**Independent Director (voluntary)**

About AHPA

[Allied Health Professions Australia (AHPA)](http://www.ahpa.com.au) is the recognised national voice for allied health professions in Australia, representing and advocating for the role of allied health professionals in health, aged care, disability, education and all systems where allied health services have a role. Allied health professionals represent a third of the country’s health care workforce and deliver over 200 million health services annually.

As the peak national organisation for allied health professions, AHPA has an important strategic leadership role and is the body that the Federal Government and other national organisations turn to when they seek a collective view of allied health. AHPA and the allied health sector is positioned for growth, as we work to ensure that allied health services are fully integrated into our health system and accessible for every Australian. Allied health professions provide crucial support for people experiencing disability, chronic illness and a wide range of other health issues.

AHPA is managed by a small team in Melbourne led by a CEO. The organisation’s constant and prime source of funding has been membership income. Since 2016, recurrent funding has also been received from the Department of Health under its Peak Health Advisory Bodies funding. The latter has positioned AHPA firmly as the overarching peak body for allied health. Ad hoc funding from the government or its agencies for specific purposes provides additional financial resources to enhance our effectiveness and value.

About the role

AHPA’s Constitution provides for up to 9 directors, including ‘member nominated directors’ and up to 3 Independent Directors at any time. The Board is seeking an Independent Director to enhance the diversity of the board to complement the skills and experience of current directors. The Board meets quarterly (for around 90 minutes) during business hours, with sub-Committees meeting as required in addition to a half-day planning meeting. Meetings are conducted in Melbourne or virtually.

The specific skills sought at this time, and therefore highly regarded, are:

* **Partnership / sponsorship /business development experience**
* **An understanding of the Not for Profit sector**
* **Knowledge of the Australian health system / sector**

AHPA’s Governance and Risk Committee will review Applicants against AHPA’s Board Skills Matrix , giving high regard to the above skills, and the complement of the Applicant’s skill base against the current Board. Interested professionals with ethnic diversity are encouraged to apply.

How to apply for the position of Independent Director

Applications must be submitted on the **Application Form** provided **and include a CV and a covering letter** highlighting your suitability for the role and particularly the specific skill set sought at this time. **NB: Allied health professionals are not eligible to apply.**

Applications must be received by 5:00pm AEST on Friday 24th September by emailing office@ahpa.com.au.

Enquiries: For further information about the role, please email office@ahpa.com.au