

## February 2022 Podiatry Accreditation Committee meeting

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### Committee meeting

The twelfth meeting of the Committee was held via Zoom on 10 February 2022. The Committee anticipates holding two more meetings in 2022.

The Committee acknowledged the contributions of Sara Jones and Lloyd Reed as retiring members (from 1 July 2022). Their contributions during the Committee's inaugural term were integral to the success of some of its major milestones, including its first accreditation assessment (against the now superseded accreditation standards); and the development of the new and revised suite of accreditation standards and professional capabilities. The Committee thanks both for their service, and wishes them all the success in their future endeavours.

Some activities that were discussed at the Committee's February 2022 meeting are outlined below.

### Assessments and monitoring activities

The Committee is scheduled to commence accreditation assessments of six programs in 2022. The accreditation standards and professional capabilities for podiatry took effect on 1 January 2022.

#### 2022 Routine annual monitoring

The Committee is finalising its 2022 Routine annual monitoring package for education providers and expects to be able to disseminate the reporting framework to education providers in March 2022. Those education providers and programs undergoing an accreditation assessment in 2022 will not be required to submit a routine annual monitoring report for their programs, but will need to provide COVID-19 reporting.

### November 2021 Key Performance Indicators reporting to the National Board and Ahpra

As outlined in section 7 of its [Terms of Reference \(ToR\)](#), the Committee must provide to the National Board reports and supporting documentation in accordance with the timeframes and requirements as identified in attachment F of the ToR.

The Committee submitted its November 2021 Key Performance Indicator report to the National Board in early December 2021.

### Stakeholder engagement

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

The Committee will continue to engage closely with education providers in 2022 regarding the impacts of COVID-19 on programs of study, to discuss topics relevant to podiatry education and training.

The Program Accreditation Team has been in communication with education providers who have assessments commencing in the first half of 2022, and is available to meet with all education providers prior to them submitting their applications, to discuss any aspect of their assessment and their submissions prior to the due date.

### Contact information

For any queries related to podiatry program accreditation, please contact the Committee via the Program Accreditation Team at [program.accreditation@ahpra.gov.au](mailto:program.accreditation@ahpra.gov.au).

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