

Communique



March 2024 Podiatry Accreditation Committee meeting

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Committee meeting

The eighteenth meeting of the Committee was held in via videoconference on 7 March 2024. A further two meetings are planned in 2024.

Some activities that were discussed at the Committee's March 2024 meeting, as well as some other key activities, are outlined below.

Monitoring activities for approved programs of study

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The Committee considered two monitoring response from education providers and their programs of study. The outcomes of the Committee's evaluation will be provided to the education providers and the Podiatry Board of Australia (National Board) following the meeting.

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

Routine monitoring

The 2024 routine monitoring package will be circulated to education providers in March 2024 (eight weeks to complete). The assessors (triage panel members of the Committee) will consider the responses from education providers in August 2024. The Committee will consider the triage panel member's findings and recommendations at the October 2024 meeting.

The Committee will provide the outcomes of their findings to the education providers and an update to the National Board in late 2024.

Committee updates

2021 Accreditation standards for Podiatry - review

The upcoming review of the 2021 Accreditation standards for podiatry project will be conducted in conjunction with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice, Chinese Medicine, Medical Radiation Practice and Paramedicine Accreditation Committees. Project staff will be appointed in March 2024. The project is expected to be completed by January 2025.

Annual self-evaluation

Under Section 4 of the Committee's [Terms of Reference](#), members reviewed the results of the Committee's 2023 annual self-evaluation survey and identified areas for further development of the Committee now and into the future. The Committee will provide the National Board with the outcomes of the review.

2024-25FY indicative budget and workplan

The Committee's 2024-25FY indicative budget and workplan were provided to the National Board in February 2024. A final budget and workplan will be sent to the National Board in May 2024.

Stakeholder engagement

At the March 2024 meeting, the Committee met with the Chair of the Australasian Council of Podiatry Deans (ACPD) regarding artificial intelligence; climate change related risks; student enrolments; feedback on routine monitoring and accreditation applications; and discussions around a refresh of the accreditation standards in 2024. 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.

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.

Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum

The Chair of the Committee provided an update on the Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum (HPACF). The Committee continues to engage in the HPACF's important work. More information can be found on the HPACF's [website](#).

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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