

August 2022 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Accreditation Committee meeting

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

Committee recruitment

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Board of Australia (National Board) is currently inviting applications from Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioners for one appointment to the Committee commencing 1 January 2023. To view the vacancy and submit an application, please visit the [Committee member recruitment](#) page. Applications close on Wednesday 31 August 2022.

Please disseminate the National Board's call for applications to all your networks.

Committee meeting

The 44th meeting of the Committee was held on 9 August 2022 via videoconference. The Committee anticipates holding one further meeting in 2022, to coincide with the National Board's November meeting

Some activities that were discussed at the Committee's August 2022 meeting, as well as some other key activities for the Committee, are outlined more thoroughly below.

Assessment and monitoring activities

Accreditation assessments

The Committee must make accreditation decisions according to the National Law (Section 48) and the published [Guidelines for accreditation of education and training programs](#) (guidelines). At its August 2022 meeting, the Committee considered an assessment team report from an education provider and its program of study. There is currently one program undergoing an accreditation assessment and the Committee anticipates receiving a further two accreditation applications in 2022.

2021 Routine annual monitoring

At its March 2022 meeting, the Committee considered further information in relation to the 2021 Routine annual monitoring responses from one education provider and their program of study.

Monitoring approved programs of study

At the August 2022 meeting, the Committee considered information provided from two education providers regarding delivery of their accredited programs.

The Committee will continue to provide updates to the National Board on its monitoring of approved programs of study.

Reporting to the National Board and Ahpra

As outlined in section 7 of its current Terms of Reference (ToR), the Committee must provide to the National Board reports and supporting documentation in accordance with the timeframes and requirements as identified in *Attachment F* of the ToR.

In April 2022 the Committee provided exception reporting on any substantive changes to activities set out in the Committee's workplan, and any other specific issues agreed to report on with the National Board.

Stakeholder engagement

The Committee continues to engage with its key stakeholders, including education providers, around a range of topics relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practice accreditation.

The Program Accreditation Team, on behalf of the Committee, engages with stakeholders via the Committee's [accreditation webpages](#); through correspondence via email; phone or videoconference meetings, and communiques.

Contact information

For any queries related to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practice accreditation, please contact the Committee via the [Program Accreditation Team](#). For more information on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practice accreditation please visit the Committee's [accreditation](#) webpages.

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Ahpra and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Accreditation Committee work in partnership to accredit education and training programs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practice.