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# February 2022 Medical Radiation Practice Accreditation Committee meeting

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# **Committee meeting**

The 59<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Committee was held on 24 February 2022 via Zoom. The Committee anticipates holding two further meetings in 2022.

Some activities that were discussed at the Committee's February 2022 meeting, as well as some other activities, are outlined more thoroughly below.

# **Committee membership**

The Committee welcomed its newest members: Ms Edel Doyle, Ms Jillian Harris, Mr Adam Steward and Ms Eliza Woollett. They commenced their three-year terms on 1 January 2022. The Chair of the Committee, other members of the Committee, and Ahpra's Program Accreditation Team look forward to working with them across the next three years.

Information on the membership is available on the Committee's membership webpage.

The National Board recently concluded a further expression of interest period for appointments to the Committee to replace outgoing members Jane Shepherdson and Daphne James, whose third and final terms end on 30 June 2022. An announcement on the successful appointees is forthcoming.

# Assessments and monitoring activities

#### Accreditation assessments underway

The Committee must make accreditation decisions according to the National Law (Section 48) and the published <u>Guidelines for accreditation of education and training programs</u> (guidelines).

The Committee considered two assessment team reports from education providers and their programs of study in January and February 2022.

The Committee also noted the status and due dates of applications for six upcoming accreditation assessments in 2022.

#### 2021 Routine annual monitoring outcomes

In September 2021, the Committee requested education providers submit information about the impacts of COVID-19 on their 2021 graduating cohorts. The outcomes of the Committee's COVID-19 monitoring of education providers were provided to the National Board in late October 2021.

At its February 2022 meeting, the Committee considered further information in relation to the 2021 Routine annual monitoring responses from two education providers and their programs of study. The outcomes of the 2021 Routine annual monitoring reporting (including COVID-19 reporting) from all education providers who were required to submit responses was provided to the National Board in January 2022.

#### 2022 Routine annual monitoring package

At its February 2022 meeting, the Committee confirmed its 2022 Routine annual monitoring package (including COVID-19 reporting) and timeframes for reporting. The 2022 Routine annual monitoring report form and associated templates will be disseminated to education providers in March 2022.

# Monitoring approved programs of study

At the February 2022 meeting, the Committee considered monitoring responses from one education provider for two programs of study. The outcomes of the Committee's evaluation will be provided to the education provider and National Board shortly.

The Committee will continue to provide updates to the National Board on its monitoring of approved programs of study.

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

As outlined in section 7 of its current 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 (KPI) report to the National Board and Ahpra in early December 2021.

In April 2022 the Committee anticipates providing exception reporting against in progress activity items flagged by the Committee in its November 2021 KPI report.

# 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, 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 <u>Program Accreditation Team</u>. For more information on medical radiation practice accreditation please visit the Committee's <u>accreditation</u> webpages.

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