Communique



November 2024 Chinese Medicine Accreditation Committee meeting

The Chinese Medicine Accreditation Committee (the Committee) publishes this communiqué on the Committee's <u>accreditation webpages</u>. Please forward it to your colleagues and employees who may be interested.

Committee meeting

The 55th meeting of the Committee was held in Melbourne face to face on 7 November 2024.

Some activities that were discussed at the Committee's November 2024 meeting, as well as some other key activities, are outlined below.

Assessments and monitoring activities

Monitoring approved programs of study

The Committee considered four monitoring responses from education providers and their programs of study. The outcomes of the Committee's evaluations will be provided to the education providers and the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia (National Board) following the Committee's meeting.

The Committee will continue to provide updates to the National Board on its monitoring of approved programs of study.

Routine monitoring

The 2024 routine monitoring package was circulated to education providers in March 2024. The assessors considered the responses from education providers in July 2024. The Committee considered the assessors findings and recommendations at the November 2024 meeting.

The Committee will provide the outcomes of their findings to the education providers and an update to the National Board following the November 2024 meeting.

The Committee considered and confirmed the 2025 routine monitoring package and anticipates circulating the 2025 routine monitoring package to education providers in March 2025.

Committee updates

At its November meeting, the Committee discussed:

- the recommendation to be adopted by Ahpra and the National Boards from the Health Ministers' August 2024 meeting to improve responses to Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Health, and
- the recently released consultation paper on the Review of complexity in the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme, and its implications for accreditation.

The Committee also noted the appointment of members ending in June 2025, and that a recruitment campaign is being planned for early 2025.

2019 Accreditation standards: Chinese medicine review

The review of the 2019 Accreditation standards: Chinese medicine project commenced in March 2024. The project will be conducted in conjunction with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice, Medical Radiation Practice, Paramedicine and Podiatry Accreditation Committees. At the meeting the Committee noted the verbal update from the Project Team on the progress of the review, and consultations with key stakeholders are scheduled to commence in early 2025.

Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum

A Committee representative provided an update on the Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum (HPACF). The Committee continues to engage in the HPACF's important work. More information can be found on the HPACF's <u>website</u>.

Stakeholder engagement

The Program Accreditation team, on behalf of the Committee, continues to engage with education providers via the Committee's <u>accreditation webpages</u>; through correspondence via email, phone, videoconference meetings, and communiqués.

Next meeting

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

Contact information

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

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