 1

The Medical Radiation Scientists ('MRS') (Radiation Therapists) at this level are employed in an approved department during their first-year post-graduation from a recognised university undergraduate course. This year may be referred to as their Supervised Practice Program (SPP).

The MRS at this level shall develop a capacity to apply knowledge, skills, professional judgement and show initiative in solving routine professional issues involving patient care, radiation safety, work health and safety, manual handling and QA. They will be expected to work in an environment where there are multi-disciplinary teams.

Progression from Level 1 to Level 2 is upon their successful completion of their PDY (full-time or part-time equivalent) in an approved department. The MRS (PDY) must also have been granted provisional accreditation with the AIR. From 1 July 2012, the MRS (PDY) must have been granted provisional registration by the MRPB. The Level 2 progression shall be retrospective to the PDY anniversary date.

Radiation Therapists at this level are responsible for their own Continuing Professional Development as determined and required by the MRPB.

LEVEL 2 (Years 1 - 5)

Radiation Therapists at this level have completed the requirements for the PDY and progression from Level 1. Radiation Therapists at Level 2 and above shall have a high level of patient care and

understanding towards the patient; involvement in work health and safety and Quality Assurance matters; and work in an environment where there are multi-disciplinary teams.

Radiation Therapists operating at this level are required to demonstrate competency within the areas of patient treatment, planning and delivery; and active involvement/ participation in workplace in-services.

The MRS at this level:

Demonstrates independent and significant professional knowledge and judgment to acquire and exhibit competency in all appropriate clinical tasks.

Begins to take an active part in multidisciplinary teams and gain experience in the more complex modalities of their department, including Quality Improvement/Assurance programmes, work health and safety issues and radiation safety.

Is expected to provide a high level of patient care and treatment planning and delivery with an understanding of patient needs and psychology, and continue to develop their knowledge regarding work health and safety issues (e.g. manual handling).

Demonstrates significant ongoing commitment to continuing education and professional development, and participates in undergraduate student education and departmental in-service lectures.

Radiation Therapists at this level are responsible for their own Continuing Professional Development as determined and required by the MRPB.

Progression through Level 2 is automatic, and occurs annually on the MRS' anniversary. This level also maintains those who are still on the "thereafter" rate.

LEVEL 3

Grade 1 (Years 1 - 2: Radiation Therapist Specialist)

A Radiation Therapist may apply to the Chief Radiation Therapist for a personal regrading to this level after not less than two years post accreditation experience (i.e. Completion of Level 2, Year 2). The application will be assessed by a panel of at least three Chief Radiation Therapists. The relevant Health Service may also establish such positions at Level 3, Grade 1 that it deems appropriate, from time to time.

Radiation Therapists seeking appointment at Level 3, Grade 1 shall be required to demonstrate a high level of knowledge and proficiency in at least two complex clinical procedures including but not confined to:

Treatment planning and delivery:

CNS

Multi-field junctional techniques (3 fields or more)

Mono isocentric techniques

Conformal therapy

Brachytherapy (both treatment and planning)

Radiosurgery/stereotactic

Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy

Paediatric radiation therapy

Complex radiation therapy techniques related to specific trials and protocols

3-Dimensional Treatment Planning

Technique development

Complex mould-room procedures

The Union and the employer are free to bring forward new technologies and procedures as they develop, with a view to gaining agreement on their inclusion in the above-listed criteria.

In addition, Radiation Therapists at this level are expected to:

Demonstrate a record of participation in teaching programmes within and/or outside the place of work. This teaching may include undergraduate, postgraduate students, other health professionals, patients and their carers or the public in a field relevant to Radiation Therapy;

Demonstrate an ability to supervise and be responsible for other Radiation Therapists;

Demonstrate an ability to supervise and assess clinical experience of Radiation Therapy undergraduate students. Provide liaison between the Universities and the clinical setting; and

Be able to demonstrate active participation/involvement in research and development through associated reports, presentations, conferences, publications; or workplace in-services.

At completion of one-year full-time (or part-time equivalent) at Level 3, Grade 1, Year 1, the MRS will automatically progress to Level 3, Grade 1, Year 2.

Radiation Therapists at this level are responsible for their own Continuing Professional Development as determined and required by the MRPB.

LEVEL 3

Grade 2 (Years 1-2: Radiation Therapist Consultant)

A Radiation Therapist may, after not less than the completion of 12 months service at Level 3, Grade 1 Year 2, apply to the Chief Radiation Therapist for personal progression to Level 3, Grade 2 (Year 1) - Radiation Therapist Consultant and will be assessed by a panel of at least three Chief Radiation Therapists.

The relevant Health Service may also establish such positions at Level 3, Grade 2 (Radiation Therapist Consultant) that it deems appropriate, from time to time.

Radiation Therapist Consultants have clinical expertise related to specific areas of radiation therapy e.g., Paediatric specialty, stereotactic radiosurgery, clinical review, counselling, head and neck cancers, genito-urinary cancers etc., and may be called on in an advisory capacity to assist other Radiation Therapists with difficulties encountered within specific situations relating to their area of expertise.

The Radiation Therapist Consultant will be expected to demonstrate their expertise through the development and maintenance of protocols, delivery of in-services and presentation of papers related to their area of expertise at departmental level and at conferences at national or international level.

In addition to the criterion for Level 3 Grade 1, the Radiation Therapist must be able to demonstrate expertise in 2 further speciality areas, or one further speciality area and a postgraduate qualification deemed appropriate to the profession by the panel.

The Level 3 Grade 2 Radiation Therapist should also demonstrate an increased involvement in teaching and presentations/publications.

Applicants should have substantiated reports by Senior Radiation Therapists (Level 4 or above) and/or Radiation Oncologists and/or other associated health service managers. The reports should focus on the expertise, judgement, and provision of advice by the applicant, together with the impact on services provided by the Radiation Therapy department arising from the work of the applicant. A minimum of two reports should be included and at least one must be from a Radiation Therapist. This wider acknowledgment of their expertise may be in publications in peer-reviewed journals.

Radiation Therapists at this level are responsible for their own Continuing Professional Development as determined and required by the MRPB.

At completion of one year full-time (or part-time equivalent) at Level 3, Grade 2, Year 1, the MRS will automatically progress to Level 3, Grade 2, Year 2.

LEVEL 4

Grade 1 (Years 1 - 2: Section/Functional Unit Manager/Senior Radiation Therapist)

A Radiation Therapist at this level would manage the operations of a section or functional unit of a Radiation Therapy Department and discharge associated administrative duties.

A section or unit within this level is a single treatment machine where the managers would be responsible for the administrative detail, such as day to day running, throughput and patient care, patient scheduling, as well as immediate staffing. The Radiation Therapist at this level would also be responsible for maintaining adequate QA on patient treatment sheets, record and verify systems (including data entry) Portal films, EPI and billing data entry requirements. The Radiation Therapist would also be actively involved in ensuring all treatment deviations are investigated, reported and corrective measures implemented where appropriate. A section or unit may also relate to sections within the treatment planning area. These sections may include, but are not limited to simulator, mould room and planning room.

Radiation Therapy Level 4 Grade 1 positions may also be established as multidisciplinary team co-ordinators, where the Radiation Therapist is responsible for the management and associated duties of the multidisciplinary team functions.

Radiation Therapy Level 4 Grade 1 positions may also be established as Radiation Therapist - Education.

A position of Radiation Therapist - Education is responsible to the Chief Radiation Therapist for the identification, provision and delivery of continuing education for Radiation Therapists, with both clinical and general management components; and for the co-ordination and appropriate service delivery of the tutor function for undergraduates/trainees on clinical placement and Radiation Therapists in their Professional Development Year.

Radiation Therapists at this level are responsible for their own Continuing Professional Development as determined and required by the MRPB.

At completion of one year full-time (or part-time equivalent) at Level 4, Grade 1, Year 1, the MRS will automatically progress to Level 4, Grade 1, Year 2.

LEVEL 4

Grade 2 (Years 1 - 2: Radiation Therapist Supervisor)

A Radiation Therapist at this level would manage an area of a Radiation Therapy Department, such as treatment planning or treatment delivery, work health and safety and or radiation safety legislation and

Equip co-ordinators. The Radiation Therapist at this level would be expected to maintain expertise in radiation therapy planning, simulation and treatment delivery.

The Radiation Therapist in this position would be responsible for the overall Quality Assurance, organisation, activities and maintenance of standards within the particular area in conjunction with the Chief Radiation Therapist and Deputy Chief Radiation Therapist.

The area referred to in this level would include a number of the sections or units, such as all the treatment machines and the total planning area. The manager of an area would have responsibility for the overall organisation of the designated area and be responsible for tasks such as coordinated implementation of existing and new techniques, overall waiting list management, ensuring planning and treatment resources are used in the most effective manner. The radiation therapist would also be responsible for ensuring all treatment deviations are investigated, reported and corrective measures are implemented where appropriate.

Radiation Therapists at this level are responsible for their own Continuing Professional Development as determined and required by the MRPB.

At completion of one year full-time (or part-time equivalent) at Level 4, Grade 2, Year 1, the MRS will automatically progress to Level 4, Grade 2, Year 2.

LEVEL 5 (Years 1 - 3)

A Radiation Therapist at this level is an Assistant Chief Radiation Therapist who assists in the management of a Radiation Therapy department of a hospital.

Radiation Therapists at this level are responsible for their own Continuing Professional Development as determined and required by the MRPB.

Progression through Level 5 is automatic, and occurs annually on the MRS' anniversary.

LEVEL 6 (Years 1 - 3)

A Radiation Therapist at this level manages a Radiation Therapy department of a hospital. The Chief Radiation Therapist has ultimate responsibility for patient service standards and patient throughput, continuing education, research, training of radiation therapy staff and students; liaison with appropriate universities and with relevant other bodies.

Radiation Therapists at this level are responsible for their own Continuing Professional Development as determined and required by the MRPB.

Progression through Level 6 is automatic, and occurs annually on the MRS' anniversary.

2. Salaries

Full time Medical Radiation Scientist employees shall be paid the salaries and allowances as set out in Table 1 of Part B - Monetary Rates, of this Award.

3. Conditions of Service

The Health Employees Conditions of Employment (State) Award 2023, as varied or replaced from time to time, shall apply to all persons covered by this Award.

In addition, the Health Industry Status of Employment (State) Award 2023, as varied or replaced from time to time, shall also apply to relevant employees.

4. Dispute Resolution

The dispute resolution procedures contained in the Health Employees Conditions of Employment (State) Award 2023, as varied or replaced from time to time, shall apply.

5. Anti-Discrimination

- (i) It is the intention of the parties bound by this Award to seek to achieve the object in section 3(f) of the *Industrial Relations Act 1996* to prevent and eliminate discrimination in the workplace. This includes discrimination on the grounds of race, sex, marital status, disability, homosexuality, transgender identity, age and responsibilities as a carer.
- (ii) It follows that in fulfilling their obligations under the dispute resolution procedure prescribed by this Award the parties have obligations to take all reasonable steps to ensure that the operation of the provisions of this Award are not directly or indirectly discriminatory in their effects. It will be consistent with the fulfilment of these obligations for the parties to make application to vary any provision of the Award which, by its terms or operation, has a direct or indirect discriminatory effect.
- (iii) Under the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*, it is unlawful to victimise an employee because the employee has made or may make or has been involved in a complaint of unlawful discrimination or harassment.
- (iv) Nothing in this clause is to be taken to affect:
 - (a) any conduct or act which is specifically exempted from anti-discrimination legislation;
 - (b) offering or providing junior rates of pay to persons under 21 years of age;
 - (c) any act or practice of a body established to propagate religion which is exempted under section 56(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*;
 - (d) a party to this Award from pursuing matters of unlawful discrimination in any State or Federal jurisdiction.
- (v) This clause does not create legal rights or obligations in addition to those imposed upon the parties by the legislation referred to in this clause.

NOTES -

- (a) Employers and employees may also be subject to Commonwealth anti-discrimination legislation.
- (b) Section 56(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977* provides:

"Nothing in this Act affects ... any other act or practice of a body established to propagate religion that conforms to the doctrines of that religion or is necessary to avoid injury to the religious susceptibilities of the adherents of that religion."

6. No Extra Claims

Other than as provided for in the Industrial Relations Act 1996 and the Industrial Relations (Public Sector Conditions of Employment) Regulation 2014 (or its successor however described), there shall be no further claims/demands or proceedings instituted before the Industrial Relations Commission of New South Wales for extra or reduced wages, salaries, rates of pay, allowances or conditions of employment with respect to the employees covered by the Award that take effect prior to 30 June 2024 by a party to this Award.

7. Area, Incidence and Duration

- (i) This Award takes effect from 1 July 2023 and shall remain in force for a period of one year. The salaries and allowances in the second column in Table 1 of Part B - Monetary Rates, will apply from the first full pay period on or after (ffppoa) 1 July 2023.

- (ii) This Award rescinds and replaces the Health Employees' Medical Radiation Scientists (State) Award 2022 published on 4 November 2022 (393 I.G. 74) and all variations thereof.
- (iii) This Award shall apply to persons employed in classifications contained herein employed in the NSW Health Service under s115(1) of the *Health Services Act 1997*, or their successors, assignees or transmittes, excluding the County of Yancowinna.

PART B

MONETARY RATES

Table 1 - Salaries and Allowances

In the period 1 July 2023 to the commencement of the first full pay period on or after 1 July 2023, the applicable rates of pay are those that applied immediately prior to the first full pay period on or after 1 July 2023.

Classification	Rate from ffppoa 01/07/2023 Per week \$
Year 1	1,359.82
Level 2 (35hrs)	
Year 1	1,408.12
Year 2	1,588.32
Year 3	1,796.92
Year 4	1,881.22
Year 5	1,939.72
Level 3 (35hrs),	
Grade 1 - Year 1	2,081.52
Grade 1 - Year 2	2,148.82
Grade 2 - Year 1	2,206.62
Grade 2 - Year 2	2,441.12
Grade 3 - Year 1	2,507.12
Level 4 (35hrs)	
Grade 1 - Year 1	2,507.12
Grade 1 - Year 2	2,589.92
Grade 2 - Year 1	2,666.52
Grade 2 - Year 2	2,732.02
Level 5 (35hrs)	
Year 1	2,922.32
Year 2	2,993.52
Year 3	3,143.82
Level 6 (35hrs)	
Year 1	3,218.42
Year 2	3,292.12
Year 3	3,366.42
Nuclear Medicine Technologist	
Level 1 (38hrs)	
Year 1	1,359.82
Level 2 (38hrs)	
Year 1	1,408.12
Year 2	1,588.32
Year 3	1,796.92

Year 4	1,881.22
Year 5	1,939.72
Level 3 (38hrs)	
Grade 1 - Year 1	2,081.52
Grade 1 - Year 2	2,148.82
Grade 2 - Year 1	2,206.62
Grade 2 - Year 2	2,441.12
Grade 3 - Year 1	2,507.12
Level 4 (38hrs)	
Grade 1 - Year 1	2,507.12
Grade 1 - Year 2	2,589.92
Grade 2 - Year 1	2,666.52
Grade 2 - Year 2	2,732.02
Level 5 (38hrs)	
Year 1	2,922.32
Year 2	2,993.52
Year 3	3,143.82
Level 6 (38hrs)	
Year 1	3,218.42
Year 2	3,292.12
Year 3	3,366.42
Radiation Therapist	
Level 1 (35hrs)	
Year 1	1,359.82
Level 2 (35hrs)	
Year 1	1,408.12
Year 2	1,588.32
Year 3	1,796.92
Year 4	1,881.22
Year 5	1,939.72
Level 3 (35hrs)	
Grade 1 - Year 1	2,081.52
Grade 1 - Year 2	2,148.82
Grade 2 - Year 1	2,206.62
Grade 2 - Year 2	2,441.12
Level 4 (35hrs)	
Grade 1 - Year 1	2,507.12
Grade 1 - Year 2	2,589.92
Grade 2 - Year 1	2,666.52
Grade 2 - Year 2	2,732.02
Level 5 (35hrs)	
Year 1	2,922.32
Year 2	2,993.52
Year 3	3,143.82
Level 6 (35hrs)	
Year 1	3,218.42
Year 2	3,292.12
Year 3	3,366.42

Allowance Description	Rate from ffppoa 01/07/2023 Per week \$
Where a Chief Radiographer provides a weekly service to another hospital or hospitals and is not entitled to an adjustment to a higher salary rate for this service, he/she shall be paid the following allowance:	
Chief Radiographer - Serving Other Hospitals	60.20

N. CONSTANT, *Chief Commissioner*

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HEALTH EMPLOYEES' ORAL HEALTH THERAPISTS (STATE) AWARD 2023

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Application by NSW Ministry of Health.

(Case No. 213125 of 2023)

Before Chief Commissioner Constant

17 August 2023

AWARD

1. Arrangement

Clause No.	Subject Matter
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2. Definitions

"Dental Clinic" means any dental clinic whether fixed or mobile or any Oral Health Training School.

"Dental Therapist" means a person appointed as such and who possesses an approved qualification of proficiency in theory and technique in preventative and operative dental care of children. A dental therapist must hold the relevant registration from the Dental Board of Australia.

"Dental Hygienist" means a person appointed as such and who possesses an approved qualification of proficiency in theory and technique in dental hygiene. A dental hygienist must hold the relevant registration from the Dental Board of Australia.

"Ministry" means the Ministry of Health.

"Oral Health Therapist" means a person appointed as such and who holds the relevant registration from the Dental Board of Australia as an oral health therapist or both the registrations of dental therapist and dental hygienist.

"Service" unless the context otherwise indicates or requires, means relevant service before and/or after commencement of this Award in any one or more New South Wales public health organisations or any other organisations deemed acceptable by the Ministry of Health.

"Union" means the Health Services Union NSW.

3. Classification Structure

3.1 Level 1

- (a) Oral Health therapists who hold an approved qualification requiring less than three years of full-time study shall commence on the level 1, Year 1 salary. Single registered dental therapist and dental hygienists also commence on this rate. Single registered dental therapist and dental hygienists have limited progression entitlements as described in the Clause 4 Transition Arrangements.
- (b) Oral health therapists who hold an appropriate degree, or other qualification deemed equivalent by the Ministry of Health, requiring three years of full-time study shall commence on the level 1, year 2 salary.
- (c) Oral health therapists who hold an appropriate degree, or other qualification deemed equivalent by the Ministry of Health, requiring four years or more full-time study shall commence on the level 1, year 3 salary.
- (d) Oral health therapists employed at level 1 are newly qualified employees. Oral health therapists at this level are beginning practitioners who are developing their skills and competencies.
- (e) Level 1 staff are responsible and accountable for providing a professional level of service to the health facility.
- (f) Level 1 staff work under discipline specific professional supervision. Level 1 staff exercise professional judgment commensurate with their years of experience, as experience is gained, the level of professional judgment increases and professional supervision decreases.
- (g) Level 1 staff participate in quality activities and workplace education.
- (h) After working as a health professional for 12 months, level 1 staff may be required to provide supervision to undergraduate students on observational placements and to work experience students.

3.2 Level 2

- (a) Progression to level 2 from level 1 is automatic following completion of 12 months satisfactory service at the level 1 year 4 salary step. Single registered dental therapist and dental hygienists have limited progression entitlements as described in the Clause 4, Transition Arrangements.
- (b) Level 2 oral health therapists are expected to have obtained respective new practitioner competencies and to perform duties in addition to those at level 1.
- (c) Oral health therapists at this level are competent independent practitioners who have at least 3 years clinical experience in their profession and work under minimal professional supervision.
- (d) Positions at this level are required to exercise independent professional judgement on routine matters. They may require professional supervision from more senior staff members when performing novel, complex or critical tasks.
- (e) Level 2 staff may be required to supervise level 1 oral health therapists and technical and support staff as required.
- (f) Level 2 oral health therapists may be required to teach and supervise undergraduate students, including those on clinical placements.
- (g) Positions at this level assist in the development of policies, procedures, standards and practices, participate in quality improvement activities and may participate in clinical research activities as required.

- (h) Sole Practitioner Allowance
- (i) The sole practitioner allowance is payable to positions at level 1 or level 2 where they:
 - are the only oral health practitioner at the site; and
 - are required to exercise independent professional judgement on a day to day basis without ready access to another like professional for informal consultation, assistance and advice; or
 - undertake administrative and/or managerial responsibilities that would otherwise not be expected of a level 1 or level 2 position.
- (j) The allowance paid to sole practitioners at levels 1 and 2 is equal to the difference between the maximum level 2 salary and the minimum level 3 salary.

3.3 Levels 3 and 4

- (a) Creation of positions at levels 3 and above will be on a needs basis as determined by the employer.
- (b) Positions at Levels 3 and 4 may have a clinical, education or management focus or may have elements of all three features.
- (c) Oral health therapists working in positions at Levels 3 and 4 are experienced clinicians who possess expertise or a high level of broad generalist knowledge within their discipline.
- (d) Level 3 and 4 staff demonstrate advanced reasoning skills and operate autonomously with minimum direct clinical supervision. Level 3 and 4 staff provide clinical services to client groups and circumstances of a complex nature requiring advanced practice skills. They are able to apply professional knowledge and judgement when performing novel, complex or critical tasks specific to their discipline.
- (e) Staff at this level are expected to exercise independent professional judgement when required in solving problems and managing cases where principles, procedures, techniques and methods require expansion, adaptation or modification.
- (f) Level 3 and 4 staff have the capacity to provide clinical supervision and support to Level 1 and 2 oral health therapists, technical and support staff. Level 3 and 4 staff are involved in planning, implementing, evaluating and reporting on services. Level 3 and 4 staff identify opportunities for improvement in clinical practice, develop and lead ongoing quality improvement activities with other staff.
- (g) The expertise, skills and knowledge of a Level 3 or 4 oral health therapist is such that they may have the responsibility of a consultative role within their area(s) of expertise. Level 3 and 4 staff may also conduct clinical research and participate in the provision of clinical in-service education programs to staff and students.
- (h) Level 3 and 4 staff may be required to manage specific tasks or projects. Roles that may be undertaken at Levels 3 and 4 include, but are not limited to, the following:
- (i) Senior Clinician

The employer will establish Senior Clinician positions at Level 3 or Level 4 as it deems appropriate based on the needs of the service.

Oral health therapists at Level 2 may also make application to the employer for personal progression to a Senior Clinician Level 3. A Senior Clinician Level 3 may make such an application to progress to Level 4.

(j) Senior Clinician Level 3

Level 3 Senior Clinicians are oral health therapists who, in addition to performing the full range of activities permitted under the relevant scope of practice, are recognized as having high levels of knowledge and clinical expertise in several areas of their scope of practice.

A Level 3 Senior Clinician may have an operational/supervisory role in a small facility.

(k) Senior Clinician Level 4

In addition to applying high level clinical skills as expected for a Senior Clinician, Level 4 Senior Clinicians may have the following roles:

A Level 4 Senior Clinician's expert level of knowledge and clinical practice in several areas of the scope of practice is such that they provide a consultancy service in these areas across an Area, geographic region or clinical network.

A Level 4 Senior Clinician's high-level knowledge and clinical expertise across all areas of the relevant scope of practice is such that they provide a consultancy service within their discipline across an Area, geographic region or clinical network. A "generalist" Level 4 Senior Clinician would usually work in a rural or regional area.

(l) Level 4 Senior Clinicians provide advice to service managers on clinical service delivery development, practice and redesign. A Level 4 Senior Clinician will have the ability to assist and provide guidance to service managers in the development of clinical services in response to demand and client needs. Level 4 Senior Clinicians make a contribution to education activities related to their area of expertise.

(m) Student Educator - (Level 4)

A student educator is responsible for the discipline specific clinical supervision, teaching and co-ordination of educational activities for students on clinical placements within one or more health facilities. This involves liaison with education providers regarding educational outcomes of the clinical placement and student education and placement quality evaluation within an area, region, network or zone. The work may include contributing to discipline workforce research or clinical placement improvement initiatives.

A student educator may also be required to undertake research into adult education principles, models of best practice in training and education and training program development as required, in order to support and improve the delivery of training to students.

The student educator may also have a clinical load.

4. Transition Arrangements

Single registered therapists and hygienists will have limited transition to the new oral health therapists scale, until the full oral health therapist qualifications are obtained. This is due to the broader scope of work of the oral health therapist over the existing classifications.

The transition will be:

Existing Grade 1 dental therapists and dental hygienists move to the new oral health therapist scale based on years of service to a maximum of level 2 year 2. Incremental progression beyond this can only occur with registration for the full scope of work of the oral health therapist.

Existing Grade 2 and Grade 3 Therapists move to the new oral health therapist scale based on years of service to a maximum of level 2 year 4.

Existing Community Dental Health Programs Officers move to level 3 of the new oral health therapist scale based on years of service.

New positions of level 3 or level 4 will be advertised based upon the broader scope of work of the oral health therapist. If these are unable to be filled by suitably qualified applicants, consideration will be given to re-advertising the position(s) with single registration criteria.

There will be no new appointments to the classification of Community Dental Health Programs Officer or Dental Therapist Tutor. Any new appointments to the classifications of single registered dental therapist or dental hygienist will be employed against the new oral health therapist scale with the limited progression entitlements as prescribed in the transition arrangements for current employees.

5. Anti-Discrimination

- (i) It is the intention of the parties bound by this Award to seek to achieve the object in section 3 (f) of the *Industrial Relations Act 1996* to prevent and eliminate discrimination in the workplace. This includes discrimination on the grounds of race, sex, marital status, disability, homosexuality, transgender identity, age and responsibilities as a carer.
- (ii) It follows that in fulfilling their obligations under the dispute resolution procedure prescribed by this Award the parties have obligations to take all reasonable steps to ensure that the operation of the provisions of this Award are not directly or indirectly discriminatory in their effects. It will be consistent with the fulfilment of these obligations for the parties to make application to vary any provision of the Award which, by its terms or operation, has a direct or indirect discriminatory effect.
- (iii) Under the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*, it is unlawful to victimise an employee because the employee has made or may make or has been involved in a complaint of unlawful discrimination or harassment.
- (iv) Nothing in this clause is to be taken to affect:
 - (a) any conduct or act which is specifically exempted from anti-discrimination legislation;
 - (b) offering or providing junior rates of pay to persons under 21 years of age;
 - (c) any act or practice of a body established to propagate religion which is exempted under section 56(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*;
 - (d) a party to this Award from pursuing matters of unlawful discrimination in any State or federal jurisdiction.
- (v) This clause does not create legal rights or obligations in addition to those imposed upon the parties by the legislation referred to in this clause.

NOTES -

- (a) Employers and employees may also be subject to Commonwealth anti-discrimination legislation.
- (b) Section 56(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977* provides:

"Nothing in this Act affects ... any other act or practice of a body established to propagate religion that conforms to the doctrines of that religion or is necessary to avoid injury to the religious susceptibilities of the adherents of that religion.

6. Salaries

Full time Oral Health Therapist employees shall be paid the salaries as set out in the Health Professional and Medical Salaries (State) Award 2023, as varied or replaced from time to time.

7. Conditions of Employment

Conditions of Employment for employees shall be those prescribed in the Public Hospitals (Professional and Associated Staff) Conditions of Employment (State) Award 2023, as varied or replaced from time to time, subject to the preservation of accrued rights for employees transferred from the Public Service on 1 October 1986.

8. Dispute Resolution

The dispute resolution procedures contained in the said Public Hospitals (Professional and Associated Staff) Conditions of Employment (State) Award 2023, as varied or replaced from time to time, shall apply.

9. No Extra Claims

Other than as provided for in the *Industrial Relations Act* 1996 and the Industrial Relations (Public Sector Conditions of Employment) Regulation 2014 (or its successor however described), there shall be no further claims/demands or proceedings instituted before the Industrial Relations Commission of New South Wales for extra or reduced wages, salaries, rates of pay, allowances or conditions of employment with respect to the employees covered by the Award that take effect prior to 30 June 2024 by a party to this Award.

10. Area, Incidence and Duration

- (i) This Award takes effect from 1 July 2023 and shall remain in force for a period of one year.
- (ii) This Award rescinds and replaces the Health Employees Oral Health Therapists (State) Award 2022 published 16 December 2022 (393 I.G. 769) and all variations thereof.
- (ii) This Award shall apply to persons employed in classifications contained herein employed in the New South Wales Health Service under s115(1) of the *Health Services Act* 1997, or their successors, assignees or transmittes.

N. CONSTANT, *Chief Commissioner*

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HEALTH EMPLOYEES' TECHNICAL (STATE) AWARD 2023

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Application by NSW Ministry of Health.

(Case No. 213176 of 2023)

Before Chief Commissioner Constant

17 August 2023

AWARD**PART A****Arrangement**

Clause No.	Subject Matter
1.	Definitions
2.	Salaries
3.	Exemptions
4.	Conditions of Service
5.	Disputes Resolution
6.	Anti-Discrimination
7.	No Extra Claims
8.	Area, Incidence and Duration

PART B - MONETARY RATES

Table 1 - Salaries

PART A**1. Definitions**

Unless the context otherwise indicates or requires the several expressions hereunder defined shall have their respective meaning assigned to them:

"Chief Medical Photographer" means a medical photographer who has been appointed as Chief Medical Photographer in a Medical Photography Department of a hospital.

"Dialysis Technician" means a person employed as such who has the Industrial Electronics Certificate of the Department of Technical and Further Education or such other certificate or course of training as, in the opinion of the employer, is deemed appropriate.

"Electronics Technician" means a person employed as such who is the possessor of an Electronics and Communications Certificate of the Department of Technical and Further Education, or who has qualifications and/or experience deemed by the employing hospital to be equivalent and the major portion of whose duties include the construction, adaptation, alteration, repair and/or maintenance of electronic equipment.

"Employer" means the Secretary of the Ministry of Health exercising the employer functions on behalf of the Government of New South Wales.

"Health Service" means a Local Health District constituted under section 8 of the *Health Services Act 1997*, a Statutory Health Corporation constituted under section 11 of that Act, and an Affiliated Health Organisation constituted under section 13 of that Act, as amended or varied from time to time

"Hospital" means a public hospital as defined in section 15 of the *Health Services Act 1997*, as amended or varied from time to time.

"Medical Photographer" means a person who is employed as such and who has satisfactorily completed the course in photography conducted by the Department of Technical and Further Education or who possesses such other qualifications as deemed by the employer to be appropriate and whose duties include taking, processing and recording all types of clinical photographs needed for research, teaching, treatment, and/or medical illustration.

"Perfusionist - Grade 1 (Trainee Perfusionist)" means a person appointed as such who holds, or is qualified to hold, an appropriate tertiary qualification (Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Applied Science or equivalent qualification) and who is training in perfusion.

"Perfusionist - Grade 2 (Certified Perfusionist)" means a person who has obtained the qualification of Certification in Perfusion of the Australasian Board of Cardiovascular Perfusion or having qualifications deemed by the employer to be equivalent, who is capable of performing perfusion duties of a complex nature including research and development tasks.

"Perfusionist - Grade 3 (In-Charge Perfusionist)" means a person who complies with all duties of a Trained Certified Perfusionist but in addition manages the everyday operation of the department in conjunction with a medical officer.

"Perfusionist - Grade 4 (Director of Perfusion Services)" means a person appointed as such who is the most senior Perfusionist within the Hospital and who is solely responsible for the direction and supervision of other Perfusionists within the Hospital. Director of Perfusion services is expected to exercise organisational, supervisory and management skills, mature technical and clinical knowledge, judgement as it relates to the operation and testing of equipment, to continue to develop expertise with advances in the relevant body of technical and clinical knowledge and to seek and utilise other specialist advice when required to.

"Senior Dialysis Technician" means a technician who has been appointed Senior Dialysis Technician in the area of dialysis.

"Senior Electronics Technician" means an electronics technician appointed to a position approved as such by the employer.

"Senior Technical Officer" means a person appointed to a position approved as such by the employer.

"Sole Electronics Technician" means an electronics technician appointed as such.

"Technical Officer" means a person appointed as such who is the holder of the Biological Technicians Certificate, the Chemistry Certificate, the Nuclear Medicine Technician's Certificate, the Pathology Technicians Certificate, the Pathology Technicians Higher Certificate, the Associate Diploma of Health Sciences (Pathology Techniques) of the Department of Technical and Further Education, the Associate Diploma in Medical Technology awarded by the Riverina CAE or the Associate Diploma in Medical Laboratory Science awarded by the Charles Sturt University or such other certificate or course of training as, in the opinion of the employer, is appropriate.

"Trainee Medical Photographer" means a person appointed as such who is undertaking the certificate course in photography conducted by the Department of Technical and Further Education.

"Union" means the Health Services Union NSW.

2. Salaries

Full time Technical employees shall be paid the salaries as set out in Table 1 of Part B - Monetary Rates of this Award.

3. Exemptions

This Award shall not apply to:

- (a) Members, novices or aspirants of religious orders in public hospitals, the names of whom are included or hereafter shall be included in the Third Schedule to the *Health Services Act 1997*.
- (b) Employees of Stewart House Preventorium.

4. Conditions of Service

The Health Employees Conditions of Employment (State) Award 2022, as varied or replaced from time to time, shall apply to all persons covered by this Award.

In addition, the Health Industry Status of Employment (State) Award 2022 as varied or replaced from time to time, shall also apply to relevant employees.

5. Dispute Resolution

The dispute resolution procedures contained in the Health Employees Conditions of Employment (State) Award 2022, as varied or replaced from time to time, shall apply.

6. Anti-Discrimination

- (i) It is the intention of the parties bound by this Award to seek to achieve the object in section 3(f) of the *Industrial Relations Act 1996* to prevent and eliminate discrimination in the workplace. This includes discrimination on the grounds of race, sex, marital status, disability, homosexuality, transgender identity, and responsibilities as a carer.
- (ii) It follows that in fulfilling their obligations under the dispute resolution procedure prescribed by this Award the parties have obligations to take all reasonable steps to ensure that the operation of the provisions of this Award are not directly or indirectly discriminatory in their effects. It will be consistent with the fulfillment of these obligations for the parties to make application to vary any provision of the Award which, by its terms or operation, has a direct or indirect discriminatory effect.
- (iii) Under the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*, it is unlawful to victimise an employee because the employee has made or may make or has been involved in a complaint of unlawful discrimination or harassment.
- (iv) Nothing in this clause is to be taken to affect:
 - (a) any conduct or act which is specifically exempted from anti-discrimination legislation;
 - (b) offering or providing junior rates of pay to persons under 21 years of age;
 - (c) any act or practice of a body established to propagate religion which is exempted under section 56(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*;
 - (d) a party to this Award from pursuing matters of unlawful discrimination in any State or Federal jurisdiction.
- (v) This clause does not create legal rights or obligations in addition to those imposed upon the parties by the legislation referred to in this clause.

NOTES -

- (a) Employers and employees may also be subject to Commonwealth anti-discrimination legislation.

(b) Section 56(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977* provides:

"Nothing in this Act affects ... any other act or practice of a body established to propagate religion that conforms to the doctrines of that religion or is necessary to avoid injury to the religious susceptibilities of the adherents of that religion.

7. No Extra Claims

Other than as provided for in the *Industrial Relations Act 1996* and the Industrial Relations (Public Sector Conditions of Employment) Regulation 2014 (or its successor however described), there shall be no further claims/demands or proceedings instituted before the Industrial Relations Commission of New South Wales for extra or reduced wages, salaries, rates of pay, allowances or conditions of employment with respect to the employees covered by the Award that take effect prior to 30 June 2024 by a party to this Award.

8. Area, Incidence and Duration

- (i) This Award takes effect from 1 July 2023 and shall remain in force for a period of one year. The rates in the second column in Table 1 of Part B - Monetary Rates, will apply from the first full pay period on or after (ffppoa) 1 July 2023.
- (ii) This Award rescinds and replaces the Health Employees Technical (State) Award 2022 as published 4 November 2022 (393 I.G. 100) and all variations thereof.
- (iii) This Award shall apply to persons employed in classifications contained herein employed in the New South Wales Health Service under section 115(1) of the *Health Services Act 1997*, or their successors, assignees or transmittes, excluding the County of Yancowinna.

PART B

MONETARY RATES

Table 1 - Monetary Rates

In the period 1 July 2023 to the commencement of the first full pay period on or after 1 July 2023, the applicable rates of pay are those that applied immediately prior to the first full pay period on or after 1 July 2023.

Classification	Rate from ffppoa 01/07/2023 Per week \$
Electronics Technician	
Technician	
1st Year of Service	1,555.13
2nd Year of Service	1,606.95
3rd Year of Service	1,658.89
4th Year of Service	1,759.09
Sole	
1st Year of Service and Thereafter	1,841.66
Senior	
1st Year of Service	1,870.44
2nd Year of Service	1,898.99
Perfusionist	
Grade 1	
1st Year	1,881.14
2nd Year	1,939.67
Grade 2	
1st Year	2,081.47

2nd Year	2,148.70
3rd Year	2,206.72
4th Year	2,441.09
5th Year	2,507.14
6th Year	2,589.91
7th Year	2,666.66
8th Year	2,732.03
Grade 3	
1st Year	2,922.20
2nd Year	2,993.44
Grade 4	
1st Year	3,072.25
2nd Year	3,143.81
Visual Aids Officer	
Trainee	
1st Year of Training	724.53
2nd Year of Training	806.56
3rd Year of Training	875.34
4th Year of Training	953.06
5th Year of Training	1,041.05
General Scale	
1st Year	1,157.02
2nd Year	1,213.92
3rd Year	1,271.90
4th Year	1,299.03
5th Year	1,328.15
Grade 1	
Medical Artists, RPA, RNSH (in charge Westmead) (2nd in charge POW)	1,450.38
Grade 2	
Sole Medical Photographer (St. George & Gosford)	1,508.17
Grade 3	
Chief Medical Photographer - specific hospitals	1,675.20
Grade 4	
Co-ordinator, Audio Visual Services – Royal North Shore Hospital	1,736.05
Director of Audio Visual Services	
Royal Prince Alfred and Westmead	2,009.58
Technical Officer	
Trainee	
1st Year of Training	720.55
2nd Year of Training	799.17
3rd Year of Training	895.08
4th Year of Training	978.87
Grade 1	
1st Year	1,221.31
2nd Year	1,249.21
3rd Year	1,275.76
4th Year	1,304.66
5th Year	1,331.43
6th Year	1,379.30
7th Year	1,421.85
8th Year	1,459.45
Grade 2	
1st Year	1,555.13
2nd Year	1,606.83
3rd Year	1,658.89
4th Year	1,759.09
Senior	
1st Year	1,841.66

2nd Year	1,870.44
3rd Year	1,898.99
Dialysis Technician	
Technician	
1st Year	1,449.95
Thereafter	1,492.17
Senior	
Grade 1 (Sole Technician)	1,536.06
Grade 2	1,586.12

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HEALTH MANAGERS (STATE) AWARD 2023

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Application by NSW Ministry of Health.

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Before Chief Commissioner Constant

17 August 2023

AWARD**PART A****Arrangement**

Clause No.	Subject Matter
1.	Definitions
2.	Salary Bands
3.	Classification Levels
4.	Removal Expenses
5.	Conditions of Service
6.	Dispute Resolution
7.	Anti-Discrimination
8.	No Extra Claims
9.	Area, Incidence and Duration

PART B - MONETARY RATES

Table 1 - Salaries

Table 2 - Classification Levels

PART A**1. Definitions**

For the purpose of this Award -

"Employee" means a person performing duties as set out in the six-level classification structure in Table 2 - Classification Levels, of Part B, Monetary Rates.

"Employer" means the Secretary of the Ministry of Health exercising employer functions on behalf of the Government of New South Wales.

"Health Service" means a Local Health District constituted under section 17 of the *Health Services Act 1997*, a Statutory Health Corporation constituted under section 41 of that Act, and an Affiliated Health Organisation recognised under section 62 of that Act and the Public Health System Support Division of the NSW Health Service, as amended or varied from time to time.

"Hospital" means a public hospital as defined in section 15 of the *Health Services Act 1997*, as amended or varied from time to time.

"Service" means service as an employee with the employer both before or after the commencement of this Award.

"Union" means the Health Services Union NSW.

"Weekly rates" will be ascertained by dividing an annual amount by 52.17857 or vice versa to obtain an annual rate from a weekly rate.

2. Salary Bands

- (i) Full-time Health Manager employees shall be paid the salaries as set out in Table 1 of Part B - Monetary Rates, of this Award.
- (ii) Persons who commence employment in accordance with one of the Work Level Statements will be allocated to the level described by the Work Level Statement and paid an initial salary equal to the minimum of the salary band for the relevant level, provided that a higher initial salary may be offered to an individual employee on merit.
- (iii) If a global salary movement to classifications covered by this Award causes an employee to exceed the upper limit of a salary band, the excess above such upper limits will be paid as a personal allowance.

3. Classification Levels

Employees shall be graded and perform the duties within a classification level as set out in Table 2 - Classification Levels, of Part B, Monetary Rates, and paid within the appropriate salary band as set out in Table 1 - Salaries, of the said Part B.

4. Removal Expenses

This Clause only applies to persons (other than casuals) employed under the Health Managers (State) Award 2022 as varied or replaced from time to time. Any person employed under the Health Managers (State) Award 2022 as varied or replaced from time to time, shall be entitled to a refund of the actual cost incurred by them in the transportation of themselves and their family and of the expenses reasonably incurred by them in conveying their furniture and effects from their last place of residence to the city or town in which is situated the Public Health Organisation to which they are appointed on the following conditions:

- (i) They shall, immediately prior to taking up the new appointment, have had 12 months' continuous service in another Public Health Organisation situated other than in the town or city in which is situated the Public Health Organisation to which they have been appointed.
- (ii) They shall not have received from any Public Health Organisation a refund under this clause within a period of two years prior to them taking up their appointment.
- (iii) They shall give an undertaking that they will refund to the Public Health Organisation any payments made to them by it under this clause should they leave its employment within 12 months of them becoming employed by it.

5. Conditions of Service

The Health Employees Conditions of Employment (State) Award 2022 as varied or replaced from time to time, shall apply to all persons covered by this Award.

In addition, the Health Industry Status of Employment (State) Award 2022 as varied or replaced from time to time, shall also apply to relevant employees.

6. Dispute Resolution

The dispute resolution procedures contained in the said Health Employees Conditions of Employment (State) Award 2022, as varied or replaced from time to time, shall apply.

7. Anti-Discrimination

- (i) It is the intention of the parties bound by this Award to seek to achieve the object in section 3(f) of the *Industrial Relations Act 1996* to prevent and eliminate discrimination in the workplace. This includes

discrimination on the grounds of race, sex, marital status, disability, homosexuality, transgender identity, age and responsibilities as a carer.

- (ii) It follows that in fulfilling their obligations under the dispute resolution procedure prescribed by this Award the parties have obligations to take all reasonable steps to ensure that the operation of the provisions of this Award are not directly or indirectly discriminatory in their effects. It will be consistent with the fulfilment of these obligations for the parties to make application to vary any provision of the Award which, by its terms or operation, has a direct or indirect discriminatory effect.
- (iii) Under the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*, it is unlawful to victimise an employee because the employee has made or may make or has been involved in a complaint of unlawful discrimination or harassment.
- (iv) Nothing in this clause is to be taken to affect:
 - (a) any conduct or act which is specifically exempted from anti-discrimination legislation;
 - (b) offering or providing junior rates of pay to persons under 21 years of age;
 - (c) any act or practice of a body established to propagate religion which is exempted under section 56(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*;
 - (d) a party to this Award from pursuing matters of unlawful discrimination in any State or Federal jurisdiction.
- (v) This clause does not create legal rights or obligations in addition to those imposed upon the parties by the legislation referred to in this clause.

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- (a) Employers and employees may also be subject to Commonwealth anti-discrimination legislation.
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8. No Extra Claims

Other than as provided for in the *Industrial Relations Act 1996* and the Industrial Relations (Public Sector Conditions of Employment) Regulation 2014 (or its successor however described), there shall be no further claims/demands or proceedings instituted before the Industrial Relations Commission of New South Wales for extra or reduced wages, salaries, rates of pay, allowances or conditions of employment with respect to the employees covered by the Award that take effect prior to 30 June 2024 by a party to this Award.

9. Area, Incidence and Duration

- (i) This Award takes effect from 1 July 2023 and shall remain in force for a period of one year. The rates in the third and fourth columns in Table 1 of Part B - Monetary Rates, will apply from the first full pay period on or after (ffppoa) 1 July 2023.
- (ii) This Award rescinds and replaces the Health Managers (State) Award 2022 as published on 4 November 2022 (393 I.G. 112) and all variations thereof.
- (iii) This Award shall apply to persons employed in classifications contained herein employed in the New South Wales Health Service under section 115(1) of the *Health Services Act 1997*, or their successors, assignees or transmittes, excluding the County of Yancowinna.

PART B**MONETARY RATES****Table 1 - Salaries**

In the period 1 July 2023 to the commencement of the first full pay period on or after 1 July 2023, the applicable rates of pay are those that applied immediately prior to the first full pay period on or after 1 July 2023.

Classification	Rate from ffppoa 01/07/2023 Minimum Per annum \$	Rate from ffppoa 01/07/2023 Maximum Per annum \$
Level 1	81,581	108,532
Level 2	106,142	125,241
Level 3	122,850	139,559
Level 4	137,173	163,431
Level 5	161,042	180,143
Level 6	176,401	192,662

Table 2 - Classification Levels

Level	Title	Description of Work	Skills and Attributes
One	Health Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responsible for managing hospitals and other facilities that provide basic routine and emergency health care for customers which may include multiple sites and services; or Responsible for providing support services for the management of hospitals and other larger facilities which may include multiple services and sites; or Responsible for providing support for the management of human resources and/or financial and/or administrative and/or hotel and/or clinical services for hospitals which provide a wide range of specialised services for customers and/or Health Services. <p>Staff at this level are accountable for ensuring funds are expended according to approved budgets and for ensuring targets are met.</p> <p>Staff are responsible to provide regular feedback and appraisal regarding the performance of staff.</p> <p>Staff are responsible for maintaining effective relationships with Health Service to ensure Health System's priorities are met.</p>	<p>Management:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding and commitment to the Health Systems priorities; Capacity to direct all operational facets based on strategic and business plans; Ability to ensure budget targets are met. Capacity to undertake performance appraisal of staff and ability to develop performance measures. Effective communication and interpersonal skills. <p>Support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist with the development and implementation of policies, procedures, standards and practices. Able to meet pre-determined targets and deadlines. Ability to be flexible and adapt work practices to suit circumstances.
		Staff at this level assist with the development and implementation of policies, procedures, standards and practices for the hospital or Health Service.	

		Staff are responsible and accountable for providing a professional level of services to the Hospital(s) or Health Service or oversee the management of aspects of services and the staff.	
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Level	Title	Description of Work	Skills and Attributes
Two	Health Manager	<p>Jobs at this level have greater responsibilities than those at Level One and are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for managing hospitals and larger facilities that provide a wide range of health care services with some sub-speciality services for customers which may include multiple services and sites; or • Responsible for providing support services for the management of large hospitals which include multiple services and sites; or • Responsible for providing support and in some cases managing human resource and/or financial and/or administrative and/or hotel and/or clinical services for hospitals which provide a wide range of specialised services for customers and/or Health Services. <p>Staff at this level are accountable for allocation and/or expenditure or resources and ensuring targets are met. Staff are responsible for ensuring optimal budget outcomes for their customers and communities.</p> <p>Staff are responsible for providing regular feedback and appraisals for senior staff to improve health outcomes for customers and for maintaining a performance management system.</p> <p>Staff are responsible for providing support for the efficient, cost effective and timely delivery of services.</p>	<p>The skills and attributes at this level are greater than those at Level One and include:</p> <p>Management:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High level of leadership; communication and Interpersonal skills. • Capacity to exercise creative and entrepreneurial solutions to improve productivity and effectiveness for customers. • Proven negotiation and delegation skills. • Ability to motivate and co-ordinate staff. <p>Support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to provide input, interpret, monitor and evaluate policies, procedures and standards for customers. • Capacity to design strategic and business objectives. • Ability to develop performance measures.

Level	Title	Description of Work	Skills and Attributes
Three	Health Manager	<p>Jobs at this level have greater responsibilities than those at Level Two and are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for managing hospitals which provide a wide range of health care services with some specialities which include multiple sites and services; or 	<p>The skills and attributes at this level are greater than those at Level Two and include:</p> <p>Management:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent leadership, communication and Interpersonal skills. • Highly developed and effective management skills.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for providing support services for the management of large complex hospitals or groups of hospitals; or • Responsible for management and in some cases support in human resources and/or financial and/or administrative and/or clinical services in tertiary teaching hospitals and/or Health Services. <p>Staff at this level are responsible for reviewing senior staff performances through regular appraisal to improve health outcomes for patients and for maintaining a performance management system.</p> <p>Staff are responsible to maintain effective relationships and communication with Area Health Service to ensure that corporate goals and priorities of the Health System are met.</p> <p>Staff are responsible to maintain effective relationships and communication with Health Services to ensure that corporate goals and priorities of the Health System are met.</p> <p>Staff at this level are responsible for providing timely delivery of services and are accountable to the appropriate Executive.</p> <p>Staff are responsible for contributing to the development and implementation of business plans.</p> <p>Staff at this level are required to make judgements and may in some cases, be delegated responsibility to approve changes in standard practice and procedures.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to develop, monitor and reach predicted outcomes to strategic and business plans. • Highly developed and effective negotiation and delegation skills. • Proven capacity to manage multi-disciplinary groups. <p>Support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to make judgements and have sole delegated responsibility to approve changes in standards, practices, policies and procedures. • Highly developed negotiation and delegations' skills.
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Level	Title	Description of Work	Skills and attributes
Four	Health Manager	<p>Jobs at this level have greater responsibilities than those at Level Three, are accountable through performance agreements and are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for managing hospitals which provide a wide range of Specialist services for customers which include multiple sites and services; or • Responsible for management of human resource and/or financial and/or administrative and/or clinical services in 	<p>The skills and attributes at this level are greater than those at Level Three and include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • System-wide view of health care provision and management to improve health outcomes for customers. • Excellent strategic planning and policy development skills. • Proven management expertise at a senior level.

	<p>Health Services.</p> <p>Staff are responsible for ensuring optimal health outcomes within budget for their customers and communities.</p> <p>Staff are accountable for allocating resources and ensuring budgets are effectively met. Staff are responsible for developing appropriate strategies to manage budget changes in a timely manner.</p> <p>Staff at this level are required to make complex judgements and make appropriate changes in standard practices, policies and procedures.</p> <p>Staff at this level are expected to develop/implement strategic business plans and ensure budgets are allocated and targets met.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competent to make complex judgements and take initiatives through delegated responsibilities.
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HEALTH MANAGER LEVEL 5

Grading Characteristics, Skills and Attributes

(a) Authority & Accountability

Freedom to operate within delegated authority, performance agreement, and Health Service policy

Recommend service priorities

Exercise judgement within delegations

Formulate policy and deliver programs in line with performance agreement

Involvement in the development of long-term strategies

Report directly to a member of the area executive

Budget management and responsibility for significant budget amount

or

Management of complex area service or unit, requiring specialist advice and input

Adherence to the Accounts and Audit and Determination for Health Services and all Statutory Requirements

(b) Judgement & Problem-Solving

Exercise judgement and problem solving in service policy areas (e.g. Mental Health, HR)

Frequent resolution of unusual and complex problems

Develop business strategies and business plans

Develop ideas, optional action plans, courses of action

- Anticipate and resolve problems in a challenging and dynamic environment
 - Seek advice when there is no existing policy or precedent
 - Use of evidence-based decision-making to back up decisions
 - Sound ability to solve problems using innovative, creative solutions
 - High level of technical expertise
 - Provision of high level of expert advice and sound judgement
 - Independent decision-making; exercising independent judgement
 - Has a sound understanding of political and cross-Health Service issues and how they impact on the organisation
 - Actively develop strategic partnerships
- (c) Leadership & Management Skills
- Provide leadership, management and direction
 - Actively contributes to shaping the organisation's strategic plan
 - Ensures that the strategic plan is outcome-focussed, takes into account the short and long-term priorities, and is achievable
 - Actively monitors progress towards the achievement of the strategic vision
 - Achieve set objectives
 - Resolve conflict
 - Address and prioritise competing demands
 - Lead and manage organisation change on a health service(s)-wide basis
 - Build appropriate organisation values and culture
 - Anticipate problems and develop contingency strategies to meet complex situations
 - Applies intellectual rigour to all aspects of their work
- (d) Personal & Interpersonal Skills
- Provide specialist advice
 - Lead persuade, motivate and negotiate at senior levels
 - Ability to deal with people at all levels
 - Communicate and liaise effectively at all levels within the organisation
 - Spokesperson for area of responsibility (media, public)
 - Effective community liaison and communication

Effectively self-manages

Innovative & lateral thinker

Flexible & responsive

Supports a reflective learning/quality culture that enables both individuals and the organisation to develop

Articulates and promotes the organisation's vision and goals

Promotes an environment in which traditional ways of thinking are challenged and debate is encouraged

Provides effective role-modelling

Celebrates achievements and encourages innovation

(e) Outcomes & Performance

Formal personal agreement with CEO, Deputy CEO or Service Director / General Manager (KRAs)

Significant impact on service/hospital achievements and targets

Formal performance agreements with direct reports

Achievement of best practice

Monitoring and compliance with all professional standards

Responsible for health service(s)-wide service delivery

HEALTH MANAGER LEVEL 6

Grading Characteristics, Skills and Attributes

(a) Authority & Accountability

Able to make decisions assessing the 'measured risk'

Scope to use resources to reallocate resources to meet changing business needs prioritisation

Exercise judgement - in broad context

Accountable for policy and delivery of programs

Authorised to commit Health Service to course of action

Develop long-term strategies

Report directly to CEO or Deputy CEO, or Director Health Service Operations

Budget management and responsibility for a very significant and complex budget, or

Responsibility for a complex inter/intra area health service unit

Adherence to the Accounts and Audit Determination for Health Services and all

Statutory Requirements

(b) Judgement & Problem-Solving

Develop organisation-wide strategic policy direction (e.g. Mental Health, HR)

Manage the resolution of unusual and complex systemic problems

Define business and strategic plans based upon current and future directions

Develop ideas and define action plans and courses of action

Resolve problems in a challenging and dynamic environment

Use of evidence-based decision-making to back up decisions

Demonstrated ability to anticipate and solve problems using innovative and creative solutions

High level of technical expertise

Highly regarded as an authority and provider of sound advice

High level independent decision-making

Has a sound understanding of political and cross-Health Service issues and how they impact on the organisation

Actively develops strategic partnerships

(c) Leadership & Management

Provide leadership, management and direction

Actively contributes to shaping the organisation's strategic plan

Ensures that the strategic plan is outcome-focussed, takes into account the short and long-term priorities, and is achievable

Actively monitors progress towards achievement of the strategic vision

Achieve objectives

Resolve conflict

Address and prioritise competing demands

Lead and manage complex organisational change on an inter/intra health service(s)-wide basis

Build appropriate organisation values and culture

Anticipate problems, consider and analyse highly complex issues, develop and implement contingency strategies

Ability to sell and successfully implement difficult decisions

Applies intellectual rigour to all aspects of their work

(d) Personal & Interpersonal Skills

Provide expert advice

Lead, persuade, motivate, negotiate at senior levels

Ability to deal with people at all levels

Spokesperson for area of responsibility (media, public)

Effective communication and community liaison

Effectively self-manages

Innovative and lateral thinker

Flexible and responsive

Supports a reflective learning/quality culture that enables both individuals and the organisation to develop

Articulates and promotes the organisation's vision and goals

Promotes an environment in which traditional ways of thinking are challenged and debate is encouraged

Provides effective role-modelling

Celebrates achievements and encourages innovation

(e) Outcomes & Performance

Formal performance agreement with the CEO (KRAs)

Achievement of overall organisation targets; budget / service delivery / quality programs

Formal performance agreements with direct reports

Achievement of best practice

Monitoring and compliance with all professional standards

Responsibility for Health Service(s)-wide and intra Health Service delivery

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NSW HEALTH SERVICE ALLIED HEALTH ASSISTANTS (STATE) AWARD 2023

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Application by NSW Ministry of Health.

(Case No. 213520 of 2023)

Before Chief Commissioner Constant

17 August 2023

AWARD

PART A

1. Arrangement

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PART A

2. Definitions

“Allied Health Assistant” An Allied Health Assistant works under the supervision and direction of an allied health professional to perform clinical and non-clinical duties. The Allied Health Assistant may be engaged to work in a discipline specific area or assist in the delivery of allied health services across a multi-disciplinary team.

“Clinical Duties” include therapeutic and program related activities and may include the identification and reporting of changes in the client’s condition.

“Direct Supervision” means that a supervising Allied Health Professional is physically present to observe and direct the activities of an Allied Health Assistant.

“Employer” means the Secretary of the Ministry of Health exercising the employer functions on behalf of the Government of New South Wales.

“Hospital” means a public hospital as defined in section 15 of the *Health Services Act 1997*, as amended or varied from time to time.

“Indirect Supervision” is when the supervising Allied Health Professional is on-site, yet not physically present whilst the Allied Health Assistant undertakes activities as previously delegated by the Allied Health Professional. Procedures are to be in place to ensure the supervising Allied Health Professional is contactable to provide further direction if required.

“Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)” means the process whereby an employee has their qualifications, skills and/or knowledge assessed for equivalence, by a Registered Training Organisation, against the identified set of competencies for placement at Level 2 or Level 3 Allied Health Assistant.

“Remote Supervision” is when the Allied Health Professional is off-site whilst an Allied Health Assistant undertakes activities previously delegated by the Allied Health Professional. Procedures are to be in place to ensure that the supervising Allied Health Professional is contactable to provide further direction if required. This may include the use of technologies such as teleconferencing or videoconferencing.

“Service” means service as an employee with the employer both before and after the commencement of the Award.

“Non-Clinical Duties” include administrative and support activities.

“Union” means the Health Services Union.

3. Classification of Allied Health Assistants

3.1 Allied Health Assistants will be classified according to the criteria set out at Schedule B of the Award.

4. Qualifications

4.1 The Minimum qualification requirements for each Allied Health Assistant classification are set out at Schedule B of this Award.

5. Salaries

5.1 Full time Allied Health Assistant employees shall be paid the salaries as set out in Table 1 of Part B - Monetary Rates, of this Award.

5.2 On attainment of a relevant qualification Allied Health Assistants will move to Year 1 of the appropriate level of the Award.

5.3 Salary progression within Levels will occur following 12 months satisfactory service.

6. Conditions of Service

6.1 The Health Employees Conditions of Employment (State) Award 2022, as varied or replaced from time to time, shall apply to all persons covered by this Award.

6.2 The Health Industry Status of Employment (State) Award 2022, as varied or replaced from time to time, shall also apply to relevant employees.

7. Dispute Resolution

- 7.1 The dispute resolution procedures contained in the awards identified in Clause 6, Conditions of Service, shall apply.

8. Anti-Discrimination

- 8.1 It is the intention of the parties bound by this Award to seek to achieve the object of section 3 (f) of the *Industrial Relations Act 1996* to prevent and eliminate discrimination in the workplace. This includes discrimination on the grounds of race, sex, marital status, disability, homosexuality, transgender identity age and responsibilities as a carer.
- 8.2 It follows that in fulfilling their obligations under the dispute resolution procedure prescribed by this Award the parties have obligations to take all reasonable steps to ensure that the operation of the provisions of this Award are not directly or indirectly discriminatory in their effects. It will be consistent with the fulfilment of these obligations for the parties to make application to vary any provision of the Award which, by its terms or operation, has direct or indirect discriminatory effect.
- 8.3 Under the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*, it is unlawful to victimise an employee because the employee has made or may make or has been involved in a complaint of unlawful discrimination or harassment.
- 8.4 Nothing in this clause is to be taken to affect:
- 8.4.1 any conduct or act which is specifically exempted from anti-discrimination legislation;
- 8.4.2 offering or providing junior rates of pay to persons under 21 years of age;
- 8.4.3 any act or practice of a body established to propagate religion which is exempted under Section 56(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*;
- 8.4.4 a party to this award from pursuing matters of unlawful discrimination in any State or Federal jurisdiction.
- 8.5 This clause does not create legal rights or obligations in addition to those imposed upon the parties by legislation referred to in this clause.

Notes:

- (a) Employers and employees may also be subject to Commonwealth anti-discrimination legislation.
- (b) Section 56(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977* provides:

“Nothing in this Act affects any other act or practice of a body established to propagate religion that conforms to the doctrines of that religion or is necessary to avoid injury to the religious susceptibilities of the adherents of that religion.”

9. No Extra Claims

- 9.1 Other than as provided for in the *Industrial Relations Act 1996* and the Industrial Relations (Public Sector Conditions of Employment) Regulation 2014 (or its successor however described), there shall be no further claims/demands or proceedings instituted before the Industrial Relations Commission of New South Wales for extra or reduced wages, salaries, rates of pay, allowances or conditions of employment with respect to the employees covered by the Award that take effect prior to 30 June 2024 by a party to this Award.

10. Transitional Arrangements

- 10.1 The transitional arrangement of employees employed in the classifications of Allied Health Assistant, Technical Assistant Grade 1, Diversional Therapist without Diploma, or Technical Assistant

(Orthotic/Prosthetic) as at 19 April 2018 are determined in accordance with the Transitional Arrangements contained in Table 2 - Transitional Salary Arrangements for Allied Health Assistants (AHA) of Part B, Monetary Rates, of this Award.

10.2 The translation to the new structure for employees covered by this award will be undertaken utilising the following basic principles.

10.2.1 Anniversary/incremental date of employees will be retained.

10.2.2 Nothing contained in this award shall operate to reduce the wages or conditions of employment available to any employee at the time of the award coming into effect.

11. Area, Incidence and Duration

11.1 This Award takes effect from 1 July 2023 and shall remain in force until 30 June 2024. The rates in the second column in Table 1 of Part B - Monetary Rates will apply from the first full pay period on or after (ffppoa) 1 July 2023.

11.2 This Award rescinds and replaces the NSW Health Service Allied Health Assistants (State) Award 2022 published 4 November 2022 (393 I.G. 195) and all variations thereof.

11.3 This Award applies to persons employed in classifications contained herein employed in the New South Wales Health Service under s115 (1) of the *Health Services Act 1997*, or their successors, assignees or transmittes, excluding the County of Yancowinna.

SCHEDULE A

DISCIPLINES WHICH UTILISE ALLIED HEALTH ASSISTANTS

Dietetics

Diversional Therapy

Exercise Physiology

Mental Health

Occupational Therapy

Orthotics/Prosthetics

Physiotherapy

Podiatry

Radiography

Social Work

Speech Pathology

Provided that additional classifications for which the Union has constitutional coverage may be added to this list by agreement between the Union and the Employer.

SCHEDULE B**CLASSIFICATIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR ALLIED HEALTH ASSISTANT POSITIONS****Level 1**

A Level 1 Allied Health Assistant engages in basic patient care, clinical duties and/or administrative support under the supervision of the designated Allied Health Professional. The Level 1 Allied Health Assistant is developing skills and progressing from working under direct supervision to undertaking tasks under indirect or remote supervision. An Allied Health Assistant at this level:

has completed less than 12 months' service as an Allied Health Assistant; and

does not hold the qualifications of a Level 2 or Level 3 Allied Health Assistant.

Level 2

A Level 2 Allied Health Assistant undertakes clinical duties and/or administrative tasks under direct, indirect or remote supervision. An Allied Health Assistant at this level, either:

- (a) has completed 12 or more months' service as an Allied Health Assistant at level 1; or
- (b) has completed a relevant Certificate III qualification or other qualification deemed equivalent by the employer or where they have been successfully assessed as possessing the competencies required for Certificate III by way of RPL. Progression to Level 2 will apply from the date that the employee notifies the Employer and provides evidence of having attained the equivalent qualification or Statements of Attainment.

Level 3

A Level 3 Allied Health Assistant undertakes clinical duties and/or administrative tasks under direct, indirect or remote supervision and has completed a relevant Certificate IV qualification or other qualification deemed equivalent by the employer or where they have been successfully assessed as possessing the competencies required for Certificate IV by way of RPL. Progression to Level 3 will apply from the date that the employee notifies the Employer and provides evidence of having attained the equivalent qualification or Statements of Attainment.

PART B**MONETARY RATES****Table 1 - Salaries**

In the period 1 July 2023 to the commencement of the first full pay period on or after 1 July 2023, the applicable rates of pay are those that applied immediately prior to the first full pay period on or after 1 July 2023.

Classification	Rate from ffppoa 01/07/2023 Per week \$
Allied Health Assistants	
Level 1	
Entry	1,124.85
Level 2	
1st Year	1,150.25
2nd Year	1,170.48

3rd Year	1,184.77
Level 3	
1st Year	1,219.61
2nd Year	1,242.74
3rd Year	1,271.78

Table 2 - Transitional Salary Arrangements for Allied Health Assistants (AHA)

Classification	Yr.	No Qualifications	Cert III or Equivalent	Cert IV or Equivalent
Technical Assistant Grade 1- Therapy Aide	1	AHA level 1 - Entry	AHA Level 2 - 1st year	AHA level 3 - 1st year
	2	AHA level 2 - 1st year	AHA Level 2 - 1st year	AHA level 3 - 1st year
	3	AHA level 2 - 2nd year	AHA level 2 - 2nd year	AHA level 3 - 1st year
Diversional Therapist Without Diploma	1	AHA level 1 - Entry	AHA level 2 - 1st year	AHA level 3 - 1st year
	2	AHA level 2 - 1st year	AHA level 2 - 1st year	AHA level 3 - 1st year
	3	AHA level 2 - 2nd year	AHA level 2 - 2nd year	AHA level 3 - 1st year
Classification	Yr.	No Qualifications	Cert III or Equivalent	Cert IV or Equivalent
Technical Assistant (Orthotic Prosthetic) Level 1	1	AHA level 1 - Entry	AHA Level 2 - 1st year	AHA level 3 - 1st year
	2	AHA level 2 - 1st year	AHA level 2 - 1st year	AHA level 3 - 1st year
	3	AHA level 2 - 2nd year	AHA level 2 - 2nd year	AHA level 3 - 1st year
Level 2	1	AHA level 3 - 2nd year	AHA level 3 - 2nd year	AHA level 3 - 2nd year
	2	AHA level 3 - 3rd year	AHA level 3 - 3rd year	AHA level 3 - 3rd year
	3	AHA level 3 - 3rd year	AHA level 3 - 3rd year	AHA level 3 - 3rd year

1. Employees employed at the operative date of the NSW Health Service Allied Health Assistants (State) Award 2018 published 25 October 2019 (385 I.G. 449) in the classification of Technical Assistant Grade 1, Diversional Therapist Without Diploma, Technical Assistant (Orthotic/Prosthetic) shall transition to the classification of Allied Health Assistant, in accordance with Table 2 - Transitional Salary Arrangements for Allied Health Assistants (AHA) of Part B, Monetary Rates. These employees retain their existing incremental date and progress by way of annual increment throughout the new salary range.
2. Employees, who at the operative date of the NSW Health Service Allied Health Assistants (State) Award 2018 published 25 October 2019 (385 I.G. 449), are in receipt of a salary at the 1st, 2nd or 3rd

year of the classification of Technical Assistant (Orthotic/Prosthetic) Level 2, shall transition to the new salary scale of Allied Health Assistant in accordance with Table 2 - Transitional Salary Arrangements for Allied Health Assistants (AHA) of Part B, Monetary Rates. Provided that Employees who are in receipt of a salary at the 3rd year of the classification of Technical Assistant (Orthotic/Prosthetic) Level 2:

- 2.1 shall transition at their applicable rate of pay at the operative date of the said Award;
- 2.2 any percentage-based wage increases which are awarded post-commencement of the said Award will be calculated and applied based on the Employee's transitional rate.

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PUBLIC HOSPITALS DENTAL ASSISTANTS (STATE) AWARD 2023

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Application by NSW Ministry of Health.

(Case No. 214582 of 2023)

Before Chief Commissioner Constant

17 August 2023

AWARD**1. Arrangement**

Clause No.	Subject Matter
1.	Arrangement
2.	Definitions
3.	Classifications
4.	Anti-Discrimination
5.	Conditions of Employment
6.	Rates of Pay
7.	No Extra Claims
8.	Area, Incidence and Duration

2. Definitions

"Employee" means a person employed in any Hospital or Local Health District in the classification of Junior Dental Assistant or Dental Assistant, Grade 1, 2 or 3.

"Hospital" means a public hospital as defined under section 15 of the *Health Services Act 1997*, as amended or varied from time to time.

"Local Health District" means a Local Health District constituted pursuant to section 17 of the *Health Services Act 1997*, as amended or varied from time to time.

"Ministry" means the Ministry of Health.

"Service", unless the context otherwise indicates or requires, means relevant service before and/or after commencement of this Award in any one or more New South Wales public health organisations or other organisations deemed acceptable by the Ministry.

"Union" means the Health Services Union NSW.

3. Classifications**3.1 Dental Assistant Grade 1**

- (a) A Dental Assistant Grade 1 means a person appointed as such who has successfully completed a qualification in a relevant field recognised by the Dental Assistant Education Council of Australia or up to the level of Certificate III issued by a tertiary education institution or qualifications deemed by the Ministry to be equivalent.
- (b) Unqualified but experienced dental assistants can be employed as Dental Assistants Grade 1. Such employees commence and remain on level 1 year 1 until they obtain formal qualifications through study or recognition of prior learning. The employee is responsible for obtaining formal qualifications in their own time and at their own expense.

3.2 Dental Assistant Grade 2

- (a) A Dental Assistant Grade 2 means a person who is appointed to such a position and who has successfully completed a nationally recognised Dental Assisting Certificate course at Certificate Level IV or qualifications deemed by the Ministry to be equivalent.

3.3 Supervision Allowance

- (a) A dental assistant who, in addition to the normal range of duties, is required to supervise two or more dental assistants will be paid a supervision allowance. In order to be paid this allowance, the supervising dental assistant must be responsible for:
 - (i) A range of administrative tasks associated with clinical operations as required by the Health Service, and
 - (ii) The day to day supervision of staff including functions such as rostering, allocation of duties, conduct of or participation in performance reviews and input into management decisions.
- (b) The supervision allowance is to be paid as part of the employee's permanent salary, following a merit selection process. The rate of allowance paid is dependent upon the number of employees supervised and is contained in Table 1 of Part B, Monetary Rates in the Health Professional and Medical Salaries (State) Award 2023, as varied or replaced from time to time. If an employee is required to relieve for 5 days or more in the role of the supervisor, and performs all of the duties of the supervisor, then the supervision allowance will be paid to such employee.

3.4 Dental Assistant Level 3

- (a) Dental Assistant Grade 3 means a person who is appointed to such a position and who has a coordinating role across either a number of clinics in a Local Health District(s) or has the same level of responsibility in large teaching hospitals. The Level 3 dental assistant is a promotional position and is not eligible for a supervision allowance. Generally, if a level 3 dental assistant is responsible in one location, no other dental assistants in that clinic would be in receipt of a supervision allowance as prescribed in clause 3.3 above.
- (b) The scope of grade 3 positions is Local Health District(s)-wide or a comparable level of responsibility in a large clinic. Positions which require employees to perform the duties outlined below, will be graded at level 3.
- (c) A level 3 dental assistant will be required to do most or all of the following duties:
 - (i) Perform the usual range of dental assistant duties when required.
 - (ii) Recruitment of dental assistants.
 - (iii) Manage trainee dental assistant programs.
 - (iv) Participate in sector or area wide committees such as infection control, education, and performance improvement.
 - (v) Manage/participate in conflict resolution where required.
 - (vi) Chair dental assistant forums and meetings.
 - (vii) Mentor other dental assistants in their role as supervisors, including performance management and review processes.
 - (viii) Assist in managing safety issues.

- (ix) Manage the educational needs of dental assistants.
- (x) Manage staff relief across the sector/area.
- (xi) Prioritising of workload in conjunction with oral health practitioners.
- (xii) Co-ordinate and order all stock and consumables including:
 - liaison with external providers, and
 - being fully conversant with State contract processes.
- (xiii) Ensure the proper maintenance of equipment through:
 - training and monitoring of dental assistants in maintenance duties,
 - effecting minor repairs,
 - co-ordinate the repair services provided by external and internal providers, and
 - ensure contractual requirements of external providers are met.

4. Anti-Discrimination

- (a) It is the intention of the parties bound by this Award to seek to achieve the object in section 3 (f) of the *Industrial Relations Act 1996* to prevent and eliminate discrimination in the workplace. This includes discrimination on the grounds of race, sex, marital status, disability, homosexuality, transgender identity, age and responsibilities as a carer.
- (b) It follows that in fulfilling their obligations under the dispute resolution procedure prescribed by this Award the parties have obligations to take all reasonable steps to ensure that the operation of the provisions of this Award are not directly or indirectly discriminatory in their effects. It will be consistent with the fulfilment of these obligations for the parties to make application to vary any provision of the Award which, by its terms or operation, has a direct or indirect discriminatory effect.
- (c) Under the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*, it is unlawful to victimise an employee because the employee has made or may make or has been involved in a complaint of unlawful discrimination or harassment.
- (d) Nothing in this clause is to be taken to affect:
 - (i) any conduct or act which is specifically exempted from anti-discrimination legislation;
 - (ii) offering or providing junior rates of pay to persons under 21 years of age;
 - (iii) any act or practice of a body established to propagate religion which is exempted under section 56(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*;
 - (iv) a party to this Award from pursuing matters of unlawful discrimination in any State or federal jurisdiction.
- (e) This clause does not create legal rights or obligations in addition to those imposed upon the parties by the legislation referred to in this clause.

NOTES -

- (i) Employers and employees may also be subject to Commonwealth anti-discrimination legislation.

- (ii) Section 56(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977* provides:

"Nothing in this Act affects ... any other act or practice of a body established to propagate religion that conforms to the doctrines of that religion or is necessary to avoid injury to the religious susceptibilities of the adherents of that religion.

5. Conditions of Employment

Conditions of Employment for employees shall be those prescribed in the Public Hospital (Professional and Associated Staff) Conditions of Employment (State) Award 2023, as varied or replaced from time to time, subject to the preservation of accrued rights for employees transferred from the Public Service on 1 October 1986.

6. Rates of Pay

Full time Dental Assistant employees shall be paid the salaries as set out in the Health Professional Medical Salaries (State) Award 2023, as varied or replaced from time to time.

Previous service as a Dental Assistant is to be taken into account in determining the commencing salary on employment.

7. No Extra Claims

Other than as provided for in the *Industrial Relations Act 1996* and the Industrial Relations (Public Sector Conditions of Employment) Regulation 2014 (or its successor however described), there shall be no further claims/demands or proceedings instituted before the Industrial Relations Commission of New South Wales for extra or reduced wages, salaries, rates of pay, allowances or conditions of employment with respect to the employees covered by the Award that take effect prior to 30 June 2024 by a party to this Award.

8. Area, Incidence and Duration

- (a) This Award takes effect on 1 July 2023 and shall remain in force for a period of one year.
- (b) This Award rescinds and replaces the Public Hospitals Dental Assistants (State) Award 2022 published 16 December 2022 (393 I.G. 832) and all variations thereof.
- (c) This Award shall apply to persons employed in classifications contained herein employed in the New South Wales Health Service under s115(1) of the *Health Services Act 1997*, or their successors, assignees or transmittes.

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PUBLIC HOSPITAL PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS' (BIO-MEDICAL ENGINEERS) (STATE) AWARD 2023

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Application by NSW Ministry of Health.

(Case No. 214567 of 2023)

Before Chief Commissioner Constant

17 August 2023

AWARD

PART A

Arrangement

Clause No.	Subject Matter
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2.	Grading Committee
3.	Salaries
4.	On Call
5.	Exemptions
6.	Anti-Discrimination
7.	Conditions of Service
8.	Labour Flexibility
9.	Dispute Resolution
10.	No Extra Claims
11.	Area, Incidence and Duration

PART B

Table 1 - On-Call Rates

PART A

1. Definitions

- (i) "Biomedical Engineer" means a person appointed as such having qualifications acceptable to the Institution of Biomedical Engineers as an Associate, or such other qualifications deemed by the employer to be appropriate.
- (ii) "Director/Deputy Director" means an officer appointed as Head of a Department or as Second-in-Charge of a Department provided that such position is approved by the employer and such officer having qualifications acceptable to the Institution of Biomedical Engineers to be a member of such institution, or such other qualifications deemed appropriate by the employer.
- (iii) "Employer" means the Secretary of the Ministry of Health exercising employer functions on behalf of the Government of New South Wales.
- (iv) "Hospital" means a public hospital as defined under section 15 of the *Health Services Act 1997*, as amended or varied from time to time.

- (v) "Service" means service before and/or after commencement of this Award as a biomedical engineer in any one or more hospitals in New South Wales or any other hospital deemed acceptable by the employer.
- (vi) "Union" means the Health Services Union NSW.

2. Grading Committee

A committee consisting of up to three representatives of the employer and up to three representatives of the Union shall be constituted to consider and recommend to the employer upon application by the Union or a hospital:

- (i) the grading of any new position or any variation of grading of a position as a result of any substantial change in duties and/or responsibilities; and
- (ii) the date of the effect of the grading recommended:

Provided that:

- (i) an officer shall, whilst the grading of their position is under consideration, be ineligible to be a member of the Committee;
- (ii) the committee shall not, without sufficient reason, recommend the retrospective operation of any grading or remuneration; and
- (iii) where a retrospective date of effect is recommended, such date shall not be earlier than a date six months prior to the date on which the matter was referred to the Committee.

3. Salaries

Full time Biomedical Engineer employees shall be paid the salaries as set out in the Health Professional and Medical Salaries (State) Award 2023, as varied or replaced from time to time.

Full time Biomedical Engineer employees shall be paid the allowances as set out in Table 1 of Part B - Monetary Rates, of this Award.

4. on Call

- (i) An "on-call period" is a period during which an officer is required, by the hospital where the person is employed, to be on call.
- (ii) For the purposes of calculation of payment of on-call allowance and for call-back duty, an on-call period shall not exceed 24 hours.
- (iii) An officer shall be paid for each on-call period, an allowance which shall be at the option of the employer, either per on-call period or per week.
- (iv) The on-call rates are set out in Table 1 - On Call Rates, of this Award.

5. Exemptions

This Award shall not apply to members, novices or aspirants of religious orders in the hospitals the names of which are or shall hereafter be included in the Third Schedule to the *Health Services Act 1997*, of New South Wales.

6. Anti-Discrimination

- (i) It is the intention of the parties bound by this Award to seek to achieve the object in section 3(f) of the *Industrial Relations Act 1996* to prevent and eliminate discrimination in the workplace. This includes

discrimination on the grounds of race, sex, marital or domestic status, disability, homosexuality, transgender identity, age and responsibilities as a carer.

- (ii) It follows that in fulfilling their obligations under the dispute resolution procedure prescribed by this Award the parties have obligations to take all reasonable steps to ensure that the operation of the provisions of this Award are not directly or indirectly discriminatory in their effects. It will be consistent with the fulfilment of these obligations for the parties to make application to vary any provision of the Award which, by its terms or operation, has a direct or indirect discriminatory effect.
- (iii) Under the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*, it is unlawful to victimise an employee because the employee has made or may make or has been involved in a complaint of unlawful discrimination or harassment.
- (iv) Nothing in this clause is to be taken to affect:
 - (a) any conduct or act which is specifically exempted from anti-discrimination legislation;
 - (b) offering or providing junior rates of pay to persons under 21 years of age;
 - (c) any act or practice of a body established to propagate religion which is exempted under section 56(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*;
 - (d) a party to this Award from pursuing matters of unlawful discrimination in any State or Federal jurisdiction.
- (v) This clause does not create legal rights or obligations in addition to those imposed upon the parties by the legislation referred to in this clause.

NOTES -

- (a) Employers and employees may also be subject to Commonwealth anti-discrimination legislation
- (b) Section 56(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977* provides:

"Nothing in this Act affects ... any other act or practice of a body established to propagate religion that conforms to the doctrines of that religion or is necessary to avoid injury to the religious susceptibilities of the adherents of that religion.

7. Conditions of Service

The Public Hospitals (Professional and Associated Staff) Conditions of Employment (State) Award 2023, as varied or replaced from time to time, shall apply to all persons covered by this Award.

In addition, the Health Industry Status of Employment (State) Award 2023, as varied or replaced from time to time, shall also apply to all relevant employees.

8. Labour Flexibility

- (i) An employer may direct an employee to carry out such duties as are reasonable, and within the limits of the employee's skill, competence and training consistent with employee's classification, grouping and/or career stream provided that such duties are not designed to promote deskilling.
- (ii) An employer may direct an employee to carry out such duties and use such tools and equipment as may be required provided that the employee has been properly trained or has otherwise acquired the necessary skills in the use of such tools and equipment.
- (iii) Any direction issued by an employer pursuant to subclause (i) and (ii) shall be consistent with the employer's responsibilities to provide a safe and healthy work environment.

- (iv) Existing provisions with respect to the payment of mixed functions/higher duties allowances shall apply in such circumstances.

9. Dispute Resolution

The dispute resolution procedures contained in the Public Hospitals (Professional and Associated Staff) Conditions of Employment (State) Award 2023, as varied or replaced from time to time, shall apply.

10. No Extra Claims

Other than as provided for in the *Industrial Relations Act* 1996 and the Industrial Relations (Public Sector Conditions of Employment) Regulation 2014 (or its successor however described), there shall be no further claims/demands or proceedings instituted before the Industrial Relations Commission of New South Wales for extra or reduced wages, salaries, rates of pay, allowances or conditions of employment with respect to the employees covered by the Award that take effect prior to 30 June 2024 by a party to this Award.

11. Area, Incidence and Duration

- (i) This Award takes effect from 1 July 2023 and shall remain in force for a period of one year. The allowances in the second column in Table 1 of Part B - Monetary Rates will apply from the first full pay period on or after (ffppoa) 1 July 2023.
- (ii) This Award rescinds and replaces the Public Hospital Professional Engineers' (Biomedical Engineers) (State) Award 2022 as published 16 December 2022 (393 I.G. 828) and all variations thereof.
- (iii) This Award shall apply to persons employed in classifications contained herein employed in the New South Wales Health Service under s115(1) of the *Health Services Act* 1997, or their successors, assignees or transmittees.

PART B

Table 1 - On-Call Rates

In the period 1 July 2023 to the commencement of the first full pay period on or after 1 July 2023, the applicable rates of pay are those that applied immediately prior to the first full pay period on or after 1 July 2023.

Item No.	Clause No.	Allowance Description	Rate to apply from ffppoa 01/07/2023 \$
1	4	On-Call Allowance (per period)	9.92
1	4	Per on-call period per week (per week)	49.54

N. CONSTANT, *Chief Commissioner*

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CA23/03 - Contract for Services - Contract Carrier Time Critical Courier Sydney

Made Between: FedEx Express Australia Pty Limited -&- Transport Workers' Union of New South Wales.

New/Variation: Replaces EA00/159

Approval and Commencement Date: Approved and commenced 24 August 2023.

Description of Employees: The agreement applies to all Contract Carriers in NSW engaged by FedEx Express Australia Pty Ltd located at 201 Coward Street, Mascot NSW 2020, who fall within the coverage of the Transport Industry - Courier and Taxi Truck Contract Determination.

Nominal Term: 36 Months.

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