

AHVTT Cheat Sheet

CQ Zero



What you're doing

Using the Australian Homelessness Vulnerability Triage Tool (AHVTT) to:

- Understand someone's **level of vulnerability**
- Support **fair prioritisation**
- Strengthen **advocacy and coordination**

Steps to doing an AHVTT well

1 Set the scene

- Explain **why you're asking the questions**
- Be clear about **how the information will be used**
- Seek **informed consent**

2 Make it a conversation

- Don't rush or interrogate
- Use natural language
- Follow the person's lead

3 Capture what matters

Focus on:

- Time spent experiencing homelessness
- Health (physical & mental)
- Safety & risk factors
- Support Needs

4 Record clearly & honestly

- Record the responses as accurately as possible
- Avoid "guessing" or filling the gaps
- Use notes alongside AHVTT to capture important context

5 Use it, don't just file it

- Bring it into **case discussions**
- Use it to **advocate for housing & support**
- Share (appropriately) with partner services

Remember

AHVTT isn't just about collecting data.

It's about using the right information to get the right people the right support, faster.

Quick Tips

- ✓ Be transparent about purpose
- ✓ Take your time—quality over speed
- ✓ It's okay if you don't complete everything in one go
- ✓ Update when circumstances change
- ✓ Respect the person's story—this is sensitive information

Avoid

- ✗ Treating it like a checklist
- ✗ Rushing through questions
- ✗ Asking without explaining why
- ✗ Filling in answers without confirmation
- ✗ Letting it sit unused

When it is done well

- ✓ Clients feel heard and respected
- ✓ You have stronger evidence to advocate
- ✓ Services are aligned on priorities
- ✓ People with highest need are prioritised