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Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency

Communiqué

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 or phone 03 8708 9111.

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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

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Professor Ian Wronski AO

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Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency
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