Communique



November 2022 Podiatry Accreditation Committee meeting

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Committee meeting

The fourteenth meeting of the Committee was held via videoconference on 17 November 2022. The Committee anticipates holding three meetings in 2023.

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

Assessments and monitoring activities

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>. There are currently five programs undergoing an accreditation assessment and the Committee anticipates receiving four more accreditation assessment applications in early 2023.

2022 Routine annual monitoring

At its November 2022 meeting, the Committee considered one 2022 routine annual monitoring response and three further information responses in relation to the 2022 routine annual monitoring reports from education providers and their programs of study. The outcomes will be communicated to education providers and the National Board in December 2022.

Monitoring approved programs of study

At the November 2022 meeting, the Committee considered information provided from six education providers regarding the delivery of their podiatry programs. The outcomes will be communicated to education providers and the National Board in December 2022.

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 requirements as identified in attachment F of the ToR.

The Committee will submit its November 2022 Key Performance Indicator report to the National Board and Ahpra in early December 2022.

Stakeholder engagement

At the November 2022 meeting, the Committee met with the Chair of the Australasian Council of Podiatry Deans (ACPD) regarding online and blended learning models of delivery; COVID-19 and its ongoing impacts; student recruitment and the future podiatry workforce; ACPD projects and consultation; work integrated learning and engagement with clinical supervisors. The Chair of the ACPD and the Committee agreed to continue to engage on a regular basis on issues important to podiatry education and accreditation.

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.

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