

Ahpra Education Provider Reference Group

Terms of Reference

Purpose

Ahpra has established the Education Provider Reference Group (EPRG) to enhance its engagement with education providers that offer programs of study approved for registration within the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme. This engagement complements the relationship National Boards and accreditation authorities have with education providers.

The EPRG provides a forum for discussion between Ahpra and members about scheme wide issues, including:

- developments in the implementation and operation of the National Scheme, particularly as it relates to program accreditation, students and new graduates
- issues affecting education providers in the administration of the National Scheme
- experience with the implementation and operation of the National Scheme, particularly as it relates to program accreditation, students and new graduates, and
- education sector and environmental issues that impact, or potentially impact, on the National Scheme.

Membership

Organisations (invited to nominate a representative)

Australian Council of Deans of Health Sciences

Australasian Council of Dental Schools

Australasian Council of Podiatry Deans

Australasian Council of Paramedicine Deans

Council of Deans of Nursing and Midwifery (Australia and New Zealand)

Council of Pharmacy Schools Australia and New Zealand

Council of Physiotherapy Deans Australia and New Zealand

Heads of Departments and Schools of Psychology Association

Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum

Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum's Accreditation Managers Sub-Committee

Medical Deans Australia and New Zealand

Individuals (invited by Ahpra to participate)

One or more Executive Deans from education providers offering multiple approved programs, who have extensive experience within the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme.

Ahpra

Executive Director - Strategy, Policy and Health Workforce

Executive Director - Regulatory Operations

National Director - Policy and Accreditation
National Director - Registration
National Manager - Accreditation and Assessment
Other Ahpra staff by invitation

Chair

The EPRG will be chaired by one of the representative members, elected through a simple expression of interest process and voted by the group. The Chair will be appointed for 12 months.

The EPRG may agree to appoint a deputy Chair, for the same term as the Chair.

Secretariat

The Ahpra Accreditation Policy team will provide secretariat support to the EPRG.

Procedures

The EPRG:

- will meet to discuss issues as required, typically twice per year by videoconference. The Committee may meet face to face if needed
- may also be consulted by email on particular issues
- will adopt its own procedures, which will include declarations of any conflicts of interest.

Terms of reference review period

These *Terms of Reference* will be reviewed every two years or more frequently if required.

Remuneration

Members will not be remunerated for attendance at meetings, however if a meeting is face-to-face, travel and accommodation costs would be covered.

Communications

After each meeting, the EPRG will publish a communiqué on the Ahpra website.