

CHIEF PSYCHIATRIST DETERMINATION

Pursuant to subsection 3(1) of the *Mental Health Act 2009*

MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIANS

Pursuant to subsection 3(1) of the *Mental Health Act 2009* (Act) the Chief Psychiatrist of South Australia may classify classes of persons who are engaged in the treatment or care of patients as mental health clinicians for the purposes of the Act.

I, Associate Professor Melanie Turner, Chief Psychiatrist, hereby revoke all previous determinations made pursuant to subsection 3(1) of the Mental Health Act 2009, including but not limited to the determination dated 2 June 2017.

I, Associate Professor Melanie Turner, Chief Psychiatrist, hereby classify the following classes of persons as mental health clinicians commencing from 11 September 2026:

PROFESSION	CONDITIONS FOR CLASSIFICATION
Occupational Therapists	- Registered as an occupational therapist with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency, AND - Employed by a mental health service, or - Employed by another health service providing specialist mental health care as endorsed by the Chief Psychiatrist and published on the Office of the Chief Psychiatrist website.
Psychiatrists	Registered as a specialist psychiatrist with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency.
Psychologists	- Registered as a psychologist with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency, AND - Employed by a mental health service, or - Employed by another health service providing specialist mental health care as endorsed by the Chief Psychiatrist and published on the Office of the Chief Psychiatrist website.
Registered Nurses	- Registered as a registered nurse with mental health qualifications with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency, AND - Employed by a mental health service, or - Employed by another health service providing specialist mental health care as endorsed by the Chief Psychiatrist and published on the Office of the Chief Psychiatrist website.

Social Workers	• Eligible for membership with the Australian Association of Social Workers, AND • Employed by a mental health service, or • Employed by another health service providing specialist mental health care as endorsed by the Chief Psychiatrist and published on the Office of the Chief Psychiatrist website.
Paramedics	• Registered as a Paramedic with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency • Employed in a mental health role by the SA Ambulance Service, including “mental health co-response” roles, mental health emergency operation centre roles and any other roles nominated by the Chief Executive Officer of the SA Ambulance Service, endorsed by the Chief Psychiatrist and published on the Office of the Chief Psychiatrist website.
Psychiatry Registrars & RMOs	• Registered as a medical practitioner with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency, AND • Employed by a mental health service, or • Employed by another health service providing specialist mental health care as endorsed by the Chief Psychiatrist and published on the Office of the Chief Psychiatrist website, AND • Working under the supervision of a consultant psychiatrist.

The Chief Psychiatrist of South Australia may vary or revoke this determination at any time.



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CHIEF PSYCHIATRIST

Dated the 11th day of September 2026