# University of New England

#### WHS F019 Computer Workstation Ergonomic Checklist

It is recommended that you do this checklist with a colleague or Health and Safety Representative (HSR). It is designed to be printed out, filled in, and scanned to TRIM for records retention. This will enable you to remain in the sitting position and obtain assistance to make required adjustments to your chair and work station if required.

WHS G001 Computer Workstation Ergonomic Guideline is available to all University Representatives and students. It provides information on workstation setup along with other methods for ensuring ergonomic health such as available accessories and stretching/exercises.

The Guideline and suggested actions within this checklist are not compulsory. They are recommendations based on known ergonomic best practises. Personal preferences and body types may impact the way you choose to set your workstation.

Personal Details	
Name	
Location of workstation	
Supervisor	
Date checklist completed	

Chair	Yes	No	n/a	Suggested Actions
Is the chair on a 5-point base?				Obtain 5-point chair
If the chair is on a hard surface do the				Obtain brakes or a
castors have brakes?				mat
Does the chair height allow your wrists to be level with the keyboard when typing?				Adjust height
Do your feet comfortably sit on the ground or foot rest?				Obtain suitable foot rest
Are your thighs parallel to the ground?				Adjust height
Is the back rest supporting your lower back?				Adjust back to sit at curve of back
Is the back rest at 90-95 degrees?				Adjust angle of back rest
Is there 2-3 finger space between back of calves and edge of seat pad?				Slide seat pad back or forward
If there are arm rests, do they allow you to sit close enough to your desk?				Remove arm rests if possible
If alternate seating (fit balls etc) is utilised is				Make ergonomic
there access to supportive chairs with above				chairs available for
features?				intermittent use

Keyboard and Mouse	Yes	No	n/a	Suggested Actions
Is the letter section of the keyboard centred in				Reposition keyboard
front of your body?				
Is the mouse directly next to the keyboard?				Reposition mouse

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Is the keyboard at the same level as the mouse?		Do not use drop down keyboard trays
Are your elbows at 90 degrees when using your keyboard/mouse?		Move equipment closer or away
Are your wrists straight when using your keyboard/mouse?		Do not use wrist rests when typing
Does the mouse track freely on the monitor?		Clean or replace mouse

Monitor	Yes	No	n/a	Suggested Actions
Is the main monitor centred in front of your				Place monitor 1 in
body?				line with the
				keyboard
Is the top of the monitor at eye level or				Adjust height of
slightly above?				monitor
Is monitor 2 (if in use) at the same level as				Adjust height of
monitor 1?				monitor 2
Is the monitor approximately at arm's reach?				Adjust so there is no
				need to lean forward
Is your monitor at a right angle or facing away				Reposition to avoid
from windows?				glare

Laptops	Yes	No	n/a	Suggested Actions
Is a stand used to ensure the laptop monitor is at the appropriate height?				Obtain a laptop stand for prolonged laptop use (over 2 hours)
Is a secondary keyboard and mouse used for prolonged laptop use (over 2 hours)?				Obtain equipment

Phones	Yes	No	n/a	Suggested Actions
Do you use the phone for extended periods				Obtain an ear piece
while simultaneously using the computer?				-
Is the phone on the opposite side to the				Reposition phone
mouse?				

Desk Space	Yes	No	n/a	Suggested Actions
Do you often work from hard copy				Obtain a document
documents?				holder
Are all cables and cords managed to avoid				Utilise space away
trips and/or tangled feet?				from feet and work
				area
Is under desk space used for storage?				Move all
				unnecessary items

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Standing Desks	Yes	No	n/a	Suggested Actions
Does the standing desk fit monitor, keyboard				Obtain a larger
and mouse?				standing desk
Is the standing desk easy to adjust? i.e. No				Ensure the desk is
bending or awkward positions while straining.				working properly via
				the supplier
Does the standing desk allow for workspace				Complete above
set up (height and upper body posture) to be				checklist items in
the same as when sitting?				sitting and standing
				positions
Is a mat required to ensure comfort while				Obtain a mat if
standing if the desk is on a hard surface?				desired

Additional Resources	Yes	No	n/a	Suggested Actions
Have you watched the 'Ergonomics and				Watch the video
Safety' video available on the UNE web site?				
If you are not satisfied with your workstation				Read relevant
setup, have you read and implemented				document and
suggestions from WHS G001 Computer				implement relevant
Workstation Ergonomic Guideline?				guidelines
Have you downloaded an app to assist you				Download "Time
with taking appropriate breaks from your				Out" (Free, for Mac
workstation?				users), "WorkPace"
				(free one month
				trial), or "Workrave".

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Close Out	Yes	No	n/a
Do you feel your workstation is set up sufficiently to ensure your			
ongoing ergonomic health?			
If you 'hot desk' or work from home do you feel you can adequately			
apply these guidelines to other work stations? If not, please complete			
this checklist at other locations where you work.			
Do you take regular breaks?			
Do you complete desk exercises for ergonomic health?			
Do you require further assistance with your workstation setup?			
Do you have a medical condition, disability or health concerns that			
may impact your computer workstation setup?			
Comments/Corrective Actions required			

Sign-off	
Name	
Signature	
Date	
Name of person assisting with checklist	
Signature of person assisting with checklist	

Following completion of this checklist, please discuss any concerns or requirements with your supervisor. All completed assessments should be submitted to your supervisor for action and/or records retention.

Supervisor Sign-off			
Corrective actions required			
Name			
Signature			
Date			

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