



Position Description

Position Title	Regional Engagement Specialist for the National Tuberculosis Advisory Committee (NTAC)
Role overview	<p>The Regional Engagement Specialist is an appointed member of the NTAC, contributing expert advice and regional perspectives to support the committee’s functions. The member provides insights informed by experiences in tuberculosis (TB) prevention, control, and management in the Pacific and Southeast Asia, particularly in high-burden countries and regions relevant to Australia. This contribution supports NTAC’s role in providing evidence-based advice aligned with national efforts to reduce TB morbidity and mortality, including drug-resistant TB.</p> <p>This is a committee appointment and does not constitute employment.</p>
Term of appointment	As an NTAC Member the appointment is for a three-year term, commencing from the date of signed appointment documentation. Appointments may be reviewed at the conclusion of the term, subject to the committee’s ongoing priorities and requirements.
Expertise and Experience	<p>The Regional Engagement Specialist is expected to contribute expertise to the committee. Experience may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical and/or clinical expertise in TB prevention, control, or management in the Pacific and/or Southeast Asia in relation to tuberculosis (TB) burden and management. • Contributing to policy development and/or research, or advisory work relevant to TB management and international health. • Participation in Australian Government and/or WHO technical and advisory structures/committees. • Affiliation with relevant professional associations and peak bodies, including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease ○ Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand
Requirements and Contributions	<p>As an NTAC member the Regional Engagement Specialist is expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend and actively participate in scheduled NTAC meetings and related out-of-session activities. • Contribute regional perspectives to inform NTAC’s strategic priorities and advice. • Support informed decision-making through sharing expertise, evidence, and contextual knowledge. • Support NTAC in identifying opportunities to strengthen Australia’s engagement in regional and global TB responses. • Act in accordance with applicable governance requirements, including confidentiality and conflict of interest obligations.



	The NTAC convenes at least one face to face meeting annually (usually in Canberra) and a minimum of two teleconferences per year. Additional meetings may be scheduled as required.
Eligibility	The Regional Engagement Specialist must be an Australian citizen. Members are not required to reside in Australia. Experience living and/or working in the Pacific and/or Southeast Asia, or strong links to these regions would be beneficial to the role.
Remuneration and Support	<p>This is an honorary committee appointment. No remuneration is attached to this position and NTAC members are not eligible for sitting fees.</p> <p>Reasonable travel, accommodation, and incidental expenses associated with attendance at scheduled face-to-face NTAC meeting will be covered by the Australian Centre for Disease Control.</p>
Contact and Applications	<p>Interested applicants are encouraged to contact ntac.secretariat@cdc.gov.au with any questions or to seek further information.</p> <p>To formally apply, please send a copy of your current curriculum vitae to ntac.secretariat@cdc.gov.au by 31 March 2026. Applicants will be considered and endorsed by the current NTAC membership.</p>

About the National Tuberculosis Advisory Committee (NTAC)

The [NTAC](#) was established as a sub-committee of the [Communicable Diseases Network Australia \(CDNA\)](#) to provide strategic, expert advice to states and territories and the Commonwealth on TB.

NTAC's objectives are to:

- Define and support the development and maintenance of high-quality surveillance to monitor transmission trends and epidemiological indicators.
- Contribute to strategic advice and planning, with consideration given to priority populations, prevention strategies, effectiveness of treatments and future risks.
- Support the implementation of coordinated national approaches to TB management.

The activities of the NTAC assist in maintaining a high level of knowledge and expertise in Australia regarding TB and ensure continued vigilance and action. The NTAC also provides opportunities for information sharing of TB related activities occurring at the jurisdictional level, including enhanced national surveillance of epidemiological control indices for TB including (but not limited to) disease incidence, drug resistance and treatment outcomes.

The current membership and terms of reference are attached for your information. Further information regarding the NTAC is available on [the NTAC webpage](#).

Tuberculosis situation in Australia and beyond

Australia has maintained good TB control since the mid-1980s, sustaining a low annual TB incidence rate of approximately five to six cases per 100,000 population. Despite a rising number of people migrating to Australia, TB incidence has continued to be stable. It is recognised that progress towards TB elimination in Australia cannot be achieved without significant improvements in regional and global TB epidemiology.



Conflict of Interest

NTAC members are required to preserve and maintain the confidentiality of information to which members will access by virtue of their position on the committee, and to undertake certain actions in relation to any actual or potential conflict of interest.