



HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACCREDITATION COLLABORATIVE FORUM

Australia's accreditation authorities
for regulated health professionals

Communiqué: Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum – 7 May 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 Friday 7 May 2021. The meeting was held in Canberra with half of our members attending virtually.

Forum's Strategic Plans

The Forum is progressing its strategic priorities of the new Strategic Plan, which is available on the Forum's website [HPAC Strategic Plan 2020 - 2023](#)

General Business

- **Consultation of the draft *Health Practitioners Regulation National Amendment Bill* – [The Forum's submission on proposed changes to National Law](#)** is available on the Forum's website.
- **Ministerial Council Policy Direction 2021-01 – Independent Accreditation Committee advice**
Ahpra received the Policy Direction to establish an independent accreditation committee (Accreditation Policy Direction) from the Ministerial Council in February 2021 and is now establishing this new committee. The Forum was invited to provide feedback on the proposed terms of reference, attributes of the accreditation/education expert and provide a nominee to represent the Forum on the new committee.
- **TEQSA**
The Forum Chair and Deputy Chair met with the CEO, Mr Alistair Maclean in late March 2021. The Forum has a MoU with TEQSA which outlines the complementary roles and responsibilities of each organisation.
- **Universities' Australia Health Professions Education Standing Group (HPESG)**
In March 2021 the Forum met with members of the HPESG and discussed possible collaborations between this group and the work of the Forum, particularly in the context of considerable challenges in higher education and health workforce.

Forum Leadership

With the terms for the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Forum coming to an end, and both incumbent Chair and Deputy Chair completing the maximum number of terms, members discussed the process for the upcoming elections for new leadership.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting will be in July 2021 in Melbourne and looks forward to discussions with invited guests Ms Richelle McCausland, Ombudsman and Commissioner, National Health Practitioner Ombudsman.

Ms Bronwyn Clark

Chair

Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum

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

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