

Schedule 3 – Work Plan

In addition to the Accreditation Functions outlined in Schedule 2, the Accreditation Authority's Work Plan for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 includes:

Managing the re-accreditation processes for:

Griffith University Bachelor of Physiotherapy and Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours), Nathan and Gold Coast campuses

The University of Newcastle, Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours)

Managing New Accreditation for:

Charles Darwin University, Master of Physiotherapy

The University of New South Wales, Doctor of Physiotherapy

Curtin University, Doctor of Physiotherapy

The University of Sydney, Doctor of Physiotherapy

Managing Potential Expression of Interest applications for:

The University of Wollongong

The University of Southern Queensland

Murdoch University

Monitoring of programs for progress on conditions of accreditation:

All other accredited programs which are not undergoing re-accreditation will be monitored for progress on conditions of accreditation, enrolment data, resourcing, staffing and clinical education placements.

Assessments of overseas qualified physiotherapists

A projected 520 new candidates are expected to commence the assessment process through the Standard Assessment Pathway. The key assessment related activities that the Accreditation Authority will continue performing in 2022/2023 include:

- Eligibility Assessments
- Cultural Safety Training
- Written Assessments

COVID-related Clinical Assessment cancellations in 2021/2022 led to growth of the waiting list – to manage this the Authority plans to increase its throughput of Clinical Assessments in 2022/2023 and project that waiting times will be brought back to pre-COVID levels by the end of 2022.

The Authority's FLYR stream currently enables candidates from the Canada, UK, Ireland, Hong Kong, Singapore (Bachelor level degree) and South Africa to complete an expedited pathway.

Self-funded projects

The Accreditation Authority will complete two self-funded assessment projects in 2022/2023:

- a Review of the Assessment Process for overseas qualified physiotherapists, anticipated to be completed in November 2022, and
- the next phase of its research project into a remote-based clinical assessment. The Authority sees this as an important development to make access to assessments less dependent on an individual's geographic location.

Schedule 4 – Funding arrangements

Item 1 – Funding Principles

These Funding Principles are to be applied by accreditation authorities, National Boards and Ahpra when they are considering and agreeing on the funding to be provided to the accreditation authority by the National Board/Ahpra for performance of the accreditation functions.

The principles aim to promote consistency, transparency and accountability for use of registrant fees to fund the accreditation function.

Ahpra, in consultation with the National Board, will provide funding through registrant fees to enable the accreditation authority to manage its business and risks by covering some of the indirect costs of activities related to program accreditation including monitoring.

The following principles will apply, in addition to the guiding principles and objectives of the National Law, and the Quality Framework for the Accreditation Functions, when an accreditation authority is requesting funding from a National Board/Ahpra (funding request) and when a National Board/Ahpra decide to provide funding to an accreditation authority (funding decision):

1. Requests for funding should be reasonable and proportionate to the activities being funded.
2. The funding provided by the National Board/Ahpra should cover a proportion of the governance costs related to the accreditation functions.
3. The funding provided by the National Board/Ahpra for the development and review of accreditation standards should be requested and considered separately to the funding of other accreditation functions.
4. Requests for increases in funding from the previous year should not usually exceed the indexation range applicable to National Board fee increases (up to 3% per annum).
5. Where an accreditation authority considers an increase in funding above the indexation range is required, it should put the funding request and a business case supporting the increase above the indexation range to AHPRA and the National Board for their consideration.
6. Such a request and business case should be forwarded to Ahpra and the National Board by mid-February or earlier each year to enable them to have sufficient time to properly consider the funding request.
7. Ahpra and the National Board may agree to the requested increase in funding or propose to agree to a lesser amount. Such a proposal and reasons for that proposal should be forwarded to the accreditation authority to enable it to have sufficient time to properly consider the proposed funding amount and reasons.
8. Ahpra and the National Board should agree to provide sufficient funding to enable the accreditation authority to effectively deliver the accreditation functions through a combination of funding provided by the National Board/Ahpra and funding from other sources that is provided as a direct result of the Accreditation Authority being assigned and exercising statutory functions under the National Law.

Item 2 – Funds

Total funding for the 2022/2023 financial year is: \$331,477 (ex GST).

The funding is payable in four instalments on the following dates and in accordance with clause 5.2 of the Head Agreement.

Date	GST exclusive
1 July 2022	\$82,870
1 October 2022	\$82,869
1 January 2023	\$82,869
1 April 2023	\$82,869