

# Access to the WA VAD Approved Training

Access to this training is available for medical practitioners and nurse practitioners who are eligible to undertake a role as per the Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2019.

Requirements differ depending on whether you are a:

- medical practitioner with general registration
- medical practitioner with specialist registration
- medical practitioner with limited or provisional registration (overseas trained specialist)
- nurse practitioner.

These requirements are laid out on page 3. If you do not meet these requirements, you cannot access the training at this time, but may apply again in the future.

There are additional requirements that a practitioner must meet before performing a role. These are directly related to the patient and are covered in the training.

## How can I access the WA VAD Approved Training?

### 1 – Register your interest

You will need to register with the [Voluntary Assisted Dying – Information Management System \(VAD-IMS\)](#) by clicking on the 'Apply for access to VAD-IMS' button. This will not give you full access but will register your interest in the training.



The screenshot shows the VAD-IMS website interface. On the left, there is a logo for VAD-IMS and a description: "VAD-IMS is the online platform for management of voluntary assisted dying in Western Australia. It is where practitioners can:" followed by a list of actions: "submit forms to the Voluntary Assisted Dying Board in Western Australia" and "register for the Department of Health participating practitioner eligibility verification process (including access to the mandatory approved training)". On the right, there is a section titled "Practitioner access" containing two buttons: "Log in to VAD-IMS" and "Apply for access to VAD-IMS". A yellow arrow points to the "Apply for access to VAD-IMS" button. Below the buttons, there is a note: "Before applying for access to VAD-IMS, review the relevant information provided on the Department of Health's [Voluntary Assisted Dying website](#)."

### 2 – Receive instructions

Once you register, the End of Life Care Program (EOLCP) will be notified.

They will then email you with the process for submitting the documents to verify your eligibility under the Act, based on which category of practitioner you fall into.

### 3 – Submit your documents

You will need to provide the following:

- a complete application form
- a self-captured photo of you holding a photo ID that shows your full name, date of birth and image. Suitable IDs include a valid passport, valid Australian driver's licence, Australian Immi Card or a government issued proof of age card. Please make sure:
  - your face is clearly visible
  - the image of you in your ID is clearly visible
  - the written details in your ID are clearly visible and legible.
- a current CV that demonstrates your clinical experience, including patient assessment and clinical decision-making
- details of 2 professional referees who will be contacted for a brief referee check (mobile numbers preferred).

#### Document formats

The application form will be provided to you as a PDF. The documents you upload should be .doc .docx .pdf .jpg .jpeg .png or .tiff files.

#### Change of name

If your ID includes a former name, you must also provide evidence of your name change, such as an Australian change of name certificate or an Australian marriage certificate.

#### Special provisions

If exceptional circumstances mean you cannot meet the ID requirements, contact the EOLCP via [VADApprovedTraining@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:VADApprovedTraining@health.wa.gov.au) The team will be able to determine the most suitable method to confirm your identity.

#### Overseas trained specialists with limited or provisional registration

If you are applying with limited or provisional registration, you will need to provide additional documents. Contact the EOLCP via [VADApprovedTraining@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:VADApprovedTraining@health.wa.gov.au) to confirm which documents are best for your situation before submitting your application.

### 4 – Outcome

Once your application has been processed, you will be emailed:

- confirmation that you meet the eligibility requirements
- a link to the online training
- your temporary login details (and instructions to change them)
- key information about the training and what to do if you experience issues.

The email will also include a link to the WA VAD Guidelines which many practitioners have found useful to complete the training, especially the assessment module.

#### Technical issues

Contact the EOLCP via [VADApprovedTraining@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:VADApprovedTraining@health.wa.gov.au) for assistance.

## Practitioner categories

### Medical practitioner with general registration

- holds general registration in the medical profession
- has practised for at least 10 years as the holder of general registration
- meets the minimum hours described in the Recency of Practice Registration Standard published by the Medical Board of Australia
- can demonstrate their clinical practice includes patient assessment and clinical decision making
- does not have any notations, conditions, undertakings or reprimands on their Ahpra registration record which make them unsuitable for roles under the Act.
- is confirmed as not unsuitable for a role under the Act on the basis of references from 2 professional referees they have nominated.

### Medical practitioner with specialist registration

- holds current specialist registration in the medical profession
- has practised for at least 1 year as the holder of specialist registration
- meets the minimum hours described in the Recency of Practice Registration Standard published by the Medical Board of Australia
- can demonstrate their clinical practice includes patient assessment and clinical decision making
- does not have any notations, conditions, undertakings or reprimands on their Ahpra registration record which make them unsuitable for roles under the Act
- is confirmed as not unsuitable for a role under the Act on the basis of references from 2 professional referees they have nominated.

### Medical practitioner with limited or provisional registration (overseas trained specialist)

- is an overseas-trained specialist who holds limited registration or provisional registration
- has practised for at least 5 years as a specialist
- is permitted by their registration to work in a gazetted area of need, or as a sponsored provider within a health service in WA
- has undergone formal assessment by the relevant Australian medical college
- has had their specialist pathway and supervision program approved by the relevant Australian medical college
- has completed at least 12 months working in a supervised position in WA
- meets the minimum hours described in the Recency of Practice Registration Standard published by the Medical Board of Australia
- can demonstrate their clinical practice includes patient assessment and clinical decision making
- does not have any notations, conditions, undertakings or reprimands on their Ahpra registration record which make them unsuitable for roles under the Act
- is confirmed as not unsuitable for a role under the Act on the basis of references from 2 professional referees they have nominated.

## Nurse practitioner

- holds current nursing registration with endorsement as a nurse practitioner
- has practised as a nurse practitioner for at least 2 years
- meets the minimum hours described in the Recency of Practice Registration Standard published by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia at the advanced practice nursing level required by the Endorsement as a Nurse Practitioner Registration Standard
- can demonstrate their clinical practice includes patient assessment and clinical decision making
- does not have any notations, conditions, undertakings or reprimands on their Ahpra registration record which make them unsuitable for roles under the Act
- is confirmed as not unsuitable for a role under the Act on the basis of references from 2 professional referees they have nominated.

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