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# Australian Digital Health Agency Update

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# COVID-19: Supporting the National Response



- The Agency is working closely with the Department of Health to fast track the electronic prescribing program.
- The Agency is working directly with vendors and community pharmacy to implement ‘fast track Electronic Prescriptions’, scheduled for deployment by end May 2020.
- This will allow an SMS ‘token’ to be sent to a consumer’s phone instead of a paper prescription.
- Key challenge is to support prescribers, dispensers and consumers to adopt the digital alternative to paper prescriptions.



# COVID-19 Taskforce Focus



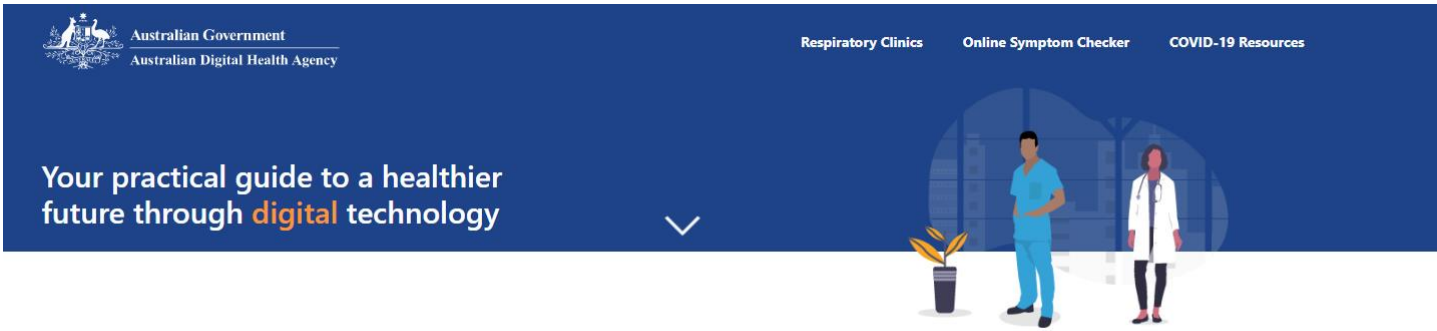
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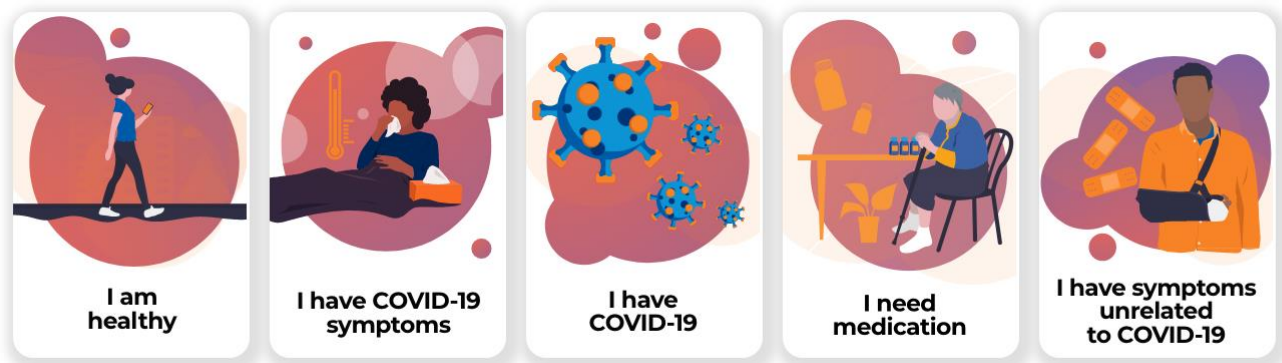
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to the My Health  
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**Policy  
Response**

# Navigating COVID-19: Launched COVID-19 webpage



## How are you feeling?



# Launched the Innovation Challenge

- Launched an Innovation Challenge seeking submissions from industry to support the national COVID-19 effort and champion digital health innovation across Australia.
- Broadly covers three key themes:
  1. Digital clinical care
  2. Digital social care
  3. Digital health population management and future preparedness
- Applications close at **11:30pm Sunday 10 May**.
- Visit the website [innovation.digitalhealth.gov.au](https://innovation.digitalhealth.gov.au)

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Australian Digital Health Agency's Innovation Challenge. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Challenge', 'Themes', 'Eligibility', 'Evaluation', 'Timeline', 'FAQs', and an 'Apply Now' button. The main header features the Australian Government and Australian Digital Health Agency logos. Below this, a green badge says 'Applications Open'. The main title is 'Australian digital health services beyond COVID-19', followed by the subtitle 'An Innovation Challenge - Accelerating transformation of our digital health system'. An illustration of a person holding a smartphone is shown next to a large heart icon with a pulse line. The 'The Context' section explains the agency's focus on COVID-19 responses and recovery, and the 'The Challenge' section describes the goal of finding digital health solutions to improve care delivery and health outcomes.

Applications Open

## Australian digital health services beyond COVID-19

An Innovation Challenge -  
Accelerating transformation of our digital health system

### The Context

The Australian Digital Health Agency is focused on both immediate responses to COVID-19 as it evolves into recovery management and shaping Australia's digital healthcare systems for the better beyond national health emergencies.

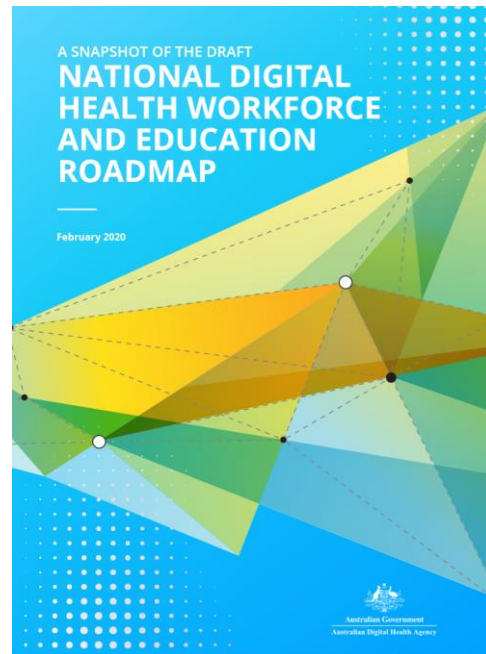
While the rapid adoption of digital health services has presented some challenges, it also creates opportunity. So we are challenging innovators across Australia to come forward with scalable tools and solutions that position us to improve our digital health system.

We are looking for digital health solutions that will enable delivery of care in new ways, improve health outcomes, strengthen responses to health emergencies and accelerate digital health into the future.

### The Challenge

# Context

- Tangible resource of the National Digital Health Workforce and Education Roadmap
- Development of the National Nursing and Midwifery Digital Health Capabilities Framework started mid-2019
- Core digital health skills, knowledge and behaviours required for professional practice in the nursing and midwifery professions
- Resource to guide individuals, employers and educators



# Stakeholders



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- Developed in collaboration with the Australasian Institute of Digital Health, and an Advisory Committee from the following organisations:
  - ANMF
  - ACN
  - ACM
  - ANMAC
  - APNA
  - CATSINaM
  - Digital Health CRC
  - NMBA
  - Consumer representative
  - CNMOs through representation from the Queensland CNMO



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# Draft Domains – February 2020

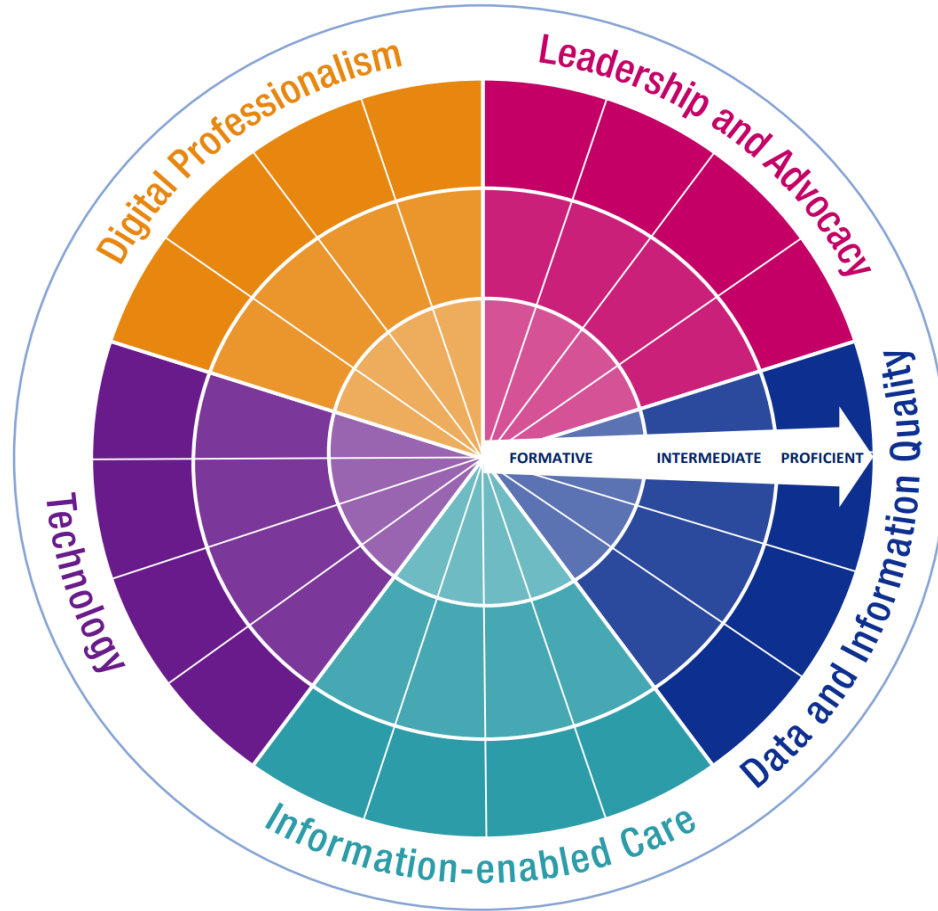
1. **Digital Professionalism:** Professional standards are maintained in the digital environment
2. **Leadership and Advocacy:** Digital health leadership and advocacy supported by clear policy
3. **Data and Information Quality:** Data quality must be present
4. **Information-enabled Care:** Care must be supported by rigorous data analysis and critical appraisal
5. **Technology:** Technology needs to be understood and used appropriately



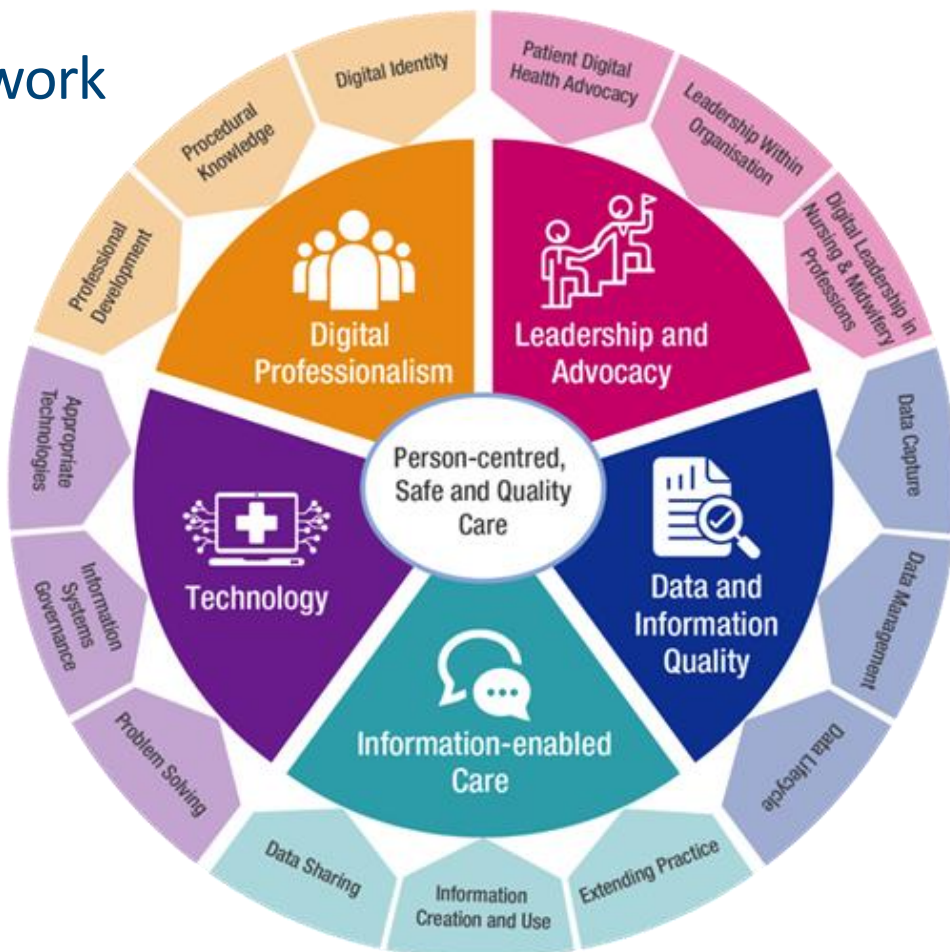


# Capability Levels

1. Formative
2. Intermediate
3. Proficient



# Draft Framework



# Next steps

- **May 2020:** Resource development
  - Case studies: COVID-19, acute care, aged care
  - User guides: Organisational and individual
  - Website, video and poster
- **June 2020:** Organisational endorsement
- **July 2020:** Agency approvals including the Jurisdictional Advisory Committee
- **August 2020:** Virtual release

