



June 2022 Medical Radiation Practice Accreditation Committee meeting

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Committee meeting

The 60th meeting of the Committee was held face-to-face in Melbourne over a day and half on 23 and 24 June 2022. The Committee anticipates holding one further meeting in 2022.

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

Farewell to outgoing members

Dr Daphne James and Mrs Jane Shepherdson completed their final terms on 30 June 2022 (having commenced on the Committee in May 2015). Daphne and Jane were instrumental in the development and implementation of the 2013 and 2019 accreditation standards and providing input into the Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia's (National Board) *Professional capabilities for registered medical radiation practitioners*. Thankfully Daphne and Jane will continue to provide their expertise as assessors for the Committee. The Committee members and Program Accreditation Team wish to thank Daphne and Jane for their valuable contributions and service since 2015.

New members and extension of appointments

The National Board recently appointed Mr Minh Toan (Shayne) Chau who is a registered Diagnostic Radiographer and Mrs Melissa Shields who is a registered Nuclear Medicine Technologist.

Shayne and Melissa commenced their terms on 1 July 2022.

The National Board also agreed to extend Professor Brian Jolly (Chair) until 31 December 2022, to provide guidance and support to the new Chair and Co-Deputy Chairs before they commence their new roles in January 2023.

New committee leadership team appointed

The National Board recently [appointed a new committee leadership team](#) to commence their roles in January 2023. Current member Dr Louise McCall has been appointed as Chair, and Ms Jillian Harris and Dr Natalie Pollard as co-Deputy Chairs.

Information on the membership is available on the Committee's [membership webpage](#).

Assessments and monitoring activities

Accreditation assessments underway

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 June 2022 meeting, the Committee considered three assessment team reports from two education providers and their programs of study.

The Committee also noted the status and due dates of applications for four upcoming accreditation assessments planned in 2022.

2022 routine annual monitoring

The 2022 routine annual monitoring report (including COVID-19 reporting) form and associated templates were disseminated to education providers in March 2022. The Committee will consider the assessors evaluation of the information submitted by education providers at their October 2022 meeting. The outcomes of the Committee's evaluation will be provided to the education providers and National Board in November 2022.

Monitoring approved programs of study

At its June 2022 meeting, the Committee considered monitoring responses from two education providers for three programs of study. The outcomes of the Committee's evaluation will be provided to the education providers and National Board in July 2022.

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

Meeting with the Australian Society of Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy

At its June 2022 meeting, the Committee met with the Australian Society of Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy to discuss key issues in medical radiation practice accreditation, including how complaints or concerns relevant to accreditation matters should be communicated to the Committee; and working together to educate stakeholders about interprofessional education. The Committee is eager to continue these important discussions with its key stakeholders.

The Program Accreditation Team, on behalf of the Committee, continues to engage with education providers via the Committee's [accreditation webpages](#), through correspondence via email, phone contact and videoconference meetings, and communiques.

Contact information

For any queries related to medical radiation practice accreditation, please contact the Committee via the [Program Accreditation Team](#). For more information on medical radiation practice accreditation please visit the Committee's [accreditation](#) webpages.

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