

ASQ-TRAK PRACTITIONER EDUCATION PROGRAM

Supporting the implementation of the ASQ-TRAK developmental screening tool

What is the ASQ-TRAK?

The **A**ges and **S**tages **Q**uestionnaire - **T**alking about **R**aising **A**boriginal **K**ids (ASQ-TRAK) is a developmental screening tool, used to observe and monitor the developmental progress of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander children.

The ASQ-TRAK is an easy-to-use, family-centered tool that highlights a child's strengths as well as catching delays early. It is designed to be administered by interview, making caregivers co-observers in the process while teaching them about child development and their own child's skills.



Image: ASQ-TRAK2 Tool Kit

The ASQ-TRAK is based on the Ages and Stages Questionnaires®, 3rd edition – the ASQ®-3 – which was adapted to create a more culturally appropriate version of the tool for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander children.



The ASQ-TRAK developmental screening tool and the ASQ-TRAK toy kit are distributed by the Royal Children's Hospital Shop.

*"We've never had families ask us before [ASQ-TRAK] when their child is due! But now **families are also building their capacity** in relation to their children's development and are starting to understand more broadly why developmental screening is important."*

Lesley Richardson, Program Lead, Connected Beginnings, Groote Eylandt

What is ASQ-TRAK practitioner education program?

The University of Melbourne provides an educational program for organisations and individuals across Australia to practitioners, i.e. anyone who is planning to use, or currently use, the ASQ-TRAK in their workplace.

It is an evidence-based program that builds the capacity and capability of practitioners who work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families so that practitioners are equipped to provide culturally responsive and effective developmental care using the ASQ-TRAK.

The program consists of a two-day workshop and ½ day workplace practice session:

Day 1 - Workshop

- Principles of early child development
- Developmental milestones & monitoring
- Risk and resilience in early childhood

Day 2 - Workshop

- ASQ-TRAK administration
- Scoring the ASQ-TRAK
- Providing feedback to families
- Strategies for ensuring good practice

1/2 Day - Workplace Practice Task

- Peer-observed ASQ-TRAK administration

“A key challenge to the provision of quality developmental care for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander communities has been the absence of culturally appropriate, structured developmental screening tools.

Now we must ensure that the tool we do have — the ASQ-TRAK— is being used in a way that is consistent with its design and is culturally safe. To achieve this, we need to support services to implement the ASQ-TRAK appropriately.”

Associate Professor Anita D’Aprano, Clinical Lead, STRONG kids, STRONG future, The University of Melbourne

Who should complete the ASQ-TRAK practitioner education program?

The program is suitable for all staff working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families.

Including:

- Aboriginal Health Practitioners
- Child Health Nurses
- Early Childhood Educators
- Allied Health Practitioners
- Community Based workers

“I enjoyed everything in the ASQ-TRAK practitioner workshop. It was comprehensive and combined both participant and facilitator knowledge... it was exceptionally well done! I will copy the flow, and the way it was presented, at my community health centres.”

Raelene Brunette, Aboriginal Health Practitioner, Sunrise Health Service



Why is the ASQ-TRAK practitioner education program needed?

Our Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander colleagues and collaborators advise that without education, there is a risk that the way the tool is administered is not culturally responsive.

- The program ensures the ASQ-TRAK is used in the way it has been co-designed to be implemented and maintains the cultural safety and quality of the tool.
- Unlike the ASQ®-3, the ASQ-TRAK is administered by caregiver interview. So, while the tools are similar, the **administration is different**.
- The program has been developed from **culturally appropriate** professional learning methods.
- The program improves practitioners’ **skills, knowledge, competence, and confidence** to identify and manage developmental difficulties and promote child development.

What are the costs?

An ASQ-TRAK Practitioner workshop (the first step of the education program) is face-to-face, interactive and run over two days in a small group of 14 participants from your organisation. Workshops are place-based and are delivered by accredited STRONG kids, STRONG future facilitators.

14-person organisational ASQ-TRAK practitioner workshop	2025/2026 Rate (excl. GST)	2026/2027 Rate (excl. GST)
	\$23,400	\$24,570

Please note that from the 1st of July 2026 (26-27 FY), a CPI-linked cost increase will be applied to reflect the rise in ASQ-TRAK workshop delivery costs.

Facilitator travel and **Equipment hire** are calculated based on your workshop’s location. They are **not included** in the ASQ-TRAK Practitioner Workshop cost. Please see the [Terms and Conditions](#) for these costs.

When is my ASQ-TRAK Practitioner Workshop confirmed?

Your booking at an ASQ-TRAK Practitioner Education Program is confirmed upon receipt of payment for the:

1. ASQ-TRAK Practitioner Workshop
2. Facilitator travel

We are unable to hold workshop dates beyond the 30-day invoice period. If payment is not received in the invoice period, your selected workshop will be re-opened for other organisations, and the invoice will be cancelled. We cannot hold a workshop beyond the payment term. We will send a reminder one week prior to the payment due date.

Terms and conditions

Facilitator Travel Costs

Flights, accommodation, car hire and meals for two accredited facilitators. To ensure equitable access, travel costs are determined based on the geographic remoteness of the selected venue (see Table 2). You can refer to the [Health Workforce Locator tool](#) to determine your classification.

Region	2025/2026 Rate (excl. GST)	2026/2027 Rate (excl. GST)
Major Cities	\$5,316	\$5,582
Inner Regional	\$7,679	\$8,063
Outer Regional	\$8,270	\$8,684
Remote & Very Remote	\$8,447	\$8,869

Equipment Costs (if required)

Each ASQ-TRAK Practitioner Workshop requires five (5) tool kits and five (5) toy kits. These kits can be hired from the STRONG kids, STRONG future team for the duration of the workshop if your organisation does not have five ASQ-TRAK tool kits and five ASQ-TRAK toy kits. We will arrange delivery to and from the venue. Costs for freight to your location are in the table below.

Region	2025/2026 Rate (excl. GST)	2026/2027 Rate (excl. GST)
Major Cities	\$237	\$249
Inner Regional	\$296	\$311
Outer Regional	\$354	\$372
Remote & Very Remote	\$414	\$435

Invoice Structure

STRONG kids, STRONG future issues payment requests for the full ASQ-TRAK Education Program in two separate invoices:

- Invoice 1: ASQ-TRAK Workshop and Facilitator Travel
- Invoice 2: Equipment (as required)

Remoteness assessment

Travel costs are determined based on the geographic remoteness of the selected venue. To assess remoteness, we use the Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) Remoteness Structure (Edition 3, 2021).

Our workshop fees are structured using an annualised, flat-rate, cross-subsidy model. In practice, this means costs are averaged across the year—even if incurred upfront—while organisations pay a consistent fixed fee based on their location.

Inclusions

The ASQ-TRAK Practitioner Workshop **includes**:

- Accredited ASQ-TRAK Facilitators
- All learning materials (workbooks, resources supporting interactive small group activities)
- Pre- and post-workshop support
- Certification for 12 months
- Access to an online resource hub
- Access to Booster Webinars for 12 months
- Access to participate in a Community of Practice for 12 months

Exclusions

The final price **does not include**:

- Venue hire
- Catering
- Participant travel and accommodation
- Any costs associated with participants' completion of the workplace practice task.
- The ASQ-TRAK tool kits or ASQ-TRAK toy kits.

Cancellations

We understand that things can change, and cancellations may be necessary. We will always do everything we can to ensure your organisation has the greatest chance of a refund.

Cancellations by you

Once your booking is confirmed, we incur costs to provide the ASQ-TRAK Practitioner Education Program.

Due to the logistics support an organisation needs to be ASQ-TRAK workshop ready we require 12 weeks or more to fill an organisational workshop.

If you need to cancel your workshop booking, you must provide STRONG kids, STRONG future team with written notice. It will take effect once we receive it. **Any non-recoverable travel and courier costs will be excluded from any refund obligations.**

Calendar weeks <i>Calculated as weeks prior to Day 1 of the Workshop</i>	Refund
12 weeks* or more	Full Refund
9 week – 11 weeks and The University of Melbourne can rebook the dates	Full Refund
9 weeks – 11 weeks and The University of Melbourne cannot rebook the dates	50% Refund
5 weeks – 8 weeks	25% Refund
4 weeks or less	No Refund

** The 12-week notice period provides for the planning and administration required for workshop logistics.*

Cancellations by us

We reserve the right to cancel the ASQ-TRAK Practitioner Workshop in the event of exceptional circumstances or unforeseen events beyond our control. In such cases, STRONG kids, STRONG future will notify the organisation as soon as possible and provide alternatives where appropriate, including different dates for workshop delivery or a full refund. This policy is not intended to exclude or limit any rights which the organisation or participant may have under the Competition and Consumer Act 2010.

Processing refunds

Refunds will be processed the week before the ASQ-TRAK practitioner workshop delivery dates. This will allow the greatest amount of time for us to try and fill your cancelled booking - ensuring that your organisation has the greatest possibility of receiving it in full.

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