

Communiqué

September 2025 meeting of the Accreditation Committee

The Ahpra Board established the Accreditation Committee (the committee) consistent with [Ministerial Council Policy Direction 2020-1](#) to provide independent and expert advice on accreditation reform and other National Scheme accreditation matters to National Scheme entities (National Boards, Accreditation Authorities and Ahpra). Other external entities performing accreditation roles as part of the National Scheme, such as specialist colleges and postgraduate medical councils should have regard for the committee's advice, where relevant.

The committee issues a communiqué after each meeting to keep stakeholders informed about its work.

The committee held its seventeenth meeting via videoconference on 3 September 2025.

The key areas considered by the committee during the meeting are reflected in its work plan.

Update from the Chair

The Chair advised of a meeting with the National Health Practitioner Ombudsman (NHPO) on the upcoming draft second report. The committee looks forward to receiving the report.

Members also noted a verbal update from the Ahpra CEO, Mr Justin Untersteiner, on structural changes within Ahpra, and the development of the next National Scheme Strategy.

Cultural safety and eliminating racism considerations

Members noted development of the next Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health and Cultural Safety Strategy is underway.

Government workforce and review initiatives

Members noted an update on the Dawson review, the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing's Primary Care and the NHPO's review of accreditation processes. Members noted potential implications from these reviews on the committee's workplan.

Principles for the use of outcome-based approaches in accreditation

Members noted the outcomes from the preliminary consultation and provided further feedback to enhance language ahead of release for public consultation.

Reducing duplication in accreditation processes across the National Scheme

Members noted the outcomes of the latest working group meeting and the focus groups conducted in July. The committee discussed the need for clear delineation of responsibilities between relevant entities and supported a shift toward enhanced risk-based approaches to accreditation.

Professional capabilities: Common capabilities development

Members endorsed the draft National Scheme entities statement of support and noted the next steps for this project, including early engagement with National Boards in October 2025.

Interprofessional Collaborative Practice (IPCP)

Members noted an update on the latest work and the proposals for implementation of the IPCP Statement of Intent. The committee looks forward to this work being embedded into the common capabilities project.

Accreditation communications and engagement

The committee agreed to publish the revised framework on the committee's website.

Accreditation authority reporting

Members provided feedback on the proposal to develop an accreditation reporting and data sharing plan.

Annual self-evaluation and annual report

Members discussed the results of the annual self-evaluation and endorsed the 2024-25 annual report for submission to Ahpra Board. The annual report will also be published on the committee's website.

Other business

There was no other business raised.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be held in Melbourne in **November 2025**.

More information

Questions about the committee's work may be directed to the secretariat via email to:
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Members

Professor Andrew Wilson AO	Independent Chair
Professor Maree O'Keefe	Accreditation/education expert
Associate Professor Carmen Parter	Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander member
TBC	Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander member
Adjunct Professor Veronica Casey AM	National Boards representative
Dr Terry Crisp	Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum (HPACF) nominee
Mr Anton Barnett-Harris	Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum (HPACF) nominee
Dr Hamza Vayani	Ahpra's Community Advisory Council nominee
Mr Michael Elwan	Community representative
TBC	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care nominee
Professor Kimberley Norris	National Boards representative
Dr Mary Russell	Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) nominee
Mr Jeffrey Moffet	Ahpra Board member
Professor Trish Davidson AM	Ahpra Board member
Mr Takudzwa Gandanhamo	Australian Private Hospitals Association (Private healthcare employer) nominee
Professor Esther May	Universities Australia nominee
Ms Valerie Ramsperger	Jurisdictional representative
Dr Catherine McDougall	Jurisdictional representative