

Communique

February 2025

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Accreditation Committee (the Committee) publishes this communiqué on its [webpage](#). Please forward it to anyone who may be interested.

Committee meeting

The 51st meeting of the Committee was held via videoconference on 6 February 2025.

This communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the meeting.

Accreditation assessments and monitoring activities

Accreditation decision

The Committee made accreditation decisions for five education providers delivering the Certificate IV in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care Practice training package (HLT40221 program). The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Board of Australia will consider the Committee's accreditation decisions at an upcoming meeting.

Discussion items

2019 Accreditation standards for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practice review

The review of the 2019 Accreditation standards for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice project commenced in March 2024. The project is being conducted in conjunction with the Chinese Medicine, Medical Radiation Practice, Paramedicine and Podiatry 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 self-evaluation

Members reviewed 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

A Committee member provided a verbal update on the Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum's (HPACF) November 2024 meeting. More information can be found on the HPACF's [website](#).

Stakeholder relationships/partnerships

The Committee met with representatives from National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) and discussed the 500 Traineeship Program, and how the delivery of the training of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioners can best meet the needs of industry and their communities. The NACCHO representatives emphasized the importance of education providers effectively engaging with their Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities about the design and delivery of their HLT40221 programs.

Next meeting

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

Contact information

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