

# Communique



February 2026

The Podiatry Accreditation Committee (Committee) publishes this communiqué on the Committee's [accreditation webpages](#). Please forward it to anyone who may be interested.

## Committee meeting

The 24<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Committee was held via videoconference on 25 February 2026.

This communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the meeting.

## Accreditation assessments and monitoring activities

### Monitoring

The Committee considered monitoring evaluation reports from two education providers and their programs of study. The outcomes of the Committee's determinations will be provided to the education providers and the Podiatry Board of Australia (National Board) following the Committee meeting.

### 2025 routine monitoring

The Committee considered a 2025 routine monitoring report from one education provider. The outcome of the Committee's determination will be provided to the education provider and National Board following the meeting.

### Did you know?

The Committee is the accreditation authority for podiatry in Australia. The Committee was established by the National Board. The Committee:

- develops accreditation standards for approval by the National Board
- assesses programs of study and education providers against the accreditation standards approved by the National Board
- makes decisions about accreditation of programs of study, and
- monitors approved programs of study and education providers to ensure the Accreditation Committee continues to be satisfied those programs and providers meet the accreditation standards.

For more information, see the [accreditation authorities under the National Law page](#) and the [Accreditation Committee page](#).

## Update

### Review of the 2021 Accreditation standards for podiatry

The project reviewing the 2021 Accreditation standards for podiatry commenced in March 2024. The project has been conducted in conjunction with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice, Chinese Medicine, Medical Radiation Practice and Paramedicine Accreditation Committees.

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The four sets of 2021 accreditation standards for podiatry were reviewed to address issues that emerged since the implementation of the standards in 2021. These issues included:

- a. the legislative changes related to cultural safety and eliminating racism
- b. removing any ambiguities and duplications, and
- c. addressing contemporary issues facing the profession.

The revised accreditation standards for podiatry were endorsed by the Committee and approved by the Board in late 2025. The four revised [accreditation standards for podiatry](#) were published in November 2025 and take effect from 1 January 2026.

The Committee considered the proposed approach for implementing the 2025 accreditation standards at its February 2026 meeting. The Committee will provide guidance on the requirements for submitting information related to new or amended criteria to education providers in early 2026.

## Discussion items

### Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum

The Chair of the Committee provided a verbal update on the Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum's (HPACF) November 2025 and February 2026 meetings. More information can be found on the HPACF's [website](#).

### Stakeholder engagement

The Committee met with the Chair, Deputy Chair and Secretary of the Australasian Council of Podiatry Deans (ACPD) and discussed the following topics:

- an update on the revised accreditation standards for podiatry including transitional arrangements
- cultural safety questions that will be included with the routine monitoring in 2026
- an update on ACPD including the composition of the new Board of Directors and the new Chair, and
- recruitment of endorsed podiatrists for the Committee's assessor pool currently being undertaken.

The Committee agreed to continue to engage on a regular basis on issues important to podiatry education and accreditation.

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; videoconference meetings; and communiques.

## Next meeting

The next meetings of the Committee are scheduled on:

- 16 June 2026, and
- 28 October 2026

## Contact information

For any queries related to podiatry program accreditation, please contact the Committee via the Program Accreditation team at [program.accreditation@ahpra.gov.au](mailto:program.accreditation@ahpra.gov.au).

For more information on podiatry accreditation please visit the Committee's [accreditation webpages](#).