

Communiqué: Accreditation and Training Project Reference Group

September 2025

On Wednesday 10 September 2025, the Accreditation and Training Project Reference Group (AT PRG) convened its first meeting (online).

Establishment of the AT PRG

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 on the appropriateness and proposed design of a single, shorter and more practical course of study to qualify as a registered psychologist in Australia.

The AT PRG has been established by the HD Redesign Project Steering Committee (PSC) to facilitate consultation and engagement with key accreditation/training and workforce stakeholders to collaborate on progressing the HD redesign program of work.

Membership

Members present at the first meeting included:

- Australian Indigenous Psychology Education Project (AIPEP)
- Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC)
- Australian Psychology Placement Alliance (APPA)
- Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA)
- Heads of Psychology Australia (HPA)
- National Allied Health Advisors and Chief Officers
- Psychology Board of Australia
- State and Territory Departments of Education and/or Training
- Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA)
- Universities Australia (UA)

Key discussions

Members:

- Received a briefing from the PRG Chair on project governance, including establishment of the Project Steering Committee and the Terms of Reference for the AT PRG.
- Considered a status report from the PRG Chair about the project and agreed for AT PRG meetings to be scheduled for every second month.
- Discussed the strengths, weaknesses, threats and opportunities relating to the psychology training pathway.

Next meeting

The AT PRG is scheduled meet virtually in November 2025.

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