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Communiqué: Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum

A new policy direction from the Health Council, to support Health Ministers' February 2020 response to the recommendations of the Independent Review of Accreditation Systems Final Report (ASR Final Report), was released 4 February 2021.

The Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum (the Forum), the 15 accreditation authorities with the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the Scheme), notes this new policy direction which gives authority to the establishment of an Independent Accreditation Committee with wide stakeholder membership to which all accreditation authorities will report.

The Forum's members are committed to implementation of the recommendations of the ASR Final Report. The Forum, and its individual members, have made considerable progress towards transparency and accountability of accreditation activities prior to, and since, the Final Report's release. Specific activities and outcomes include the Costings of Accreditation publications, Glossary of Terms for program monitoring reports, Interprofessional Education accreditation report and agreement of Key Performance Indicators for accreditation authorities. The Forum Strategic Plan 2020-2023 outlines the workplan for further work of the Forum against the pillars of Leadership, Effectiveness and Efficiency, Innovation and Stakeholder Engagement.

The Forum Chair, Ms Bronwyn Clark, said "The issuing the Ministerial Council Policy Directive at this time gives some certainty to the next stages of implementation of the ASR Final Report recommendations. Accreditation authorities look forward to working productively with the new Independent Accreditation Committee when it is established".

The policy direction documents can be found on the Apha website
<https://www.ahpra.gov.au/News/2021-02-23-policy-direction.aspx>

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The Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum is the coalition of the 15 accreditation authorities for the regulated health professions in Australia.

Our Vision is "*Better health outcomes through high quality accreditation and assessment services for all regulated health professions within Australia*".

The Forum's website <http://www.hpacf.org.au> contains materials on the accreditation activities and strategic plan for the Forum.