

September 2023 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Accreditation Committee meeting

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Accreditation Committee (the Committee) publishes this communiqué on the Committee's [accreditation webpage](#). Please forward it to your colleagues who may be interested.

Committee meeting

The Committee met via Zoom on 21 September 2023. The Committee issues a communiqué after each meeting to keep stakeholders informed about its work.

Assessments and monitoring activities

Accreditation assessments

The Committee considered an assessment team report, against the 2019 accreditation standards, for the Aboriginal Health & Medical Research Council of NSW's program. There are currently two other programs undergoing assessment against the 2019 standards, and the Committee anticipates one further assessment team report for consideration at its November 2023 meeting.

Monitoring approved programs of study

The Committee considered monitoring reports from six education providers and their programs of study. The outcomes of the Committee's evaluation will be provided to the education providers and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Board of Australia (National Board) following their meeting.

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

2023 routine annual monitoring

At its September 2023 meeting, the Committee considered 2023 routine annual monitoring reports from six education providers and their programs of study that were distributed in February 2023. The Committee will provide the outcomes of their consideration to the education providers and the National Board.

Committee updates

At the meeting the Committee discussed and agreed on a two-stage approach to monitoring RTOs' transition to the HLT40221 Certificate IV in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care Practice training package (HLT40221 program). The Committee will consider education providers' responses to phase one of the transition to the HLT40221 program at its November 2023 meeting.

Members noted the upcoming review of the accreditation standards and discussed opportunities for stakeholder engagement including the upcoming National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (NRAS) combined meeting scheduled in Melbourne in October 2023.

Annual self-evaluation

Members reviewed the results of the Committee's annual self-evaluation survey and identified areas for enhancement of the Committee into the future.

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Workplan

The Committee's budget and workplan for 2023-24 was confirmed by the Board in May 2023.

Stakeholder engagement

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

Next meeting

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for November 2023.

Contact information

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