



Aboriginal and Torres Strait  
Islander health practice  
Chinese medicine  
Chiropractic  
Dental  
Medical  
Medical radiation practice  
Nursing and Midwifery  
Occupational therapy  
Optometry  
Osteopathy  
Pharmacy  
Physiotherapy  
Podiatry  
Psychology

Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency

## AHPRA Professions Reference Group (PRG)

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### Terms of Reference

#### **Purpose**

To provide a forum for engagement between AHPRA and associations representing the professions in the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme.

#### **Membership**

Australasian Podiatry Council  
Australian Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Association\*  
Australian Dental Association  
Australian Institute of Radiography  
Australian Medical Association  
Australian Nursing & Midwifery Federation  
Australian Physiotherapy Association  
Australian Psychological Society  
Chiropractors Association of Australia  
Committee of Presidents of Medical Colleges  
Health Professions Accreditation Councils' Forum  
National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker Association  
Occupational Therapy Australia  
Osteopathy Australia  
Optometry Australia  
Pharmacy Guild of Australia

*AHPRA*

AHPRA Chief Executive Officer

Executive Director Strategy & Policy  
Executive Director Regulatory Operations  
National Director Communications  
Senior staff by invitation

### **Chair**

The Professions Reference Group will be chaired by one of the representative members, elected through a simple expression of interest process and vote by the group.

The Chair will be appointed for 12 months.

### **Secretariat**

AHPRA Communications Team.

### **Terms of reference**

To provide a forum for engagement between AHPRA and the Reference Group members about scheme wide and operational issues, including:

- developments in the implementation and operation of the national scheme
- issues affecting the professions in the administration of the national scheme
- experience with the implementation and operation of the national scheme, and
- professional and environmental issues that impact, or potentially impact, on the national scheme.

### **Procedures**

The Reference Group will meet at least once per year face to face and as required by teleconference.

The Reference Group may also be consulted by email on particular issues.

The Professions Reference Group will adopt its own procedures, which will include declarations of any conflicts of interest.

### **Terms of reference review period**

These *Terms of reference* will be reviewed every two years.

### **Remuneration**

Members will fund their own attendance at meetings.

### **Communications**

After each meeting, the Reference Group will publish a communiqué on the AHPRA website

\*Australian Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Association Board Members attend on a rotating basis.