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Media Release

Forum signs a Memorandum of Understanding with TEQSA

The Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum (the Forum), is the Forum of accreditation authorities with the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the Scheme).

The Forum is pleased to announce it has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Commonwealth of Australia's Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) on 8 November 2018.

Signing of this MoU between the Forum and TEQSA allows the two bodies to co-operate in a number of ways that promote good practice in accreditation, particularly at the intersection of the requirements for professions operating within the Scheme and TEQSA's higher education responsibilities. The Forum represents the professional accreditation authorities within the Scheme, whereas TEQSA is the national quality assurance agency responsible for higher education provider quality. These complimentary roles ensure the both the quality of these health graduates and their student experience.

In addition to this MoU with the Forum, individual Forum members have separate MoUs with TEQSA to further improve the sharing of information and co-operation in relation to their specific health profession and individual expertise.

Ms Bronwyn Clark, Chair of the Forum said:

"In signing this MoU we, as a Forum of professional accreditation authorities, have signaled our willingness to work collaboratively with other accreditation agencies and reduce regulatory burden where appropriate. This reflects our strategic intention of improving the efficiency of accreditation."

TEQSA has MoUs in place with other organisations including departments, agencies, and peak bodies in education, health and industry. A detailed listing can be found at <https://www.teqsa.gov.au/engagement-professional-bodies>

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