

July 2022 Podiatry Accreditation Committee meeting

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Committee meeting

The thirteenth meeting of the Committee was held in Melbourne on 14 July 2022. The Committee anticipates holding one more meeting in 2022.

The Committee welcomed new members Peta Tehan and Ryan Causby, who both commenced their three-year terms on the Committee on 1 July 2022.

Some activities that were discussed at the Committee's July 2022 meeting are outlined below.

Assessments and monitoring activities

The Committee must make accreditation decisions according to the National Law (Section 48) and the published [Guidelines for accreditation of education and training programs](#). There are currently two programs undergoing an accreditation assessment, and the Committee anticipates receiving one more accreditation application in 2022.

2022 Routine annual monitoring

At its July 2022 meeting, the Committee considered 2022 Routine annual monitoring reports from education providers on 13 different programs of study and outcomes will be communicated to education providers shortly

2021 Routine annual monitoring

At its July 2022 meeting, the Committee noted verbal updates on the outcomes of videoconference meetings with two education providers regarding their 2021 Routine annual monitoring responses.

COVID-19 reporting in 2022

At its February 2022 meeting, the Committee agreed that three education providers undergoing a full accreditation assessment in 2022 need only provide information relating to COVID-19 impacts on their programs, as part of 2022 Routine annual monitoring. The Committee considered this information at its July 2022 meeting.

The Committee also discussed the impact of changes to education programs as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Committee agreed to consult other professions, and the Australasian Council of Podiatric Deans on the overarching and ongoing effects of the pandemic on education providers, students and accredited and approved programs.

Monitoring approved programs of study

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

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

The Committee will continue to engage closely with education providers in 2022 regarding the impacts of COVID-19 on programs of study, to discuss topics relevant to podiatry education and training.

Contact information

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

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