

June 2024 Medical Radiation Practice Accreditation Committee meeting

The Medical Radiation Practice Accreditation Committee (the Committee) publishes this communiqué on the Committee's [accreditation webpages](#). Please forward it to your colleagues and employees who may be interested.

Committee meeting

The 66th meeting of the Committee was held on 13 June 2024 face-to-face in Melbourne. The Committee plans to hold a further meeting in 2024.

Some activities that were discussed at the Committee's June 2024 meeting, as well as some other activities, are outlined below.

Assessments and monitoring activities

Accreditation assessments

The Committee considered an assessment team report for three programs, against the 2019 *Accreditation standards: Medical radiation practice*. The Committee anticipates receiving four accreditation assessment applications in 2025.

Monitoring approved programs of study

The Committee considered a monitoring response from one education provider and their program of study. The outcomes of the Committee's evaluations will be provided to the education provider and the Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia (National Board) following their meeting.

The Committee will continue to provide updates to the National Board on its monitoring of approved programs of study.

Routine monitoring

The 2024 routine monitoring package was circulated to education providers in March 2024 (eight weeks to complete). The assessors (triage panel members of the Committee) will consider the responses from education providers in August 2024. The Committee will consider the triage panel members' findings and recommendations at the October 2024 meeting.

The Committee will provide the outcomes of their findings to the education providers and an update to the National Board in late 2024.

Cease accreditation

The Committee decided to cease accreditation on four programs of study. The Committee was advised that the education provider had taught out the programs and no students remained. The Committee will provide the National Board with its decision to cease accreditation and recommend that the National Board cease approval of the programs. This means the programs 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 National Board's policy to enable graduates to qualify for initial registration with the National Board.

Committee updates

2019 Accreditation standards: Medical radiation practice review

The review of the 2019 *Accreditation standards: Medical radiation practice* project commenced in March 2024. The project will be conducted in conjunction with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice, Chinese Medicine, Paramedicine and Podiatry Accreditation Committees. The project is expected to be completed by mid-2025.

National Registration and Accreditation Scheme annual accreditation meeting

The Chair provided a verbal report to the Committee on their and another member's attendance at the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (NRAS) annual accreditation meeting held in Melbourne on 1 May 2024. Topics addressed by the keynote speakers included:

- Eliminating racism in health care
- The impact of AI and emerging technologies on accreditation, and
- Our future health care workforce – is our current system of training and accreditation capable of supporting future workforce needs?

Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum

The Chair of the Committee provided an update on the Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum (HPACF). The Committee continues to engage in the HPACF's important work. More information can be found on the HPACF's [website](#).

Stakeholder engagement

At the June 2024 meeting, the Committee met with the Australian Society of Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy's (ASMIRT) Professional Standards Manager regarding workforce shortages; the accreditation standards review project in 2024; that the professional capabilities are being reviewed by the National Board; the range of clinical placements including quality and diversity; the apprenticeship model and the accreditation assessment requirements in order to initiate this type of program; and noted the Advanced Practitioner Reference Group is in the process of reviewing documentation to consider the 'right' model such as what additional work is need to be completed. The Professional Standards Manager and the Committee agreed to continue to engage on a regular basis on issues important to medical radiation practice programs.

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.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for October 2024.

Contact information

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