

### Definition

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- 45.1.00 Role delineation is a process which ensures that clinical services are provided safely, and are appropriately supported by the provision of adequate staffing numbers and profiles, minimum safety standards and other requirements.
- 45.2.00 The Levels of Service referred to in Schedules of Accommodation in these Guidelines are based on the NSW Health model 'Guide to the Role Delineation of Health Services' (Third Edition, 2002). The NSW Health model 'Guide to the Role Delineation of Health Services' has not been reproduced in these Guidelines, but can be obtained separately.
- The aim of the Guide is to provide a consistent language which area and state-wide health care providers and planners can use when describing health services. The Guide also acts as a tool for planning service developments.
- 45.3.00 Levels of Service in the Guide generally range from 1 to 6. The role level of a service describes the complexity of the clinical activity undertaken by that service, and is chiefly determined by the presence of medical, nursing and other health care personnel who hold qualifications compatible with the defined level of care. Level 6 is the most complex.
- 45.4.00 The Guide does not attempt to describe all the services which are provided by Health Care Facilities, but confines itself to those that are widely considered to be the core services for Hospitals and Community Health Care Facilities.

### Application

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- 45.5.00 As part of the planning process, Area Health Services and NSW Health determine the level of services to be provided by Health Care Facilities. These levels are approved via the usual approval processes for facility planning.