Communique



May 2025

The Paramedicine Accreditation Committee (Committee) publishes this communiqué on its <u>accreditation</u> webpages. Please forward it to anyone who may be interested.

Committee meeting

The twenty-fifth meeting of the Committee was held via videoconference on 15 May 2025.

This communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the meeting.

Accreditation assessment and monitoring activities

Monitoring approved programs of study

The Committee considered a monitoring evaluation report from one education provider and their program of study. The outcomes of the Committee's evaluation will be provided to the education provider and the National Board following the Committee meeting.

Notice of change

The Committee considered one education provider's notice of change submission. The outcome of the Committee's evaluation will be provided to the education provider and National Board following the Committee meeting.

Cease accreditation

The Committee decided to cease accreditation of one program of study. The Committee was advised that the education provider had taught out the program and no students remained. The Committee will provide the National Board with its decision to cease accreditation and recommend that the National Board cease approval of the program. This means the program will be removed from the active list of approved programs and placed on the list of inactive programs of study for a period according to the National Board's policy to enable graduates to qualify for initial registration with the National Board.

Discussion items

2020 Accreditation standards: Paramedicine review

The project to review the *2020 Accreditation standards: Paramedicine* commenced in March 2024. The project has been conducted in conjunction with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice, Chinese Medicine, Medical Radiation Practice and Podiatry Accreditation Committees. The review of the Paramedicine accreditation standards has now been aligned with the National Board's review of the Professional Capabilities. Public consultation on the updated accreditation standards will commence in the second half of 2025.

Advanced Practice Paramedicine

The Committee discussed the work underway by the National Board to regulate advanced practice paramedics and enable independent prescribing outside of ambulance services. The Committee is currently preparing to manage the creation of Advanced Practice Paramedicine Accreditation Standards, with resources provided by the National Board. The Committee's project will align with the National Board's work on the proposed registration standards and professional capabilities for advanced practice paramedics.

Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum (HPACF)

The Committee discussed the significance of interprofessional education (IPE) and acknowledged the ongoing work of the HPACF working group in promoting collaboration among all accreditation authorities. The Committee also noted the IPE Colloquium hosted by the Australian Pharmacy Council on 13 May 2025, which focused on the theme of trust.

The Committee continues to engage in the HPACF's important work. More information can be found on the HPACF's website.

Stakeholder relationships/partnerships

The Committee met with representatives from the Australasian Council of Paramedicine Deans (ACPD) and discussed a range of topics including:

- inherent requirements and reasonable adjustments
- clinical placements and work-integrated learning assessment
- · interprofessional education, and
- · assessment validity and reliability.

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

Next meeting

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

Contact information

For any queries related to paramedicine program accreditation, please contact the Committee via the Program Accreditation team at program.accreditation@ahpra.gov.au.