



HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACCREDITATION COLLABORATIVE FORUM

Australia's accreditation authorities
for regulated health professionals

Communiqué: Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum, 26 February 2021 meeting

The Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum (the Forum), is the coalition of the 15 accreditation authorities for the regulated health professions in Australia with the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the Scheme).

This Communiqué outlines activity from the most recent Forum meeting held on 26 February 2021 via ZOOM.

Guests

Ms Richelle McCausland, Ombudsman and Commissioner, National Health Practitioner Ombudsman and **Ms Alice Henderson**, Senior Investigator were welcomed to the meeting and gave a presentation to Members on the work of the National Health Practitioner Ombudsman. As per recommendation 30 of the Accreditation Systems Review Final Report, the Ombudsman will be conducting a review of complaints and grievances of accreditation authorities.

Mr Robin Flynn, Manager State and National Programs, Workforce Planning and Talent Development, NSW Health also presented to Forum members an update on the Health Ministers released response to the Accreditation Systems Review.

Forum's Strategic Plan

The Forum continues to progress strategic priorities of the Strategic Plan, which is available on the Forum's website [HPAC Strategic Plan 2020 - 2023](#).

All Forum members have now adopted the principles completed by the Forum's Safe Medicine Working Group and will shortly publish the report called ***Framework for accreditation requirements for the safe and effective use of medicine***. The scope of this piece of work completed by the working group was outlined as one of the strategic objectives – public safety in the 2017-2019 Strategic Plan.

General Business

- **NRAS 2021 Combined Meeting – March 2021**

The NRAS Combined Meeting brings together members of National Boards, State, Territory and Regional Boards/Committees, NSW Councils' representatives, the Agency Management Committee, AHPRA staff, Accreditation authorities, the Jurisdictional Advisory Committee and Jurisdictional Officers Forum, members of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Strategy Group and some of our regulatory colleagues from New Zealand.

The 2021 key themes for zoom sessions over 4 days are: ***Regulating for our communities, Lessons and reflections from the frontline, Reimagining regulation*** and ***As the storm clears: a new era for regulation***.

- **Universities Australia's Health Professions Education Standing Group (HPESG)**

Forum representative have been invited to attend a portion of their next HPESG meeting at the beginning of March 2021.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting will be May 2021, following the [APC & ANMAC Interprofessional Colloquium 2021](#) to be held in Canberra.

Ms Bronwyn Clark

Chair

Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum

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