



National Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Lived Experience (Peer) Workforce Census

If your role exists because of your lived experience, your voice belongs in this Census.

Who should complete the Census?

This Census is for people whose lived experience of mental health challenges and/or suicide is an essential part of their role. This includes personal experience, or experience supporting a family member, carer or kin. If lived experience is a formal or essential requirement of your work, this Census is for you.

Lived experience roles exist across many settings

This includes peer support, advisory and representative roles, education and training, management and supervision, research and policy, advocacy, and leadership through boards and committees.

Why participate?

This is the first National Census of the Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Lived Experience (Peer) workforce. Your input will help build a clear picture of who makes up the workforce, the roles people hold, and how lived experience contributes to mental health and suicide prevention systems. The findings will support future planning, recognition and support for the workforce.

How to complete the Census

The Census is completed online and takes about 15 minutes. It can be completed on a phone, tablet or computer. We ask you to please allow time to complete the survey in one sitting, as responses save only when submitted at the end. **The Census is open from mid-March to 24 April 2026.**

Your wellbeing matters

We advise you to take care and look after your wellbeing while completing the Census. This might be by taking your time or having a support person with you.

Who is conducting the Census?

This research is being conducted by The Social Research Centre in partnership with The Australian Centre for Social Innovation, on behalf of the Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing.

Scan the QR code to complete the Census now!

