



## HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACCREDITATION COLLABORATIVE FORUM

Australia's accreditation authorities  
for regulated health professionals

### Communiqué: Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum – November 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 via ZOOM on 13 November 2020

#### **NRAS Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Strategy Group**

Mr Karl Briscoe, Co-Chair, Ms Jaquie Gibson-Roos, Deputy Chair, Mr Brett Simmonds Co-Convenor Forum of NRAS Chairs and Ms Jayde Fuller, Program Manager for the Strategy Group were welcomed as guests to the Forum meeting.

The members of the strategy group updated the Forum members on recent work conducted by the group, including the launch of **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy 2020-2025** which was launched during NAIDOC week. Forum members are actively engaged in this strategy collectively and individually as accreditation authorities.

#### **Understanding the use of conditions in accreditation in NRAS**

The Forum recognises the impact accreditation has on education providers within the NRAS and is working to improve efficiency whilst still adhering to the overall objectives of the NRAS to ensure that only health practitioners who are suitably trained and qualified to practise in a competent and ethical manner are registered.

Through the Forum's Accreditation Managers Sub-Committee a guidance document has been developed for accreditation bodies, simplifying accreditation processes for education providers by agreeing to common terminology. [Understanding the use of conditions in Accreditation in the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme](#) is available on the Forum's website.

#### **Forum's Strategic Plan**

The Forum will progress strategic priorities of the new Strategic Plan, which is available on the Forum's website [HPAC Strategic Plan 2020 - 2023](#) at its next meeting.

#### **Universities Australia (UA)**

Representatives of the Forum attended the UA's Health Professions Education Standard Group (HPSEG) meeting in mid October, updating its members on clinical education matters, particularly those arising from COVID-19 and the role of accreditation in this.

Ms Rachel Yates, UA's Policy Director Health and Workforce, attended the November Forum meeting as a guest updating Forum members on recent discussions UA have had with their members on the impact on COVID-19 on clinical education. Ms Yates relayed thanks to members of the Forum for the flexibility and responsiveness of accreditation activities by Forum members which had been very appreciated by Universities.

### **Next Meeting and Best wishes**

The next scheduled meeting of the Forum will be late February 2021.

The Forum wishes all stakeholders and partners well for a restful break over the holiday period.

**Ms Bronwyn Clark**

**Chair**

**Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum**

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