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The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Accreditation Committee (the Committee) publishes this communiqué on its [webpage](#). Please forward it to anyone who may be interested.

Committee meeting

The 53rd meeting of the Committee was held in Melbourne on 12 November 2025.

This communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the meeting.

Farewell to outgoing member Norma Solomon

Committee member, Norma Solomon, has recently resigned from the Committee. Norma commenced as an inaugural Committee member in July 2012. Norma's many achievements include development of the three iterations of the accreditation standards, and involvement in nearly all of the Committee's accreditation assessment and monitoring considerations, outside of Queensland, over the past thirteen years.

The Committee acknowledged Norma Solomon's outstanding service to education and the profession throughout her career.

Accreditation assessments and monitoring activities

Accreditation decision

The Committee made an accreditation decision for one education provider that has transitioned to the Certificate IV in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care Practice training package (HLT40221 program). The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Board of Australia (Board) will consider the Committee's accreditation decision at an upcoming meeting.

Monitoring – conditions / monitoring requirements

The Committee considered monitoring responses from two education providers. The Committee's decisions and monitoring status reports will be provided to the education providers and the Board after the meeting.

Routine monitoring

The Committee considered 2025 routine monitoring reports from seven education providers. The outcomes of the Committee's evaluations will be provided to the education providers. The Board will be provided an update of all the 2025 routine monitoring reports that have been considered by the Committee.

The Committee agreed to the 2026 routine monitoring package and schedule. Education providers will be advised early in 2026.

Notice of change

The Committee considered one education provider's notice of change submission. The outcome of the Committee's evaluation will be provided to the education provider.

Discussion items

Current issues

The Committee discussed the staff qualifications and requirements for teaching and assessing from the Accreditation standards: *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practice* (2019) and the 2025 *Standards for Registered Training Organisations' Credential policy – Revised Standards for RTOs* and agreed to seek clarification from education providers who have not provided completed staff details with monitoring responses.

2019 Accreditation standards for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practice review

The review of the 2019 Accreditation standards for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice project commenced in March 2024. The project has been conducted in conjunction with the Chinese Medicine, Medical Radiation Practice, Paramedicine and Podiatry Accreditation Committees. The Project Team advised that the updated accreditation standards will be considered by the Board at their next meeting.

Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum

A verbal update on the Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum's (HPACF) July and September 2025 meetings was provided. More information can be found on the HPACF's [website](#).

Cultural safety questions in the 2026 routine monitoring

The Committee reviewed consolidated, de-identified responses from education providers to the cultural safety questions in the 2025 routine monitoring. To continue tracking how providers evaluate mechanisms that support cultural safety for staff, students and graduates, the Committee agreed to include the following questions in the 2026 routine monitoring:

- How did you evaluate the changes made to the design and implementation of the program to ensure culturally safe practice is integrated into the program?
- How did you measure the effectiveness of the mechanisms you have in place that ensure cultural safety for staff and students?
- How did you evaluate the graduates' capability to provide culturally safe healthcare to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples?

Stakeholder engagement/partnerships

The Program Accreditation team, on behalf of the Committee, continues to engage with education providers via the Committee's [accreditation webpages](#); through correspondence via email, phone contact and videoconference meetings, and communiques.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for March 2026.

Contact information

For any queries related to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practice program accreditation, please contact the Committee via the Program Accreditation team at program.accreditation@ahpra.gov.au.