

Communique



June 2025

The Podiatry Accreditation Committee (Committee) publishes this communiqué on the Committee's [accreditation webpages](#). Please forward it to anyone who may be interested.

Committee meeting

The 22nd meeting of the Committee was held face to face in Melbourne on 19 and 20 June 2025.

This communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the meeting.

New Committee term

The Podiatry Board of Australia recently made appointments and reappointments to the Committee for its next three year term from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2028. Information on the members is available on the Committee's [membership webpage](#).

Farewell to outgoing Chair Meeuwis Boelen

The current Chair, Doctor Meeuwis Boelen, did not seek reappointment to the Committee. Meeuwis commenced his role as the inaugural Chair in July 2019, and this was his final meeting as Chair. Meeuwis was integral in shaping the 2021 accreditation standards, navigating the complexities of clinical education during the COVID-19 pandemic and embedding culturally safe practices across education and accreditation of the podiatry profession.

Meeuwis has agreed to continue to provide his considerable expertise as an accreditation assessor for the Committee, and is providing valuable input to succession planning with the incoming Committee Chair.

Welcome to incoming Committee Chair Vivienne Chuter

Incoming Chair, Professor Vivienne Chuter is a Professor of Podiatry at Western Sydney University. She has been a Podiatry Accreditation Committee member since 2019 and an accreditation assessor. Vivienne has worked extensively in university health profession's education and curriculum development and on national and international guidelines for best practice in diabetes-related foot disease. She is also a registered Podiatrist working clinically with and for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities on Darkinjung Country and Wiradjuri Country in New South Wales to improve foot health outcomes.

Accreditation assessments and monitoring activities

Accreditation decision

The Committee made accreditation decisions for two education providers delivering podiatry programs. The Podiatry Board of Australia will consider the Committee's accreditation decisions at an upcoming meeting. The Committee also agreed to cease accreditation of one program that had been taught out by the education provider.

Monitoring

The Committee made monitoring decisions on three podiatry programs, and considered a notice of change from one education provider.

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Ahpra and the Podiatry Accreditation Committee work in partnership to accredit education and training programs for podiatry.

Discussion items

2021 Accreditation standards for podiatry review

The review of the 2021 Accreditation standards for podiatry project commenced in March 2024. The project is conducted in conjunction with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice, Chinese Medicine, Medical Radiation Practice and Paramedicine Accreditation Committees. At the meeting the Project Team gave a verbal update on the progress of the review, noting that public consultations were due to close at the end of June 2025.

Proposed reforms for podiatric surgeons

The Committee discussed the Podiatry Board of Australia's public consultation on proposed reforms for podiatric surgeons and agreed to provide a submission on elements relevant to the Committee's work.

Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum

The Chair of the Committee and Delegate provided verbal updates on the Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum's (HPACF) May 2025 meeting. More information can be found on the HPACF's [website](#).

Stakeholder engagement/partnerships

The Committee met with the Chair and members of the Australasian Council of Podiatry Deans (ACPD) and discussed areas of common interest, including:

- ACPD website
- marketing of the podiatry profession to potential students
- cultural safety in the podiatry profession and CPD
- Endorsement of scheduled medicines (pathway A)
- AI and technology to support remote learning, and
- Upcoming engagement opportunities (ACPD and Australian Podiatry Association meetings).

The Chair of the ACPD and the Committee agreed to continue to engage on key issues.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for October 2025.

Contact information

For any queries related to podiatry program accreditation, please contact the Committee via the Program Accreditation team at program.accreditation@ahpra.gov.au.

For more information on podiatry accreditation please visit the Committee's [accreditation](#) webpages.