

Communiqué: Accreditation and Training Project Reference Group

November 2025

On Tuesday 12 November 2025, the Higher Degree Redesign Accreditation and Training Project Reference Group (AT PRG) met virtually. This communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the meeting.

Attendance

Members who attended the meeting included:

- Australian Indigenous Psychology Education Project (AIPEP)
- Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC)
- Australian Psychology Placement Alliance (APPA)
- Heads of Psychology Australia (HPA)
- · Psychology Board of Australia
- State and Territory Departments of Education and/or Training
- Universities Australia (UA)

Workplan

The chair gave an overview of the work that had been undertaken and completed since the last AT PRG meeting, including:

- A series of webinars, in which four webinars aimed at different stakeholder groups were held.
- The HD Redesign Project survey, which received over 5000 responses. A detailed analysis of the survey results is underway.
- The Project Steering Committee met in late September.
- Meetings with the other Project Reference Groups (PRGs) remain ongoing.
- The external research report has been completed. The report maps international psychology pathways to general registration (or equivalent) and domestic health professional training comparisons.

The Chair shared key messages about the project, including:

- One of the key principles is to maintain regulatory thresholds, including the professional competencies that are coming into effect on 1 December 2025.
- The project is looking to better organise programs of study, not change the requirements to become a psychologist.

Reflections from members

Members shared comments and insights from the perspective of students, employers, industry and higher education providers, including current challenges related to supervision and sourcing of clinical placements.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be held in early 2026.

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