Communique



September 2022 Paramedicine Accreditation Committee meeting

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Committee meeting

The fifteenth meeting of the Committee was held on 8 September 2022 in Melbourne. The Committee will hold one more meeting in 2022.

Some activities that were discussed at the Committee's September 2022 meeting, as well as some other key activities for the Committee, are outlined below.

Assessment and monitoring activities for approved programs of study

Accreditation assessments

The 2020 <u>Accreditation standards for paramedicine</u> took effect in June 2021. The Committee must make accreditation decisions according to the National Law (Section 48) and the published <u>Guidelines for</u> <u>accreditation of education and training programs</u> (guidelines).

At its September 2022 meeting, the Committee considered two accreditation assessment team reports. There are currently five other programs undergoing an accreditation assessment, and the Committee anticipates receiving a further four accreditation applications in 2022.

The Committee also considered information provided from two education providers regarding their intention to deliver paramedicine programs.

Routine annual monitoring

At its September 2022 meeting, the Committee considered further information in relation to the 2021 routine annual monitoring responses from three education providers and their programs of study. The education providers and the Paramedicine Board of Australia (National Board) will be provided the outcomes of the further information requests in October 2022.

The Committee's 2022 routine annual monitoring package was disseminated to education providers in two tranches in 2022. The Committee considered the 2022 routine annual monitoring reports from three education providers and their programs of study. The Committee will provide the outcomes to the education providers and National Board.

Monitoring approved programs of study

The Committee considered information provided by two education providers regarding notices of change to deliver or intention to teach-out their approved paramedicine programs.

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

Stakeholder engagement

The Program Accreditation Team, on behalf of the Committee, continues to engage with education providers via the Committee's accreditation webpage and through correspondence on email and phone contact, teleconferences with the Chair, and communiques via the Program Accreditation Team.

The Committee has invited the Australasian Council of Paramedicine Deans to attend its December 2022 meeting to discuss matters of common interest, including how education providers are managing post-pandemic impacts on students and program delivery.

Contact information

For any queries related to paramedicine program accreditation, please contact the Committee via the Program Accreditation Team at <u>program.accreditation@ahpra.gov.au</u>. For more information on paramedicine accreditation please visit the Committee's <u>accreditation webpage</u>.

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