

March 2022 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Accreditation Committee meeting

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Accreditation Committee (the Committee) publishes this communiqué on the Committee's [accreditation webpage](#). Please forward it to your colleagues who may be interested.

Committee recruitment

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Board of Australia (National Board) is currently inviting applications from Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioners for one appointment to the Committee commencing 1 January 2023. To view the vacancy and submit an application, please visit the [Committee member recruitment](#) page. Applications close on Sunday 21 August 2022.

Please disseminate the National Board's call for applications to all your networks.

Committee meeting

The 43rd meeting of the Committee was held on 22 March 2022 via videoconference. The Committee anticipates holding two further meetings in 2022. The past Chair, Elaine Duffy, attended the meeting as an observer.

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

Committee membership

The Committee welcomed its newest members: Mr David Copley (Chair), Mrs Candace Angelo and Mr James Harris. They recently commenced their three-year terms until 31 December 2024. All members of the Committee, and Ahpra's Program Accreditation Team look forward to working together.

Assessment and monitoring activities

Accreditation assessments

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). There is currently one program undergoing an accreditation assessment and the Committee anticipates receiving a further three accreditation applications in 2022.

2021 Routine annual monitoring

At its March 2022 meeting, the Committee considered further information in relation to the 2021 Routine annual monitoring responses from three education providers and their programs of study. The outcomes of the 2021 Routine annual monitoring reporting (including transition and COVID-19 reporting) from all education providers who were required to submit responses was provided to the National Board in January 2022. The education providers and the Board will be provided the outcomes of the further information requests in April 2022.

2022 Routine annual monitoring package

At its December 2021 meeting, the Committee confirmed its 2022 Routine annual monitoring package (including COVID-19 reporting) and timeframes for reporting. At the March 2022 meeting, the Committee confirmed arrangements for consideration of the 2022 Routine annual monitoring reports. The form and associated templates will be disseminated to education providers in the coming weeks.

Monitoring approved programs of study

At the March 2022 meeting, the Committee considered information provided from two education providers regarding locations for delivery of their accredited program. The outcomes of the Committee's consideration will be provided to the education provider and National Board shortly.

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 anticipates providing 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 Committee continues to engage with its key stakeholders, including education providers, around a range of topics relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practice accreditation.

The Program Accreditation Team, on behalf of the Committee, engages with stakeholders via the Committee's [accreditation webpages](#); through correspondence via email; phone or videoconference meetings, and communiques.

Contact information

For any queries related to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practice accreditation, please contact the Committee via the [Program Accreditation Team](#). For more information on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practice accreditation please visit the Committee's [accreditation](#) webpages.

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