



National Guidelines
for Spiritual Care
in Aged Care

Organisation name

Date

Review leader name and role

Review team roles and names

1. Organisational leadership and alignment

Spiritual care is systemically embedded and practiced at all levels and in all processes throughout the organisation.

No.	Status	What are we already doing to achieve this?	What are the gaps?	Next steps/ by whom/ when?
	Green achieved			
	Orange needs work			
	Red critical			
1.1				
1.2				
1.3				
1.4				
1.5				

No.	Status	What are we already doing to achieve this?	What are the gaps?	Next steps/ by whom/ when?
	Green achieved			
	Orange needs work			
	Red critical			
1.6				
1.7				
1.8				
1.9				
1.10				

2. Relationships and connectedness

Older people experience care in a relational context where they feel connected and welcome, and where their individual worth is respected and preserved. Those who have contact with older people are equipped and supported to spiritually engage and connect so as to establish and maintain mutual, respectful and genuine relationships.

No.	Status	What are we already doing to achieve this?	What are the gaps?	Next steps/ by whom/ when?
	Green achieved			
	Orange needs work			
	Red critical			
2.1				
2.2				
2.3				
2.4				
2.5				

No.	Status	What are we already doing to achieve this?	What are the gaps?	Next steps/ by whom/ when?
	Green achieved			
	Orange needs work			
	Red critical			
2.6				
2.7				
2.8				
2.9				
2.10				

3. Identifying and meeting spiritual choices, preferences and needs

Spiritual care is based on choices, preferences and individually assessed needs that are identified, documented, evaluated and shared by the care team in a way that recognises the dynamic and changing nature of these needs.

No.	Status	What are we already doing to achieve this?	What are the gaps?	Next steps/ by whom/ when?
	Green achieved			
	Orange needs work			
	Red critical			
3.1				
3.2				
3.3				
3.4				
3.5				

No.	Status	What are we already doing to achieve this?	What are the gaps?	Next steps/ by whom/ when?
	Green achieved			
	Orange needs work			
	Red critical			
3.6				
3.7				
3.8				
3.9				
3.10				

4. Ethical context of spiritual care

Spiritual care is provided within an ethical framework that is reflected in organisational policies, procedures, processes and practice.

No.	Status	What are we already doing to achieve this?	What are the gaps?	Next steps/ by whom/ when?
	Green achieved			
	Orange needs work			
	Red critical			
4.1				
4.2				
4.3				
4.4				
4.5				

No.	Status	What are we already doing to achieve this?	What are the gaps?	Next steps/ by whom/ when?
	Green achieved			
	Orange needs work			
	Red critical			
4.6				
4.7				
4.8				
4.9				
4.10				

5. Enabling spiritual expression

A range of individualised activities and interventions is available to encourage the finding of meaning, purpose, connectedness and hope, and to transcend loss and disability. These options, activities and interventions occur in the context of deep and abiding relationships.

No.	Status	What are we already doing to achieve this?	What are the gaps?	Next steps/ by whom/ when?
	Green achieved			
	Orange needs work			
	Red critical			
5.1				
5.2				
5.3				
5.4				
5.5				

No.	Status	What are we already doing to achieve this?	What are the gaps?	Next steps/ by whom/ when?
	Green achieved			
	Orange needs work			
	Red critical			
5.6				
5.7				
5.8				
5.9				
5.10				

Meaningful Ageing Australia

admin@meaningfulage.org.au

03 8387 2274

<https://meaningfulageing.org.au/national-guidelines-for-spiritual-care-in-aged-care-documents/>

<https://meaningfulageing.org.au/becoming-a-member/>