

# 2026

Comcare  
National Conference



14-16 September 2026  
Canberra

A people-first approach to workplace health and safety



Bursary Program



## Invitation

### Comcare invites applications for the **2026 Comcare National Conference Bursary Program.**

The Bursary Program provides development and networking opportunities to work health and safety and injury management professionals from smaller Australian Government agencies operating in regional and remote areas.



## About the Conference

The Comcare National Conference is our biennial premier event uniting over 900 leaders and professionals from across Australia to explore the latest innovation and research in workplace safety, compensation and rehabilitation.

The 2026 conference will be held on from Monday 14 – Wednesday 16 September at the National Convention Centre in Canberra under the theme *A people-first approach to workplace health and safety*. Through engaging sessions and discussion, we'll explore how wellbeing, inclusion, and empowerment create the foundation for safe and thriving workplaces.

### Program highlights

#### Monday 14 September

- Exclusive Workshop afternoon
- Welcome Reception – connect with partners, exhibitors, and delegates in a relaxed setting

#### Tuesday 15 September

- Gala Dinner at the National Museum of Australia – an unforgettable evening at an iconic Canberra venue



## | Inclusions

Comcare will cover:

- Two-day **full conference registration**, including:
  - Access to all conference sessions
  - Access to the exhibition
  - Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea on both days
  - A ticket to the Welcome Reception
- Registration to attend **one Workshop** session in the afternoon of Monday 14 September (subject to availability)
- A ticket to the **Conference Gala Dinner** at the National Museum of Australia on Tuesday 15 September
- Two nights' accommodation in a standard room at a 4-star hotel near the conference venue (does not include meals)
- Return economy airfares from the successful applicant's nearest airport.

All additional expenses including meals, transfers and incidentals are to be covered by the successful applicant's organisation (in adherence to their organisation's travel policy).

## | Selection criteria

To be considered for the **Bursary Program**, applicants must:

- be employed by an organisation covered by the Comcare scheme and are a small-medium sized Australian Government agency (less than 1200 full-time equivalent employees) with operations in regional/remote areas
- work in or have strong professional interest in, work health and safety, injury management or workers' compensation
- be able to demonstrate how attendance at the conference will benefit their role and/or organisation
- agree to participate in specific conference activities including short video interviews and meetings with key Comcare staff.





## | Application process

Applicants should complete the application form with their expression of interest addressing the selection criteria. Applications should include approval from your nominated supervisor.

Applications close **5:00 pm AEST Wednesday 10 June 2026**. Late applications will not be accepted.

Application forms should be submitted in PDF format to [conference@comcare.gov.au](mailto:conference@comcare.gov.au).

There are only a limited number of places available. All applications will be assessed by a panel with a notification of outcome sent via email from **10 July 2026**. Comcare will liaise with successful applicants on specific arrangements for attending the conference





## Terms and conditions

- Successful applicants must confirm their attendance by checking in at the conference registration desk each day and adhere to their organisation's individual travel policies and guidelines.
- Successful applicants will be required to take part in specific conference activities promoting their participation in the Bursary Program, including an informal video interview and meetings with key Comcare staff. These arrangements will be discussed with you prior to the conference.
- In the event that you are unable to attend the conference, Comcare will require notification in writing with a minimum of 48 hours' notice to assess a suitable replacement and the applicant will forfeit any travel and accommodation bookings.
- Comcare does not accept liability for any unforeseen changes to travel arrangements (e.g. airline schedule changes/cancellations).
- In the event of a flight cancellation, the successful applicant will be responsible for arranging alternate plans, with any differences in price to be covered by the applicant and/or their organisation.

## Disclaimer

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Comcare reserves the right to alter the date and/ or cancel the 2026 Comcare National Conference (in whole or part) due to unforeseen circumstances beyond its control.

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