

HD Redesign Project Steering Committee Communiqué

July 2025

On Thursday 31 July 2025, the Higher Degree Redesign Project Steering Committee (HD Redesign PSC) met virtually. This communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the first meeting of the HD Redesign PSC.

Establishment of the HD Redesign PSC

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 for a redesign of the psychology higher education pathway.

The HD Redesign PSC was established on 31 July 2025 under the authority of the Department (Project Executive Sponsor) and Ahpra/PsyBA (Project owner) to provide strategic governance, oversight and direction to the project. The functions of the HD Redesign PSC are to provide executive leadership and guidance to the project. The HD Redesign PSC is a temporary committee that will operate for the duration of the project.

The four member groups of the HD Redesign PSC are:

- Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing
- Australian Government Department of Education
- Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency, and
- Psychology Board of Australia.

Business items

Members:

- Reviewed and discussed the terms of reference and membership for the PSC
- Approved the terms of reference and membership for the Project Reference Groups
- Noted the HD Redesign project plan (previously approved by the Project Executive Sponsor)
- Noted the HD redesign stakeholder engagement and communications plan (previously approved by the Project Executive Sponsor)
- Reviewed the HD redesign project risk management matrix and current treatment actions
- Noted the HD Redesign project status report
- Agreed to supporting access, to the extent possible, to the data and research requirements needed to understand the contextual factors and complexities of the current psychology training model
- Endorsed the discovery phase of the project (Listening tour #1).

Next meeting

The HD Redesign PSC will meet virtually in late September 2025. The HD Redesign PSC will periodically publish a Communiqué on the progression of its work.