

Quick guide to the draft principles for the use of outcome-based approaches to accreditation

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Who we are

The Accreditation Committee (the committee) was established by the Ahpra Board to provide independent and expert advice on accreditation reform and other National Scheme accreditation matters to National Boards, accreditation authorities and Ahpra.

The committee is chaired by Professor Andrew Wilson. Consistent with Ministers' policy direction, Professor Wilson is an independent chair and external to the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme).

Accreditation is a key part of the National Scheme as it helps ensure that individuals seeking registration to work in the health workforce have the knowledge, skills and professional attributes to safely and competently practise their profession in Australia.

You can read more about the committee on [its webpage](#). More information on accreditation under the National Scheme is available on [the Ahpra website](#).

What are we consulting about?

As part of its work, the committee consults with the public and practitioners on accreditation reform issues.

The committee is currently consulting on draft principles it has developed to guide the use of outcome-based approaches to accreditation.

They encourage flexible and innovative approaches to education in response to changes in community need, healthcare models and innovations.

The purpose of the draft principles is to guide accreditation authorities in the use of outcome-based approaches to accreditation and provide good practice examples from across health professions regulated under the National Scheme.

The committee wants to hear what you think about the draft principles for the use of outcome-based approaches to accreditation.

Preliminary consultation on the draft principles took place between March – May 2025. The principles have been updated to reflect the feedback received.

How can you provide feedback?

There are some specific questions on page 2 of the consultation paper, but you can also just provide general feedback on the draft guidance.

Please use the response template and email your feedback to: AC_consultation@ahpra.gov.au

Will we publish your feedback?

We publish submissions at our discretion. We generally publish submissions on our website to encourage discussion and inform the community and stakeholders. Please advise us if you do not want your submission published.

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We will not place on our website, or make available to the public, submissions that contain offensive or defamatory comments or which are outside the scope of the subject of the consultation. Before publication, we may remove any personally identifying information from submissions, including contact details.

We can accept submissions made in confidence. These submissions will not be published on the website or elsewhere. Submissions may be confidential because they include personal experiences or other sensitive information. A request for access to a confidential submission will be determined in accordance with the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth), which has provisions designed to protect personal information and information given in confidence. Please let us know if you do not want us to publish your submission or want us to treat all or part of it as confidential.

Published submissions will include the names of the individuals and/or the organisations that made the submission unless confidentiality is expressly requested.

What happens next?

The committee will consider all of the feedback when it finalises the principles for the use of outcome-based approaches to accreditation for publication.