Communique



August 2025

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

Committee meeting

The twenty-sixth meeting of the Committee was held face-to-face on 7 and 8 August 2025.

This communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the meeting.

Accreditation assessments and monitoring activities

Monitoring approved programs of study

The Committee considered monitoring evaluation reports from nine education providers and their programs of study. The outcomes of the Committee's evaluations will be provided to the education provides and the Paramedicine Board of Australia (National Board) following the Committee meeting.

2025 routine annual monitoring

The Committee considered 2025 routine annual monitoring reports from nine education providers. The outcomes of the Committee's evaluations will be provided to the education providers following the meeting. The Committee will consider an additional nine 2025 routine annual monitoring reports from education providers at its November 2025 meeting. The National Board will be provided an update on the Committee's 2025 routine annual monitoring reports once all reports are considered by the Committee.

Notice of change

The Committee considered two education providers' notice of change submissions. The outcomes of the Committee's evaluations will be provided to the education providers following the Committee meeting.

Ceasing approval

The Committee decided to recommend the National Board to cease approval of two programs of study which were approved under s310 of the National Law and not accredited by the Committee. The Committee was advised that the education providers had taught out the programs and no students remained. The Committee will provide the National Board with its decisions and recommend that the Board cease approval of the programs. 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 Board's policy to enable graduates to qualify for initial registration with the 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 for registered paramedics. Public consultation on the updated accreditation standards will commence in October 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 has commenced drafting the accreditation standards for Advanced Practice Paramedics.

Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum

The Chair provided a verbal update on the Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum's (HPACF) May and July 2025 meetings. More information can be found on the HPACF's website.

Stakeholder relationships/partnerships

The Committee continues to engage with education providers via the Committee's <u>accreditation webpages</u>; through correspondence via email, phone, videoconference meetings, and communiqués.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for November 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.