

# Communique



February 2025

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 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Committee was held via videoconference on 27 February 2025.

This communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the meeting.

## Accreditation assessments and monitoring activities

### Accreditation decision

The Committee made an accreditation decision for one education provider delivering a podiatry program. The Podiatry Board of Australia will consider the Committee's accreditation decision at an upcoming meeting.

## Discussion items

### 2021 Accreditation standards for podiatry review

The review of the 2021 Accreditation standards for podiatry project commenced in March 2024. The project is conducted in conjunction with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice, Chinese Medicine, Medical Radiation Practice and Paramedicine Accreditation Committees. At the meeting the Project Team gave a verbal update on the progress of the review, and that consultations with key stakeholders have commenced.

### Annual review

Members review the consolidated results of the Committee's 2024 annual self-evaluation survey and identified areas for enhancement of the Committee.

### Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum

The Chair of the Committee and Delegate provided verbal updates on the Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum (HPACF) November 2024 and February 2025 meetings. More information can be found on the HPACF's [website](#).

## Stakeholder engagement/partnerships

The Committee met with the Chair of the Australasian Council of Podiatry Deans (ACPD) who gave a presentation on ACPD's areas of focus in 2025, including:

- impact of AI and genAI on podiatry programs and practice
- endorsement for scheduled medicines
- national clinical assessment tool
- student retention
- marketing the podiatry profession, and

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Ahptra and the Podiatry Accreditation Committee work in partnership to accredit education and training programs for podiatry.

- cultural safety.

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

### **Next meeting**

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

### **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).

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