

## Communiqué: Professional Association Project Reference Group

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### September 2025

On Friday 12 September 2025, the Professional Association Project Reference Group (PA PRG) convened its first meeting (online).

### Establishment of the PA PRG

The Psychology Board of Australia (the PsyBA) under the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra) have been asked by the Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (the Department) to provide recommendations on the appropriateness and proposed design of a single, shorter and more practical course of study to qualify as a registered psychologist in Australia.

The PA PRG has been established by the HD Redesign Project Steering Committee (PSC) to facilitate consultation and engagement with key psychology professional association stakeholders to collaborate on progressing the HD redesign program of work.

### Membership

The membership present at the first meeting included:

- Association of Counselling Psychologists (ACP)
- Australian Association of Psychologists Inc (AAPi)
- Australian Clinical Psychology Association (ACPA)
- Australian Indigenous Psychology Association (AIPA)
- Australian Psychological Society (APS)
- Institute of Clinical Psychologists (ICP)
- Institute of Private Practicing Psychologists (IPPP)
- Psychology Board of Australia

### Key discussions

Members:

- Received a briefing from the PRG Chair on project governance, including establishment of the Project Steering Committee and the Terms of Reference for the PA PRG.
- Considered a status report from the PRG Chair about the project and agreed for PA PRG meetings to be scheduled for every second month.
- Discussed the opportunities for stakeholders to provide feedback and engage with project during the discovery phase.

### Next meeting

The PA PRG is scheduled to meet virtually in November 2025.