AHPRA Professions Reference Group (PRG)

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Terms of Reference

Purpose
To provide a forum for engagement between AHPRA and associations representing the professions in the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme.

Membership
Australasian Podiatry Council
Australian Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Association*
Australian Dental Association
Australian Institute of Radiography
Australian Medical Association
Australian Nursing & Midwifery Federation
Australian Physiotherapy Association
Australian Psychological Society
Chiropractors Association of Australia
Committee of Presidents of Medical Colleges
Health Professions Accreditation Councils’ Forum
National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker Association
Occupational Therapy Australia
Osteopathy Australia
Optometry Australia
Pharmacy Guild of Australia

AHPRA
AHPRA Chief Executive Officer
Executive Director Strategy & Policy
Executive Director Regulatory Operations
National Director Communications
Senior staff by invitation

Chair
The Professions Reference Group will be chaired by one of the representative members, elected through a simple expression of interest process and vote by the group.

The Chair will be appointed for 12 months.

Secretariat
AHPRA Communications Team.

Terms of reference
To provide a forum for engagement between AHPRA and the Reference Group members about scheme wide and operational issues, including:

- developments in the implementation and operation of the national scheme
- issues affecting the professions in the administration of the national scheme
- experience with the implementation and operation of the national scheme, and
- professional and environmental issues that impact, or potentially impact, on the national scheme.

Procedures
The Reference Group will meet at least once per year face to face and as required by teleconference.

The Reference Group may also be consulted by email on particular issues.

The Professions Reference Group 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.

Remuneration
Members will fund their own attendance at meetings.

Communications
After each meeting, the Reference Group will publish a communiqué on the AHPRA website

*Australian Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Association Board Members attend on a rotating basis.