

# Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mental health worker

## Identifying and definitional attributes

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**Definition:** Persons employed (or engaged via contract) on a part-time or full-time paid basis, where the person is specifically employed to provide mental health care support and services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. These mental health professionals have recognised qualifications and/or work experience in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mental health and/or health.

Roles that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mental health workers may perform include, but are not limited to:

- enhancing accessibility of culturally appropriate mental health services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- active involvement and engagement in the provision of mental health services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, their families and communities
- Advocating and engaging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the planning, development and evaluation of mental health services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities
- providing advice to colleagues and wider community on culturally appropriate support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in relation to planning and provision of mental health services.

## Relational attributes

**Metadata items which use this glossary item:**

[Establishment—full-time equivalent staff \(paid\) \(Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mental health worker\)](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 16/01/2020

[Establishment—full-time equivalent staff \(paid\) \(Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mental health worker\), average NNNN.NN](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 16/01/2020

[Establishment—recurrent expenditure \(salaries and wages\) \(Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mental health workers\) \(financial year\), total Australian currency N\[N\(8\)\]](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 20/01/2021

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- [Health](#), Standard 20/01/2021

[Mental health establishments NMDS 2020–21](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 20/01/2021

[Mental health establishments NMDS 2021–22](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

[Mental health establishments NMDS 2022–23](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 17/12/2021