



Invitation to Apply for the Lived Experience Consultant Registry

Thank you for your interest in applying to be listed on the new National Mental Health Consumer Alliance (NMHCA) Lived Experience Consultant Registry. We believe that authentic systemic reform, co-design, and evaluation can only happen when guided by people with lived experience of mental health challenges, distress, trauma, or who are allies in supportive roles.

Opportunities for Lived Experience Consultants and Contractors

This specialised registry connects skilled Lived Experience Consultants and Contractors with meaningful, paid contract opportunities to support the work of the mental health consumer peak bodies across the country. It is designed to support both immediate backfill needs when employees are on leave or temporarily absent, and broader short and long term consultancy opportunities for independent consultants.

The purpose of the registry

Backfill roles often need to be filled quickly, and this registry will help us identify contractors whose qualifications, availability, preferred working hours, and location align with urgent vacancies. Whether you are available for frontline peer support, operational administration, systemic advocacy, or other opportunities at short notice, your expertise will help ensure services remain safe, responsive, and uninterrupted.

Your information and privacy

The information you provide will support safe and accurate matching between your professional skills, knowledge, lived and intersectional expertise, and upcoming roles, projects, or briefs.

Your privacy and psychological safety are important to us. The information you provide will be stored securely, accessed only by authorised team members, and handled in accordance with the Privacy Act 1988. The application form takes approximately 60 minutes to complete so allow yourself ample time to complete it. The form is not timed, and you do not need to complete it in one sitting. You are welcome to share only what you feel comfortable disclosing, and you can request to update or remove your details from the registry at any time.

Application form and information

Please see Disclaimer and Terms and Conditions before completing the application form. Please see Further Information for key details about the application process, including overview and guidelines with eligibility and vetting and compliance criteria. Suitable applicants will be contacted for an interview.

Complete the application form [here](#).

Contact information

If you have any questions, please reach out to partnerships@nmhca.org.au