

Mapping of the Standards for general practices – 6th edition to 5th edition

Introduction

The *Standards for general practices* (6th edition) build on the strengths of the 5th edition while introducing new and expanded requirements that reflect contemporary general practice, emerging healthcare priorities and recommendations arising from consultation, piloting and accreditation reviews.

Many concepts and requirements from the 5th edition remain within the 6th edition. However, they have often been reorganised, consolidated, clarified or expanded. As a result, there is not always a direct one-to-one relationship between a 5th edition indicator and a 6th edition criterion.

This guide has been developed to help practices understand how content from the 5th edition aligns with the 6th edition. It is intended to support familiarisation with the new Standards and assist practices to navigate areas of change.

The guide uses the following categories:

Retained / consolidated	Requirements have been retained from the 5th edition, including where multiple indicators have been combined into a single criterion.
Expanded	Requirements existed in the 5th edition but have been strengthened, broadened or clarified in the 6th edition.
New	Requirements introduced for the first time in the 6th edition.

Important information for practices

This mapping guide is provided as a navigational and familiarisation resource only.

Practices should NOT rely on this document to determine accreditation requirements or assess compliance with the 6th edition Standards.

While a criterion may be mapped to one or more indicators from the 5th edition, the associated sub-criteria, guidance, terminology, scope and assessment expectations may have changed. In some cases, a criterion includes new requirements alongside those that have been retained from the 5th edition. In other cases, multiple 5th edition indicators have been consolidated into a single criterion.

For these reasons, practices need to:

- review the full wording of all relevant criteria and sub-criteria in the 6th edition
- review the accompanying guidance material, including the *Why this is important* and *Meeting these criteria* sections
- familiarise themselves with the structure, terminology and intent of the 6th edition as a whole
- not assume that a mapped criterion has the same requirements as its 5th edition equivalent.

Accreditation against the 6th edition will be assessed against the published 6th edition Standards and associated accreditation requirements, not against this mapping guide.

Important: Change classifications have been applied at the criterion level. In many cases, criteria that are classified as *Retained* / *Consolidated* or *Expanded* include new or revised sub-criteria, guidance, terminology, or assessment expectations. Practices should review the full wording of all criteria and sub-criteria in the 6th edition and not rely solely on this mapping document.

Foundations of general practice standard

Criteria set	6th edition criterion	Summary	Related 5th edition content	Change
F1 – Defining and planning for the practice	F1.A	Mission, vision and values	No direct equivalent	New
	F1.B	Strategic planning	C3.1A, C3.1B	Expanded
	F1.C	Operational planning	C3.1A, C3.1B, C3.1C	Expanded
	F1.D	Document control and version management	Various policy review requirements	New
	F1.E	Ethical issue management	C2.1E	Expanded
	F1.F	Governance framework	No direct equivalent	New
	F1.G	Governance risk management	C3.1C, C3.2D	Expanded
F2 – Response planning	F2.A	Emergency, business continuity and disruption planning	C3.3A, C6.4D	Expanded
F3 – Environmental sustainability	F3.A	Climate resilience	No direct equivalent	New
	F3.B	Environmental sustainability strategies	No direct equivalent	New
	F3.C	Sustainability leadership and accountability	No direct equivalent	New



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F4 – Induction, training and supporting performance	F4.A	Team induction	Healthy Prof. 03.20 Healthy Australia.	Retained / Consolidated
	F4.B	Role-specific training and competency	C3.2A, C8.1A	Expanded
	F4.C	Recognising and responding to abuse and violence	No direct equivalent	New
	F4.D	Professional development discussions	C3.2B	Retained / Consolidated
	F4.E	CPR certification	C8.1B, GP3.1A	Retained / Consolidated
F5 – Registration and qualifications of practitioners	F5.A	Practitioner registration and credentials	GP3.1A	Retained / Consolidated
	F5.B	Qualifications of GPs providing care	GP3.1B	Retained / Consolidated
F6 – Clinical autonomy	F6.A	Clinical autonomy in patient care	C5.2A	Retained / Consolidated
F7 – Team culture, safety and wellbeing	F7.A	Workforce health, safety and wellbeing	C3.5A	Expanded
	F7.B	Team engagement, feedback and communication	C3.4A-C, QI1.1C	Expanded
F8 – Information management and digital security	F8.A	ICT continuity, recovery and cyber security	C6.4D	Expanded
	F8.B	Digital governance and ICT security	C6.4A, C6.4B	Expanded
	F8.C	Digital communications	C6.4F	Expanded
	F8.D	Social media use	C6.4G	Expanded
	F8.E	Record storage, retention and destruction	C6.4E	Retained / Consolidated
	F8.F (Aspirational)	Informing patients about digital communication tools	No direct equivalent	New

 RACGP F9 – Privacy and confidentiality	F9.A	Privacy, confidentiality and health information management	C6.3A, C6.3B Healthy Professions, Healthy Australia.	Expanded
	F9.B	Authorised access to clinical information and official documents	C6.3D, C6.4C	Retained / Consolidated
F10 – Digital health technologies	F10.A	Governance of digital health technologies	No direct equivalent	New
F11 – Artificial intelligence	F11.A	Safe and accountable use of AI	No direct equivalent	New
	F11.B	Evaluation and monitoring of AI use	No direct equivalent	New

Clinical governance standard

Criteria set	6th edition criterion	Summary	Related 5th edition content	Change
CG1 – Clinical information systems	CG1.A	Digital clinical information systems	C6.2A, C6.2B	Expanded
CG2 – Patient identification	CG2.A	Patient identification and record matching	C6.1A	Retained / Consolidated
CG3 – Facilitating complete patient health records	CG3.A	Recording demographic and identification details	C7.1A, C7.1B	Expanded
	CG3.B	Recording Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	C7.1E	Retained / Consolidated
	CG3.C	Recording patient consultations	C7.1C, C7.1D, QI2.2A	Retained / Consolidated
	CG3.D	Clinical documentation and communication records	C7.1C, C7.1D, QI2.2A	Expanded
	CG3.E	Coded health summaries and allergies	QI2.1A, QI2.1B, QI1.3A, C7.1G	Expanded
	CG3.F	Medicines lists	QI2.2D	Retained / Consolidated
	CG3.G	Shared decision-making and care planning	QI2.2B	Expanded



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	CG3.H	Documenting patient information and consent discussions	Healthy Profession, Healthy Australia, C1.3A, C1.3B, C2.1B	Expanded
	CG3.I	Recording patient communications	C1.2A, C7.1C	Expanded
	CG3.J (Aspirational)	Additional demographic information in codable fields	C7.1F, QI2.1C	Expanded
CG4 – Clinical and medicines information	CG4.A	Evidence-based medicines information	QI2.2C	Retained / Consolidated
	CG4.B	Clinical and emergency guidelines	C5.1A, C5.1B	Retained / Consolidated
	CG4.C	Sustainable clinical practice	No direct equivalent	New
	CG4.D	Antimicrobial stewardship	No direct equivalent	New
CG5 – Transitions of care	CG5.A	Referrals, handover and coordination of care	C5.3A, GP2.3A, GP2.3B, QI2.2D	Expanded
	CG5.B	Transfer of patient health information	C6.3C, GP2.4A, GP2.4B	Retained / Consolidated
CG6 – Results, recalls and reminders	CG6.A	Managing results, recalls and reminders	GP2.2A-D	Expanded
	CG6.B	Managing high-risk results outside opening hours	GP2.2E	Retained / Consolidated
CG7 – Managing clinical risks	CG7.A	Clinical risk management system	No direct equivalent	New
	CG7.B	Incident and near miss management	QI3.1A, QI3.1B	Expanded
CG8 – Protecting the health and safety of the practice team	CG8.A	Workforce immunisation	C3.5B	Retained / Consolidated
CG9 – Infection prevention and control	CG9.A	Infection control policy	GP4.1B	Retained / Consolidated



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	CG9.B	Infection prevention and control coordinator	Health Profession, GP4.1A, GP4.1C Healthy Australia	Retained / Consolidated
	CG9.C	Managing cross-infection risks	GP4.1D	Expanded
	CG9.D	Informing patients about communicable disease prevention	GP4.1E	Retained / Consolidated
	CG9.E	Reprocessing reusable medical devices	No direct equivalent criterion structure (previously embedded within GP4.1A and IPC guidance)	Expanded
	CG9.F	Sterilisation traceability	GP4.1F	Retained / Consolidated
CG10 – Practice environment	CG10.A	Practice environment supports safe, quality care	GP5.1A-F, C2.1D	Expanded
CG11 – Clinical equipment and medicines	CG11.A	Equipment for primary care, emergency care and resuscitation	GP5.2A, GP5.2B, GP5.2C, GP5.2E, GP5.3A	Retained / Consolidated
	CG11.B	Training in use of clinical equipment	GP3.1C	Retained / Consolidated
	CG11.C	Access to spirometry	GP5.2D	Retained / Consolidated
	CG11.D	Management of medicines, samples and consumables	Q12.2E	Retained / Consolidated
CG12 – Vaccine storage and cold chain management	CG12.A	Cold chain policy and procedures	GP6.1D	Retained / Consolidated
	CG12.B	Cold chain leadership and management	GP6.1A-C	Retained / Consolidated
CG13 – Research and secondary use of data	CG13.A	Ethics approval for research	C3.6A	Retained / Consolidated
	CG13.B	Research indemnity	C3.6B	Retained / Consolidated
	CG13.C	Sharing identifiable patient information for research	C3.6C	Expanded



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CG13.D

Sharing deidentified patient information for research and secondary use
Healthy Profession.
Healthy Australia
No direct equivalent

New

Patient participation standard

Criteria set	6th edition criterion	Summary	Related 5th edition content	Change
PP1 – Practice information	PP1.A	Providing practice information to consumers	C1.1A, C1.4C, C1.5A, GP2.2C, GP2.2D	Expanded
PP2 – Communication	PP2.A	Communication with consumers	C1.2A, C1.4A	Expanded
	PP2.B	Emergency messaging	GP1.1C	Retained / Consolidated
	PP2.C	Digital communication systems	C6.4F	Expanded
	PP2.D	Social media use	C6.4G	Expanded
PP3 – Rights, diversity and cultural safety	PP3.A	Respecting rights, diversity and cultural safety	C2.1A, C1.4C	Expanded
PP4 – Informed consent	PP4.A	Informed consent for procedures and treatments	No direct equivalent	New
	PP4.B	Informed consent for third-party presence	C2.2A	Retained / Consolidated
PP5 – Accessibility	PP5.A	Accessible services for people with disability	C2.3A, C1.4B	Retained / Consolidated
PP6 – Health promotion and preventive care	PP6.A	Health promotion and preventive care information	C4.1A	Retained / Consolidated
	PP6.B	Environmental information relevant to healthcare	No direct equivalent	New
PP7 – Complaints and open disclosure	PP7.A	Open disclosure	Q13.2A	Retained / Consolidated
	PP7.B	Complaints management	C3.1D, C3.2E	Expanded

 PP8 – Consumer engagement	PP8.A	Consumer engagement and improvement	Healthy Profession, Healthy Australia. QI1.2A-C	Expanded
	PP9.A	Triage systems	GP1.1B	Expanded
PP9 – Access to care	PP9.B	Access to consultation types	GP1.1A, GP1.2A	Expanded
	PP10.A	Access to after-hours care	GP1.3A, GP1.3B	Expanded
PP10 – After-hours care				

Continuous quality improvement standard

Criteria set	6th edition criterion	Summary	Related 5th edition content	Change
CQI1 – Continuous quality improvement	CQI1.A	Practice-wide continuous quality improvement system	QI1.1A-D, QI1.3B	Expanded
	CQI1.B	Monitoring environmental performance	No direct equivalent	New
	CQI1.C (Aspirational)	Environmental impact measurement	No direct equivalent	New