

March 2023 Podiatry Accreditation Committee meeting

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Committee meeting

The fifteenth meeting of the Committee was held via videoconference on 23 March 2023. The Committee anticipates holding two more meetings in 2023.

Some activities that were discussed at the Committee's March 2023 meeting are outlined below.

Assessments and monitoring activities

The 2021 [accreditation standards for podiatry and podiatric surgery programs](#) took effect on 1 January 2022. The Committee must make accreditation decisions according to the National Law (Section 48) and the published [Guidelines for accreditation of education and training programs](#).

At the March 2023 meeting the Committee considered its first accreditation assessment team report against the 2021 accreditation standards. There are currently six podiatry programs undergoing an accreditation assessment and the Committee anticipates receiving three more accreditation assessment applications in 2023.

2022 Routine annual monitoring

At its March 2023 meeting, the Committee considered one further information response in relation to the 2022 routine annual monitoring reports from education providers and their programs of study. The outcome will be communicated to the education provider and the National Board in April 2024.

Monitoring approved programs of study

At the March 2023 meeting, the Committee considered an update from one education on the delivery of their program of study.

Reporting to the National Board and Ahpra

As outlined in section 7 of its [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 annual report to the National Board and Ahpra in December 2022.

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.

At the March 2023 meeting, the Committee agreed to further engage with the Australasian Council of Podiatry Deans (ACPD) regarding artificial intelligence and its impact on professional practice and, consequently, the alignment between curriculum and practice.

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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