

Health Regulator Strategic Focus 2024-26

Protecting the health of Victorians through effective regulation

Effective regulation helps to ensure our communities stay safe and healthy.

The Health Regulator is the main regulatory oversight branch of the Victorian Department of Health.

Established in 2024, we regulate multiple regulatory domains within the Health portfolio, and bring together most of the department's regulatory resources and expertise within a single branch.

From 2024 to 2026, our strategic focus will be to establish and embed a regulatory approach grounded in best-practice regulatory principles. We are committed to continuous improvement and excellence in our regulatory practice.

What we regulate

- First Aid service providers
- Radiation safety
- Pest control
- Legionella risk management
- Assisted reproductive treatment
- Medicines and poisons
- Cemeteries
- Schools of anatomy
- Child safety
- Non-emergency patient transport
- Private hospitals and day procedure centres
- Tobacco and e-cigarettes
- Safe drinking water
- Food safety

Our role

The Health Regulator regulates a range of duty holders to ensure compliance with health legislation and prevent serious harm to the health of Victorians.

Our work includes developing education and guidance, issuing approvals and licences, monitoring compliance with regulatory requirements and taking risk-based, graduated and proportionate compliance and enforcement action.

These regulatory activities help to promote compliant behaviour, making sure health risks and impacts are managed, and Victorians are protected from harm.

Our regulatory principles

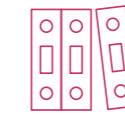
Our principles guide the work we do, and how we operate. We are committed to our practices being:

- Consistent
- Collaborative
- Targeted
- Efficient
- Intelligence-based
- Clear
- Adaptable
- Proportionate
- Accountable
- Transparent

Our priorities

- 1 Establish a cohesive Health Regulator
- 2 Set and embed our regulatory approach
- 3 Consolidate and renew our partnerships
- 4 Review and plan our use of data
- 5 Communicate our priorities

Delivering on our priorities



Establishing a cohesive Health Regulator

We will leverage our extensive regulatory knowledge and expertise to enable a best-practice approach to regulation.

We will foster a culture of knowledge sharing, open collaboration, capability development, and continuous improvement.



Applying our regulatory principles in our practice

We will set and embed our regulatory approach, proportionate to the associated health risks. Using intelligence, we will target our compliance and enforcement efforts to prevent serious harm.

Accurate, reliable, and timely data provides the foundation for effective regulation. We will review and plan our use of data, using scientific evidence, research, and analysis to drive our regulatory decisions and activities.



Building relationships and communicating our priorities

We will consolidate and renew our partnerships. Working closely with our network of co-regulators will enable more efficient use of expertise and data and promote more effective regulatory outcomes.

We recognise the importance of ongoing and transparent communication with our stakeholders and partners, including the Victorian community. We are committed to communicating our priorities and delivering clear and consistent guidance to drive increased compliance.