



# Australasian Allied Health Benchmarking Consortium

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

### **Background**

The Australasian Allied Health Benchmarking Consortium (AAHBC) was convened in 1997 as the National Allied Health Benchmarking Consortium (NAHBC) to develop a standardised method of recording allied health practitioners' activity in Australia's public hospitals.

Its current aim is to enable a network of collaborative teaching hospitals to develop and maintain a standardised approach to benchmarking and subsequently improved practices. AAHBC provides input into allied health and whole of health strategies and projects through the utilisation of quality data sets and the combined input of experienced members across the network of participating hospitals.

AAHBC members share information freely within the group, but consent is required for any external distribution of data, reports or projects.

AAHBC membership is currently comprised of both Australian and New Zealand hospitals/hospital networks as well as representatives from The Health Roundtable. The group meets via monthly teleconference and has a face-to-face meeting annually.

There is an annual cost of membership which covers meeting incidentals and costs incurred in the completion of specific projects (e.g. Annual data compliance audit, Staffing Model development).

Application for AAHBC membership requires a number of specific criteria to be met. Applications provided by prospective members are presented at a AAHBC monthly meeting and voted on accordingly. In addition, all current AAHBC members are required to provide evidence of meeting these criteria on an annual basis.

### **Membership criteria**

- Established allied health governance structure
- Tertiary or teaching hospital with approximately 500 beds with significant annual separations
- Allied health data collected using the Australian Allied Health Classification System
- Allied health data collection system/s in place
- Allied Health membership of The Health Roundtable is beneficial and therefore encouraged.

<b>Details of organisation requesting membership</b>	
Name of organisation	
Contact person & position	
Contact details: Telephone	
Email	
Date of application	
<b>Evidence against membership criteria</b>	
Allied health governance structure <i>(N.B. AH governance structure must ensure accountability for service provision and data quality)</i>	
Tertiary or teaching hospital status <i>(N.B. If application relates to a hospital network please provide information on each hospital)</i>	
Number of beds <i>(N.B. If application relates to a hospital network please provide information for each hospital)</i>	
Annual hospital separations <i>(N.B. If application relates to a hospital network please provide information for each hospital)</i>	
Allied health activity data is collected using the Australian Health Classification System <i>(N.B. If application relates to a hospital network please provide name of system used for each hospital)</i>	
Allied health activity is recorded, stored and capable of being transferred electronically <i>(N.B. If application relates to a hospital network please provide name of system used for each hospital)</i>	

If successful, the organisation agrees to comply with:

- Successful completion of annual data audit using the Allied Health Classification System
- Payment of annual membership fee (determined on a year by year basis)
- Active information sharing within the group, but not to distribute other member's information without consent.

<b>Details of person requesting membership for organisation</b>	
Name	
Position	
Date of application	