

# **Board and Executive Readiness Packages**

## **Digital Health Governance Readiness Review**

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## Who we are

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The Digital Health Standards Council of Australasia (DHSCA) is an independent digital health and AI assurance and assessment organisation. We work alongside health service providers to assure the safe and effective implementation of digital health and AI-enabled technologies in health and care settings. That assurance gives providers, clinicians and the consumers in their care confidence that health technologies meet a recognised standard before they reach the point of care.

## What's included: Digital Health Governance Readiness Review

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An independent desktop review of your governance posture against DHSCA's Digital Health Governance Readiness Framework, producing a formal Governance Readiness Report (GRR) for submission to your board and audit committee.

We issue a structured evidence schedule at kick-off and provide secure document exchange. Your team submits against the checklist. Our assessment pod reviews, seeks clarification where needed, and passes the draft through an internal QA gate before anything is issued.

We assess documented evidence across six governance domains and report what's present, what's absent and how your current posture would perform against future safety and quality standards. The report is written to be tabled to the board and your audit and risk committee.

The Governance Readiness Report contains:

- Executive summary of readiness across all six domains
- Domain-level findings with supporting evidence assessment
- Identification of governance gaps
- Alignment against upcoming accreditation standards, showing how your current posture would perform
- A board attestation summary, letting the board acknowledge findings and record its decisions.

The engagement lasts approximately three to four weeks depending on service size and complexity. The desktop review format ensures minimal demand on your team beyond the evidence submission.

## The gap it covers

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Boards regularly ask management whether the organisation is in good shape, and management answers.

That's the wrong assurance loop when the subject is technical, moves fast and carries subsequent clinical risk. Independent assessment can support increased visibility of risk and help organisations achieve a clear view for remediation.

The readiness review gives you three things not easily produce internally:

1. Where the gaps are before an incident, a regulator or an accreditation cycle finds them.
2. Gives the board a document it can attest to, recording findings and the decisions taken in response.
3. Shows how you'd perform in assessment to national safety and quality standards against upcoming requirements for digitally-enabled care.

With the NSQHS Standards 3rd Edition drafted and the 2026 National Model for Clinical Governance already endorsed, a documented baseline now presents stable and prepared runway for accreditation.

## Who delivers it

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The Digital Health Governance Readiness Review is delivered by DHSCA's clinical and technical leadership, alongside governance and healthcare accreditation experts. Each bring substantial experience across healthcare standards, regulation, the law, and digital health safety and quality.

## Overview & Investment

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| <b>Format</b>     | Three to four weeks, independent desktop review                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Output</b>     | Board-ready Digital Health Governance Readiness Report                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Audience</b>   | Organisations preparing for accreditation, boards seeking independent documentation, executives building a digital health governance baseline                                                          |
| <b>Investment</b> | <p>\$20,000 - \$30,000 (ex GST)</p> <p>*Estimate pricing only. Reflects a standard engagement scope. Multi-site, high complexity or additional-cohort variations are scoped and quoted separately.</p> |

## Work with us

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If you'd like to engage DHSCA for a **Governance Readiness Review** or if you have any questions about how we can support your organisation, please email: [contact@dhsca.com.au](mailto:contact@dhsca.com.au)

## Engagement terms, assumptions and dependencies

### Notes on assumptions and dependencies

Any engagement and its timeline assume timely access to the people and materials the work depends on. This includes access to relevant staff, either for interviews or evidence gathering across clinical, operational, risk and technical roles, and to any existing governance, policy and consent documentation.

Our approach also assumes access to system and platform documentation where appropriate. This may include information regarding data-hosting, data-processing and integration details, and the terms governing your organisation's use of these systems.

DHSCA assumes the organisation will nominate a single point of contact to coordinate scheduling and access, and that documents, interviewees and feedback will be available within agreed turnaround times. Where decisions or approvals from your organisation are needed for the work to progress, we assume these will be provided within a reasonably agreed timeframe.

If access or information is delayed, or material new requirements emerge during the work, the timeline and scope may be adjusted by agreement through a simple variation of the contract for services.

### Basis of advice and limitations

DHSCA provides independent advisory services and assessment of digital health and AI tools entering clinical and operational workflow, and the arrangements that govern them. Our findings and recommendations are based on the information, documents and access your organisation provides, and on the regulatory and standards position current at the time of delivery. The purpose of this work is to support your organisation's own decision-making and governance settings maturity.

Responsibility for whether and how to adopt, deploy or operate any technology, and accountability for those decisions and their clinical, technical, operational, security, privacy, and regulatory outcomes, rests with your organisation.

To the extent permitted by law, DHSCA accepts no responsibility or liability for any loss, damage, or harm arising from the deployment or use of those technologies, from decisions taken by your organisation, from reliance on this advice where the information provided was incomplete or inaccurate, or where recommendations were not implemented as advised. Nothing in this engagement transfers clinical, legal or regulatory responsibility to DHSCA.