



HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACCREDITATION COLLABORATIVE FORUM

Australia's accreditation authorities
for regulated health professionals

Communiqué: Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum – October 2020 meeting

The Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum (the Forum), is the Forum of the 15 accreditation authorities with the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the Scheme).

This Communiqué outlines activity from the most recent Forum meeting held on 2 October 2020, which was held via ZOOM. The meeting was an inaugural meeting of a small group of Forum members comprising of the CEO's/EO's and the Chairs of the accreditation Committees.

Recognition of the impact of COVID-19 on education and monitoring of accreditation

All the professions were represented in general discussions around the following:

- Accreditation issues – clinical placements, graduations for 2020
- Accreditation visits – remote and virtual
- Assessments of overseas practitioners – impact of restrictions, border closures
- Examinations - impact of restrictions, border closures

Members agreed to develop a principles document on remote and virtual accreditation site visits covering all the 15 professions.

Forum's Strategic Plan 2020-2025

The Forum has set up a working group to update the Forum's website under **Pillar 4 Stakeholder Engagement** which they will be working on within the coming months. The website is seen as an important area to assist in informing our stakeholders what the Forum is working on and currently with respect of this COVID-19 period.

The Forum will progress strategic priorities of the new Strategic Plan, which is available on the Forum's website [HPAC Strategic Plan 2020 - 2025](#) at its next meeting.

Presentation

The Chair and Deputy Chair were invited to present an overview of the work of the Forum to the most recent meeting of Ahpra's Accreditation Advisory Committee.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting for all the members is at the beginning of November 2020.

Ms Bronwyn Clark

Chair

Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum

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