



October 2021 Medical Radiation Practice Accreditation Committee meeting

The Medical Radiation Practice Accreditation Committee (the Committee) publishes this communiqué on the Committee's [accreditation webpages](#). Please forward it to your colleagues who may be interested.

COVID-19 and the Delta variant

The Committee and Ahpra continue to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic and its potential impacts on approved programs. Statements on, or information outlining, its plans for its accreditation activities will be published on the 'News and updates' accreditation webpage. The Committee was also party to the Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum's [consensus statement on COVID-19](#), and the [National principles for clinical education during the COVID-19 pandemic](#).

The spread of the COVID-19 Delta variant escalated quickly in 2021, and many states and territories experienced lockdowns and restrictions that impacted on education providers delivering their programs of study, including students' ability to attend face-to-face classes and placements.

The Committee appreciates the contact being made with Ahpra's Program Accreditation Team about the short-term changes required to programs as a result of current restrictions.

Please continue to contact the team should you have any queries, or you have further information regarding COVID-19 and your program/s that you'd like to provide to the Committee.

Keep safe.

Committee meeting

The 58th meeting of the Committee was held on 21 and 22 October 2021 via Zoom. The Committee anticipates holding three meetings in 2022.

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

Assessments and monitoring activities

Accreditation assessments underway

The Committee must make accreditation decisions according to the National Law (Section 48) and the published *Guidelines for accreditation of education and training programs* (guidelines). Since February 2021, the Committee has received accreditation assessment applications from four education providers for five programs of study. The Committee will consider the assessment team's reports in 2022.

2021 Routine annual monitoring

The 2021 Routine annual monitoring (including COVID-19 reporting) reports from education providers were received in mid-late 2021. As well as standard collection of key data, the routine annual monitoring reports sought information from education providers on the downstream impacts of COVID-19 in 2021 and beyond. In late September 2021, education providers also provided updates on their 2021 graduating (course completing) cohorts.

At its October 2021 meeting, the Committee considered the submitted routine annual monitoring; COVID-19 reporting; and an update on education provider's 2021 graduating cohorts. The outcomes of the reports will be provided to the education providers and the National Board in late 2021.

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Newly published accreditation resources

The Committee is very excited to announce the publication of some important accreditation resources, which it has developed in conjunction with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, Chinese Medicine, Paramedicine and Podiatry Accreditation Committees (the Committees). The development of multi-profession approaches to accreditation processes ensures the Committee is striving towards best practice, as outlined in its key performance indicators at *Attachment G* of its [Terms of Reference](#).

[Guidance on teaching out accredited and/or approved programs of study](#)

The [Guidance on teaching out accredited and/or approved programs of study](#) provides education providers with information on what may be provided to the Committee when an accredited and/or approved program of study (program) is discontinued for new enrolments (moves into teach-out).

In developing the guidance, the Committee undertook a period of targeted consultation with education providers delivering paramedicine programs of study. The Committee thanks those education providers who provided feedback.

If education providers have any queries about teaching out a program of study, please contact your Accreditation Officer via the [Program Accreditation Team](#) for more information.

[Guidance on site visits and video/teleconference meetings](#)

The [Guidance on accreditation site visits and tele/videoconference meetings](#) outlines the process for site visit and tele/videoconference meetings for education providers delivering Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practice, Chinese medicine, medical radiation practice, paramedicine and podiatry programs of study.

This guidance was developed with consideration for the Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum's (the Forum) [position statement on accreditation tools used by Forum members](#), and should be read alongside the Committee's [Guidelines for accreditation of education and training programs](#).

For access to the Committee's key accreditation resources please visit their [publications and resources webpage](#).

Stakeholder engagement

The Program Accreditation Team, on behalf of the Committee, continues to engage with education providers via the Committee's [accreditation webpages](#); through correspondence via email, phone contact and videoconference meetings, and communiques.

Contact information

For any queries related to medical radiation practice accreditation, please contact the Medical Radiation Practice Accreditation Committee via the [Program Accreditation Team](#). For more information on medical radiation practice accreditation please visit the Committee's [accreditation](#) webpages.

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