

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

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Subject: Forensic psychologist positions

QUESTION

How many forensic psychologist positions are there in the Territory? How many are filled and how does that compare to 2019

ANSWER

For the period 1 January 2022 and 31 March 2022 according to the Registrant Data released by the Psychology Board of Australia there were 10 Psychologists registered in the Northern Territory with forensic psychology endorsement.

For the period 1 January 2019 and 31 March 2019 according to the Registrant Data released by the Psychology Board of Australia, there were five Psychologists registered in the Northern Territory with forensic psychology endorsement.

NT Health do not have any Psychologist positions that require forensic endorsement. Specialist registration as a forensic psychologist is not a requirement to work as a psychologist within the Forensic Mental Health service, these positions are open to registered psychologists, clinical psychologists and forensic psychologists.

NT Health does; however, employ psychologists that have experience working in forensic settings. At present, there are four registered psychologists who do not hold forensic endorsement working in NT Health in forensic settings.