

How to Apply – AHP Stream

Check your eligibility:

If you are graduating **by February 2027** or have already completed a degree **between 2024 and 2026**, you can apply now for the *2027 program*.

You must also be legally entitled to work in Australia for the length of the employment contract, which is two years from the date of appointment. This includes Australian citizens, permanent residents, and temporary visa holders.

Check if your degree falls under the Allied Health Professional (AHP) Stream:

- Disability and Developmental Education
- Positive Behaviour Support
- Master of Psychology
- Social Work

If you meet the eligibility criteria, proceed to the next steps:

- Download the '**Role Description - Graduate Practitioner - Various Teams – AHP1**' and carefully read it to understand if it aligns with your interests, capabilities, and values.
- Prepare a resume of no more than three pages and a two-page cover letter with your response to the questions below. Use examples from your work, studies, or volunteering experiences to illustrate your answers.
 1. What attracted you to apply for the DHS Graduate Program?
 2. How do your personal values align with the core work that DHS delivers to the South Australian community?
 3. What are the three biggest strengths that you bring to the DHS Graduate Program?
- Provide at least two referees in your resume, with at least one being your current or most recent manager.
- Provide a copy of your parchment or academic transcript (an unofficial transcript is fine if you are in the final year of your studies).
- Provide a copy of your Visa and/or VEVO check, if applicable.
- Please make sure to submit your application with all the required documents and follow the instructions provided, as delays in providing the required documents may result in your application not being considered.

If you have any additional questions or need further clarification, please refer to the '*DHS Graduate Program – Frequently Asked Questions*' or don't hesitate to reach out to us via DHSOrganisationalDevelopment@sa.gov.au

After submitting your application, here's what you can expect:

You will receive a confirmation receipt for your application via the email address you applied with. Please make sure you check your 'junk' mail. Each application is reviewed by a central panel, who identify a shortlist of applicants who are put forward for the selection process.

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to attend an in-person or online panel interview and complete a case study or presentation activity.

If you are new to the department and are invited to an interview, you will also be required to produce a National Police Check, which has been issued within six months of your application for the role.

You will be notified of the outcome of your application in November/December 2026.