

**Proposed variation to Clause 1 (xxxv) and (li) of the Health Employees (State) Award**

A **Patient Transport Officer** is an employee who at the time of appointment who holds a minimum current Basic Life Support accreditation or equivalent or who has successfully completed any other relevant training and work experience as determined by the employer to become a Patient Transport Officer. Such an employee may be required to successfully complete further instruction/in-service courses necessary for Patient Transport Officers as determined by the employer and as provided by the employer.

This category of employee will be involved in patient transport using basic life support skills.

A **Trainee Patient Transport Officer** is an employee who is undertaking relevant training and work experience as determined by the employer to become a Patient Transport Officer.

Under the supervision of a Patient Transport Officer or Patient Transport Nurses Escort, this category of employee is involved in patient transport using basic life support skills.

These definitions do not apply to HealthShare Patient Transport Officers captured under the 'HealthShare NSW Patient Transport Officer (State) Award 2019' as varied or amended from time to time.

This proposed variation replaces Part A Clause 1:

(xxxv) "Patient Transport Officer" means an employee who has successfully completed the requirements for appointment as a Patient Transport Officer and who has been appointed as such.

A Patient Transport Officer is required to have completed training in, and to undergo any mandatory periodic refresher training required, in the following:

- Advanced Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR),
- Gueddels Airways,
- Basic life support skills,
- Advanced first-aid,
- Patient handling and lifting techniques,
- Driver training,
- Oxygen administration, and
- Transport and handling of specialised equipment (e.g. cardiac defibrillators).

The duties of a Patient Transport Officer include the routine and non-emergency transportation of hospital patients utilising basic life support skills. Transportation can include single driver transports (no escort if appropriate), or transportations with an appropriate escort. The decision on whether or not a nurse accompanies a patient is made by the relevant Nurse Unit Manager.

The employer and Union shall consult, monitor and review the operation of this classification. In the case of an emergency arising during the course of a non-escorted transportation, the Patient Transport Officer is expected to apply the procedures from the training referred to above, and in the case of an emergency arising during an escorted transportation, to assist or respond to the direction of the clinical escort in the application of these procedures.

A Patient Transport Officer is responsible for maintaining the cleanliness of the vehicle, maintaining appropriate stock levels, for carrying out equipment checks, and other associated duties.

(li) "Trainee Patient Transport Officer" means an employee who is undertaking training and workplace mentoring in order to successfully complete the requirements for appointment to a 'Patient Transport Officer' position.