



Aboriginal and Torres Strait  
Islander Health Practice  
Chinese Medicine  
Chiropractic  
Dental  
Medical  
Medical Radiation Practice  
Nursing and Midwifery  
Occupational Therapy  
Optometry  
Osteopathy  
Pharmacy  
Physiotherapy  
Podiatry  
Psychology

Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency

## Communiqué

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### August 2019 meeting of the Accreditation Advisory Committee

#### 13 August 2019

The Accreditation Advisory Committee (AAC) was established by AHPRA's Agency Management Committee in early 2018 to provide oversight and leadership on accreditation governance, accountability and transparency issues, and a whole of Scheme perspective on AHPRA's management of contracts for the performance of the accreditation functions.

The AAC held its third meeting of 2019 on 13 August 2019 and has one further scheduled meeting in the remainder of 2019. The AAC issues a Communiqué after each meeting to keep stakeholders informed about its work.

This Communiqué provides information about the AAC's seventh meeting, held by teleconference on **13 August 2019**. Key topics of discussion at this meeting included:

- The review of *Procedures for the development of accreditation standards* project
- Publishing new accreditation agreements and terms of reference

#### **Review of *Procedures for development of accreditation standards* project**

The AAC considered revised draft *Procedures for the development of accreditation standards*, which are being reviewed with the *Procedures for the development of registration standards, codes and guidelines*. The drafts will be provided to National Boards before consultation with accreditation authorities, jurisdictions and key stakeholders. Proposed revised procedures are expected to be submitted to Agency Management Committee for approval in late 2019.

#### **Publishing new agreements and terms of reference**

The AAC confirmed the arrangements for publishing the new agreements with external accreditation authorities and the terms of reference for accreditation committees. The documents will be published on a dedicated page on the AHPRA website with links to the relevant National Board's website.

#### **Reporting model for new agreements and terms of reference**

The AAC had an initial discussion about the reporting model for the new agreements and terms of reference, which include new KPIs. The AAC will discuss a more detailed proposal at its next meeting.

#### **Workplan for 2019/2020**

The AAC confirmed a 2019/20 workplan with priority projects including developing the process to implement the funding and fee setting principles for the 2020/2021 funding requests from accreditation authorities.

#### **Next meeting**

The AAC's next scheduled meeting is on 12 November 2019 but the Committee may hold an additional meeting in October to progress priority work.

## More information

Queries regarding the work of the AAC may be directed to Ms Helen Townley, National Director, Policy and Accreditation on [Helen.Townley@ahpra.gov.au](mailto:Helen.Townley@ahpra.gov.au) or phone 03 8708 9111.

## Membership

Gill Callister (*Chair*)  
Dr Susan Young  
Dr Susan (Sue) Gould

Associate Professor Lynette Cusack  
Adjunct Professor Karen Crawshaw PSM  
Emeritus Professor Christine Ewan AM

Chair, Agency Management Committee  
Agency Management Committee  
Community member, Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia  
Chair, Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia  
Agency Management Committee  
Independent expert

## Invited experts

Dr Heather Buchan  
Dr Karen Treloar  
Mr Ian Bluntish

Professor Ian Wronski AO

Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care  
Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency  
Co-convenor, Forum of NRAS Chairs, Interim Co-Chair  
Accreditation Liaison Group, Chair, Optometry Board of Australia  
University of Australia's Health Professions Education Standing Group