



Australian Government



Workplace
Gender Equality
Agency

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#Workplace overview

Policies and strategies

1: Do you have a formal policy and/or formal strategy in place that specifically supports gender equality in the following areas?

...Recruitment	Yes(<i>Select all that apply</i>)
...Yes	Policy Strategy
...Retention	Yes(<i>Select all that apply</i>)
...Yes	Policy Strategy
...Performance management processes	Yes(<i>Select all that apply</i>)
...Yes	Policy Strategy
...Promotions	Yes(<i>Select all that apply</i>)
...Yes	Policy Strategy
...Talent identification/identification of high potentials	Yes(<i>Select all that apply</i>)
...Yes	Strategy
...Succession planning	Yes(<i>Select all that apply</i>)
...Yes	Strategy
...Training and development	Yes(<i>Select all that apply</i>)
...Yes	Policy Strategy
...Key performance indicators for managers relating to gender equality	No(<i>Select all that apply</i>)
...No	Other (please specify)
...Other (please specify)	The organisation has policies in place that promote gender equality, though no specific KPIs in place at this time. Board approved Scorecards for the CEO and Executive Team refer to holistic values and behaviours that promote diversity and inclusion.

2: Do you have formal policy and/or formal strategy in place that support gender equality overall?

Yes(<i>Select all that apply</i>)	
...Yes	Policy

3: Does your organisation have any of the following targets to address gender equality in your workplace?

4: If your organisation would like to provide additional information relating to your gender equality policies and strategies, please do so below.

Governing bodies

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1: Does this organisation have a governing body?	Yes(<i>Provide further details on the governing body(ies) and its composition</i>)
1.1: What is the name of your governing body?	Board of Directors
1.2: What type of governing body does this organisation have?	Board of directors
1.3: How many members are on the governing body and who holds the predominant Chair position?	
...Chairs	
...Female	0
...Male	1
...Non-binary	0
...Members	
...Female	5
...Male	1
...Non-binary	0
1.4: Do you have a formal selection policy and/or formal selection strategy for this organisation's governing body members?	Yes(<i>Select all that apply</i>)
	Policy
1.5: Has a target been set to increase the representation of women on this governing body?	No(<i>Select all that apply</i>)
	Governing body has gender balance (i.e. 40% women / 40% men / 20% either)
1.6: Do you have a formal policy and/or formal strategy in place on the gender composition of your governing body?	Yes(<i>Select all that apply.</i>)
	Strategy Policy
1.1.a.3: How many members are on the governing body and who holds the predominant Chair position?	

2: If your organisation would like to provide additional information relating to governing bodies and gender equality in your workplace, do so below.

The Newcastle Permanent Board has previously set measurable objectives seeking to increase the representation of women on the Board. This process commenced in 2015 and, over time, involved goals of moving to at least 25% and then 30% female representation on the Board. These measurable objectives were achieved progressively over time and the

Board now has a more balanced gender representation of 71% females and 29% males. Given the progress to a balanced gender representation, the Board has adjusted its measurable objective to be having a minimum of two Directors, and not less than 25% of the Board composition overall, of each gender on the Board.

#Action on gender equality

Gender pay gaps

1: Do you have a formal policy and/or formal strategy on remuneration generally?

Yes(*Select all that apply*)

...Yes

Policy

1.1: Are specific pay equity objectives included in your formal policy and/or formal strategy?

No(*Select all that apply*)

...No

Salaries set by awards/industrial or workplace agreements
Non-award employees paid market rate

2: What was the snapshot date used for your Workplace Profile?

31-Mar-2022

3: Does your organisation publish its organisation-wide gender pay gap?

No

4: Do you give WGEA permission to publicly publish your organisation-wide gender pay gap?

No

5: If your organisation would like to provide additional information relating to gender pay gaps in your workplace, please do so below.

Employer action on pay equity

1: Have you analysed your payroll to determine if there are any remuneration gaps between women and men (e.g. conducted a gender pay gap analysis)?

Yes(*Provide further details on the most recent gender remuneration gap analysis that was undertaken.*)

1.1: When was the most recent gender remuneration gap analysis undertaken?

Within the last 1-2 years

1.2: Did you take any actions as a result of your gender remuneration gap analysis?

Yes(*Select all that apply*)

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Identified cause/s of the gaps

.. Yes

1.3: You may provide details below on the type of gender remuneration gap analysis that has been undertaken (for example like-for-like and/or organisation-wide)

Both a like for like (based on pay level) and organisation wide analysis was completed.

2: For organisations with partnership structures: Have you undertaken a gender remuneration gap analysis ('gender pay gap analysis') in the current reporting period to determine if there are any remuneration gaps between women partners and men partners in your organisation?

3: If your organisation would like to provide additional information relating to employer action on pay equity in your workplace, please do so below.

Employee consultation

1: Have you consulted with employees on issues concerning gender equality in your workplace during the reporting period?

Yes(*Provide further details on the employee consultation process.*)

1.1: How did you consult employees?

Survey
Consultative committee or group

1.2: Who did you consult?

ALL staff

2: Do you have a formal policy and/or formal strategy in place on consulting employees about gender equality?

Yes(*Select all that apply.*)

...Yes

Strategy

3: On what date did your organisation share your previous year's public reports with employees?

13-Aug-2021

4: Does your organisation have shareholders?

No

5: Have you shared previous Executive Summary and Benchmark reports with the governing body?

Yes

6: If your organisation would like to provide additional information relating to employee consultation on gender equality in your workplace, please do so below.

The draft submission is tabled and discussed at the Employee Consultative Committee ensuring opportunity for feedback prior to finalisation and any improvements captured to strengthen current policies, strategies and practices. This is then reported through to the Remuneration and People Committee for final oversight, challenge and approval.

Inclusion is also an area of focus in the organisation's annual Employee Engagement survey.

#Flexible work

Flexible working

1: Do you have a formal policy and/or formal strategy on flexible working arrangements?

Yes (*Select all that apply*)

...Yes	Policy Strategy
...A business case for flexibility has been established and endorsed at the leadership level	Yes
...Leaders are visible role models of flexible working	Yes
...Flexible working is promoted throughout the organisation	Yes
...Targets have been set for engagement in flexible work	No (<i>Select all that apply</i>)
...No	Other (provide details)
...Other (provide details)	Targets have not been set as the organisation has successfully implemented a hybrid working model where possible following the COVID-19 Pandemic.
...Targets have been set for men's engagement in flexible work	No (<i>Select all that apply</i>)
...No	Other (provide details)
...Other (provide details)	Targets have not been set as the organisation has successfully implemented a hybrid working model where possible following the COVID-19 Pandemic.
...Leaders are held accountable for improving workplace flexibility	Yes
...Manager training on flexible working is provided throughout the organisation	Yes
...Employee training is provided throughout the organisation	Yes
...Team-based training is provided throughout the organisation	Yes
...Employees are surveyed on whether they have sufficient flexibility	Yes
...The organisation's approach to flexibility is integrated into client conversations	Yes

...The impact of flexibility is evaluated (e.g. reduced absenteeism, increased employee engagement)	Yes
...Metrics on the use of, and/or the impact of, flexibility measures are reported to key management personnel	Yes
...Metrics on the use of, and/or the impact of, flexibility measures are reported to the governing body	Yes
...Other (provide details)	No

2: Do you offer any of the following flexible working options to MANAGERS in your workplace?

...Flexible hours of work	Yes(<i>Select one option only</i>)
...Yes	SAME options for women and men(<i>Select all that apply</i>)
...SAME options for women and men	Formal options are available Informal options are available
...Compressed working weeks	Yes(<i>Select one option only</i>)
...Yes	SAME options for women and men(<i>Select all that apply</i>)
...SAME options for women and men	Formal options are available Informal options are available
...Time-in-lieu	Yes(<i>Select one option only</i>)
...Yes	SAME options for women and men(<i>Select all that apply</i>)
...SAME options for women and men	Formal options are available Informal options are available
...Telecommuting (e.g. working from home)	Yes(<i>Select one option only</i>)
...Yes	SAME options for women and men(<i>Select all that apply</i>)
...SAME options for women and men	Formal options are available Informal options are available
...Part-time work	Yes(<i>Select one option only</i>)
...Yes	SAME options for women and men(<i>Select all that apply</i>)
...SAME options for women and men	Formal options are available
...Job sharing	Yes(<i>Select one option only</i>)
...Yes	SAME options for women and men(<i>Select all that apply</i>)
...SAME options for women and men	Formal options are available
...Carer's leave	Yes(<i>Select one option only</i>)
...Yes	SAME options for women and men(<i>Select all that apply</i>)
	Formal options are available

...SAME options for women and men	Informal options are available
...Purchased leave	Yes(<i>Select one option only</i>)
...Yes	SAME options for women and men(<i>Select all that apply</i>)
...SAME options for women and men	Formal options are available
...Unpaid leave	Yes(<i>Select one option only</i>)
...Yes	SAME options for women and men(<i>Select all that apply</i>)
...SAME options for women and men	Formal options are available

3: Are your flexible working arrangement options for NON-MANAGERS the same as the options for managers above?

Yes

4: Has your organisation implemented an 'all roles flex' approach to flexible work?

Don't know / Not applicable

5: Did you see an increase, overall, in the approval of FORMAL flexible working arrangements for your workforce during the 2021-22 reporting period?

No

6: If your workplace includes hybrid teams (i.e. some employees in a team work remotely while other employees in a team work at the organisation's usual workplace), have any of the following measures been utilised to ensure the fair treatment of all employees regardless of work location?

7: If your organisation would like to provide additional information relating to flexible working and gender equality in your workplace, including specific changes due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on your workplace, please do so below.

Historically Newcastle Permanent has offered flexible working however we have experienced a much wider adoption post COVID-19, allowing us to provide all employees (where their role design permits) the ability to have greater flexibility and offer hybrid style working as standard practice.

#Employee support

Paid parental leave

1: Do you provide employer funded paid parental leave regardless of carer's status (i.e. primary/secondary) in addition to any government funded parental leave scheme?

Yes, we offer employer funded parental leave (using the primary/secondary carer definition)

1.1: Do you provide employer funded paid parental leave for primary carers in addition to any government funded parental leave scheme?	Yes(<i>Please indicate how employer funded paid parental leave is provided to the primary carers.</i>)
1.1.a: Please indicate whether your employer-funded paid parental leave for primary carers is available to:	All, regardless of gender
1.1.b: Please indicate whether your employer-funded paid parental leave for primary carers covers:	Birth Adoption Surrogacy Stillbirth
1.1.c: How do you pay employer funded paid parental leave to primary carers?	Paying the employee's full salary
1.1.d: Do you pay superannuation contribution to your primary carers while they are on parental leave?	Yes, on employer funded parental leave
1.1.e: How many weeks (minimum) of employer funded paid parental leave for primary carers is provided?	14
1.1.f: What proportion of your total workforce has access to employer funded paid parental leave for primary carers, including casuals?	91-100%
1.1.g: Do you require primary carers to work for the organisation for a certain amount of time (a qualifying period) before they can access employer funded parental leave?	Yes
1.1.g.1: How long is the qualifying period?	12
1.1.h: Do you require primary carers to take employer funded paid parental leave within a certain time period after the birth, adoption, surrogacy and/or stillbirth?	Yes
1.1.h: Do you require primary carers to take employer funded paid parental leave within a certain time period after the birth, adoption, surrogacy and/or stillbirth?	Within 12 months

.. Yes	
1.2: Do you provide employer funded paid parental leave for secondary carers in addition to any government funded parental leave scheme?	Yes(<i>Please indicate how employer funded paid parental leave is provided to the secondary carers.</i>)
1.2.a: Please indicate whether your employer-funded paid parental leave for secondary carers is available to:	All, regardless of gender
1.2.b: Please indicate whether your employer-funded paid parental leave for secondary carers covers:	Birth Adoption Surrogacy Stillbirth
1.2.c: How do you pay employer funded paid parental leave to secondary carers?	Paying the employee's full salary
1.2.d: Do you pay superannuation contribution to your secondary carers while they are on parental leave?	Yes, on employer funded parental leave
1.2.e: How many weeks (minimum) of employer funded paid parental leave for secondary carers is provided?	1
1.2.f: What proportion of your total workforce has access to employer funded paid parental leave for secondary carers, including casuals?	90-100%
1.2.g: Do you require secondary carers to work for the organisation for a certain amount of time (a qualifying period) before they can access employer funded parental leave?	Yes
1.2.g.1: How long is the qualifying period?	12
1.2.h: Do you require secondary carers to take employer funded paid parental leave within a certain time period after the birth, adoption, surrogacy and/or stillbirth?	Yes
1.2.h: Do you require secondary carers to take employer funded paid parental leave within a certain time period after the birth, adoption, surrogacy and/or stillbirth?	Within 12 months
.. Yes	

2: If your organisation would like to provide additional information relating to paid parental leave and gender equality in your workplace, please do so below.

Support for carers

1: Do you have a formal policy and/or formal strategy to support employees with family or caring responsibilities?

Yes(*Select all that apply*)

...Yes	Policy
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2: Do you offer any of the following support mechanisms for employees with family or caring responsibilities?

...Employer subsidised childcare	No(<i>You may specify why the above support mechanism is not available to your employees.</i>)
...No	Not aware of the need
...On-site childcare	No(<i>You may specify why the above support mechanism is not available to your employees.</i>)
...No	Not aware of the need
...Breastfeeding facilities	Yes(<i>Please indicate the availability of this support mechanism.</i>)
...Yes	Available at SOME worksites
...Childcare referral services	No(<i>You may specify why the above support mechanism is not available to your employees.</i>)
...No	Not aware of the need
...Internal support networks for parents	No(<i>You may specify why the above support mechanism is not available to your employees.</i>)
...No	Not aware of the need
...Return to work bonus (only select if this bonus is not the balance of paid parental leave)	No(<i>You may specify why the above support mechanism is not available to your employees.</i>)
...No	Not aware of the need
...Information packs for new parents and/or those with elder care responsibilities	Yes(<i>Please indicate the availability of this support mechanism.</i>)
...Yes	Available at SOME worksites
...Referral services to support employees with family and/or caring responsibilities	Yes(<i>Please indicate the availability of this support mechanism.</i>)
...Yes	Available at ALL worksites
...Targeted communication mechanisms (e.g. intranet/forums)	Yes(<i>Please indicate the availability of this support mechanism.</i>)
...Yes	Available at ALL worksites
...Support in securing school holiday care	No(<i>You may specify why the above support mechanism is not available to your employees.</i>)
...No	Not aware of the need
...Coaching for employees on returning to work from paid parental leave	Yes(<i>Please indicate the availability of this support mechanism.</i>)
...Yes	Available at ALL worksites
...Parenting workshops targeting mothers	No(<i>You may specify why the above support mechanism is not available to your employees.</i>)
...No	Not aware of the need
...Parenting workshops targeting fathers	No(<i>You may specify why the above support mechanism is not available to your employees.</i>)
...No	Not aware of the need

...Other (provide details)	No
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3: If your organisation would like to provide additional information relating to support for carers in your workplace, please do so below.

Sex-based harassment and discrimination

1: Do you have a formal policy and/or formal strategy on sex-based harassment and discrimination prevention?

Yes(Select all that apply)	
...Yes	Policy
1.1: Do you provide a grievance process in any sex-based harassment and discrimination prevention formal policy and/or formal strategy?	Yes

2: Do you provide training on sex-based harassment and discrimination prevention to the following groups?

...All managers	Yes(Please indicate how often is this training provided (select all that apply):)
...Yes	At induction Every one-to-two years
...All employees	Yes(Please indicate how often is this training provided (select all that apply):)
...Yes	At induction Every one-to-two years

3: If your organisation would like to provide additional information relating to sex-based harassment and discrimination, please do so below.

Family or domestic violence

1: Do you have a formal policy and/or formal strategy to support employees who are experiencing family or domestic violence?

Yes(Select all that apply)	
...Yes	Policy Strategy

2: Other than a formal policy and/or formal strategy, do you have the following support mechanisms in place to support employees who are experiencing family or domestic violence?

...Employee assistance program (including access to psychologist, chaplain or counsellor)	Yes
...Training of key personnel	Yes
...A domestic violence clause is in an enterprise agreement or workplace agreement	Yes
...Workplace safety planning	Yes

...Access to paid domestic violence leave (contained in an enterprise/workplace agreement)	Yes(<i>Is the leave period unlimited?</i>)
...Yes	No
: How many days of paid domestic violence leave (contained in an enterprise/workplace agreement) are provided?	10
...Access to unpaid domestic violence leave (contained in an enterprise/workplace agreement)	Yes(<i>Is the leave period unlimited?</i>)
...Yes	No
...Access to paid domestic violence leave (not contained in an enterprise/workplace agreement)	Yes(<i>Is the leave period unlimited?</i>)
...Yes	No
: How many days of paid domestic violence leave (not contained in an enterprise/workplace agreement) are provided?	10
...Access to unpaid leave	Yes(<i>Is the leave period unlimited?</i>)
...Yes	No
: How many days of unpaid domestic violence leave are provided?	5
...Confidentiality of matters disclosed	Yes
...Referral of employees to appropriate domestic violence support services for expert advice	Yes
...Protection from any adverse action or discrimination based on the disclosure of domestic violence	Yes
...Flexible working arrangements	Yes
...Provision of financial support (e.g. advance bonus payment or advanced pay)	No(<i>Select all that apply</i>)
...No	Other (provide details)
...Other (provide details)	Has not previously been a request or requirement but would be considered based on the employee situation.
...Offer change of office location	Yes
...Emergency accommodation assistance	No(<i>Select all that apply</i>)
...No	Other (provide details)
...Other (provide details)	Has not previously been a request or requirement but would be considered based on the employee situation.

...Access to medical services (e.g. doctor or nurse)	No(<i>Select all that apply</i>)
...No	Other (provide details)
...Other (provide details)	Has not previously been a request or requirement but would be considered based on the employee situation.
...Other (provide details)	No

3: If your organisation would like to provide additional information relating to family and domestic violence affecting your workplace, please do so below.

Newcastle Permanent endeavours to provide as much support as possible to any employee who is experiencing family and domestic violence. Whilst the above responses outline a set number of paid or unpaid leave days, NPBS supports the employee with the required leave options based on their situation. Consideration of additional discretionary paid or unpaid leave is available.

#Diversity and inclusion

Voluntary section

1: Do you have a formal policy and/or formal strategy on diversity and inclusion in your organisation?

Yes (*Select all that is covered.*)

...Yes

Other (*Provide details*)

...Other

Currently undertaking a Reconciliation Action Plan

2: Do you collect data on whether employees identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?

No

...If this data can be shared and is not confidential, please complete the below table:

3: Do you currently collect data on any of the following dimensions of employees' identities?