Communique



March 2021 Chinese Medicine Accreditation Committee meeting

The Chinese Medicine Accreditation Committee (the Committee) undertakes accreditation functions for Chinese medicine in the national scheme regulating health practitioners.

The communique provides information about the Committee's recent activities. The Committee publishes this communique on the Committee's <u>accreditation webpages</u>. Please forward it to your colleagues and employees 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. The Committee has released statements outlining its plans for its accreditation activities on the '<u>News and updates</u>' accreditation webpage.

Accreditation Committee meetings

The 46th meeting of the Committee was held on 25 March 2021 via videoconference. It was the Committee's first meeting for 2021, and two more meetings are scheduled this year.

Some activities that were discussed at the Committee's March 2021 meeting are outlined below.

Monitoring approved programs of study

At the March 2021 meeting, the Committee considered monitoring responses from three education providers, and noted the status of applications for upcoming accreditation assessments (against the 2019 accreditation standards).

2021 Routine annual monitoring

At its March 2021 meeting, the Committee confirmed its 2021 Routine annual monitoring package and timeframes for reporting. The 2021 Routine annual monitoring report form and associated templates will be disseminated to education providers in May 2021. The Routine annual monitoring reports will seek information from education providers on the downstream impacts of COVID-19 in 2021 and beyond.

The Committee will continue to provide advice to the National Board on its monitoring of approved programs including the downstream impacts of COVID-19.

March 2021 Key Performance Indicators reporting to the National Board and Ahpra

As outlined in section 7 of its <u>Terms of Reference (ToR)</u>, the Committee must provide to the National Board reports and supporting documentation in accordance with the timeframes and form and content requirements as identified in attachment F of the ToR.

The Committee submitted its March 2021 Key Performance Indicator report to the National Board on 31 March 2021.

Stakeholder engagement

The Program Accreditation Team, on behalf of the Committee, continues to engage with education providers via the Committee's <u>accreditation webpages</u>; through correspondence via email and phone contact, and communiques.

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Ahpra and the Chinese Medicine Accreditation Committee work in partnership to accredit education and training programs for Chinese medicine.