



Ahpra Education Provider Reference Group

Terms of Reference

Purpose

Ahpra has established the Education Provider Reference Group (Reference Group) 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.

Membership

Organisations (invited to nominate a representative)

Australian Council of Deans of Health Sciences
Australasian Council of Dental Schools
Australasian Council of Podiatry 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
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

Ahpra Chief Executive Officer
Executive Director Strategy & Policy
Executive Director Regulatory Operations
National Director Policy and Accreditation
National Director Registration
Senior staff by invitation

Chair

The Ahpra Education Provider 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 Strategy and Policy Directorate

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To provide a forum for discussion between Ahpra and the Reference Group 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.

Procedures

The Reference Group will meet to discuss issues at least twice per year face to face and as required by teleconference or videoconference.

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

The 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 or more frequently if required.

Remuneration

Members will fund their own attendance at meetings.

Communications

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