

October 2023 Medical Radiation Practice Accreditation Committee meeting

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Committee meeting

The 64th meeting of the Committee was held at the Ahpra Melbourne Office on 5 & 6 October 2023. This was the last scheduled Committee meeting of 2023.

Some activities that were discussed at the Committee's October 2023 meeting, as well as some other activities, are outlined below.

Assessments and monitoring activities

Accreditation assessments

The Committee considered one assessment team report, against the 2019 accreditation standards, for Queensland University of Technology's Bachelor of Radiation Therapy and Bachelor of Radiation Therapy (Honours) program. There are currently eight other programs undergoing assessment against the 2019 standards, and the Committee anticipates receiving these reports in 2024.

Monitoring approved programs of study

The Committee considered monitoring responses from six education providers and their programs of study. The outcomes of the Committee's evaluations will be provided to the education providers and the Medical Radiation 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.

Routine annual monitoring

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

The Committee considered and confirmed the 2024 routine monitoring package and anticipates circulating the 2024 routine monitoring form to education providers in March 2024.

Committee updates

At the meeting the Committee discussed the challenges impacting the profession. The Committee noted the upcoming review of the accreditation standards and discussed opportunities for stakeholder engagement including the:

- National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (NRAS) combined meeting scheduled in Melbourne in October 2023.
- Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia Symposium focusing on workforce capacity, capability and collaboration scheduled on the 27th October 2023

Workplan

The Committee's 2023-2024 indicative budget and workplan was sent to the Board in February 2023 and was approved in March. A final budget and workplan for 2023-24 will be sent to the Board.

Stakeholder engagement

The Committee met with the Australian and New Zealand Society of Nuclear Medicine (ANZSNM) and discussed matters of common interest around nuclear medicine programs of study. The Chair gave an update on accreditation matters relevant to medical radiation practice under the National Law. The Committee will invite the ANZSNM to attend its October 2024 meeting to discuss matters of common interest.

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.

Contact information

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