

## June 2021 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Accreditation Committee meeting

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Accreditation Committee (the Committee) publishes this communiqué on the Committee's [accreditation webpage](#). Please forward it to your colleagues who may be interested.

### Committee's response to COVID-19

The Committee and Ahpra continue to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic and its potential impacts on accredited and approved programs. Further statements on, or information outlining, its plans for its accreditation activities will be published on the '[News and updates](#)' accreditation webpage.

### Accreditation Committee meetings

The 40<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Committee was held on 16 June 2021 via videoconference.

Some activities that were discussed at the Committee's June 2021 meeting, as well as some other key activities for the Committee, are outlined more thoroughly below.

### Accreditation assessments in 2021-2022

At the June 2021 meeting, the Committee considered and selected assessment teams for upcoming accreditation assessments in the 2021-2022 financial year. The proposed assessment team membership was aligned with the Committee's [Approach to establishment of assessment teams for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practice](#).

The Committee also noted the status and due dates of applications for upcoming accreditation assessments in the next 12 months.

### Monitoring approved programs of study

The Committee is required to monitor approved programs of study and the education providers offering them.

### Routine annual monitoring in 2021

The 2021 Routine annual monitoring reports from education providers are due in mid-late 2021. As well as standard collection of key data, the routine annual monitoring reports will also seek information from education providers on the downstream impacts of COVID-19 in 2021 and beyond.

The Committee will consider the routine annual monitoring responses at their meetings in late 2021. The outcomes of the routine annual monitoring will be provided to the education providers and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Board of Australia (National Board) after each meeting.

### Stakeholder engagement

The Committee continues to engage with its key stakeholders, including education providers, around a range of topics relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practice accreditation.

The Program Accreditation Team, on behalf of the Committee, engages with stakeholders via the Committee's [accreditation webpages](#); through correspondence via email; phone or videoconference meetings, and communiques.

### [SkillsIQ Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Health Worker training package review - Draft 2 Consultation](#)

The Australian Industry and Skills Council (AISC) approved SkillsIQ, at the direction of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker Industry Reference Committee (IRC), to undertake a thorough review of all nationally recognised Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander health worker training package products included in the HLT Health Training Package.

The Committee provided feedback to Draft 1 and Draft 2 of the proposed revised HLT Health Training Package, and met with the Chair and Deputy-Chair of the the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker Industry Reference Committee (IRC) to discuss the content of the feedback.

The Committee will continue to engage with SkillsIQ and the IRC on this very important topic.

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