

## Communiqué

### Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum May 2025 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 to keep stakeholders informed about its work.

Discussions are in alignment with the pillars of the current [HPAC Forum 2023 - 2025 Strategic Plan](#), which is available on the Forum's website.

#### **Stakeholder Engagement**

Dr Mary Russell, CEO, Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA), leads the regulatory teams which manages higher education provider registration, course accreditation, compliance and regulatory risk assessment. Dr Russell shared insights regarding TEQSA's position in relation to AI and duplication with Forum members.

Mr Justine Untersteiner, CEO, Ahpra attended his first HPAC Forum meeting as the new CEO of Ahpra. Mr Chris Robertson Executive Director, Strategy Policy, Ahpra also attended the meeting to discuss collaboration in the Scheme between the Forum and the Forum of National Chairs.

Mr Paul Shinkfield, National Director – Strategy, Ahpra also attended and presented the [National Scheme Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2025-2027](#) which was launched on 9 April 2025.

#### **Innovation**

- The Forum's project on IPE is now moving into it's second phase of this joint project. It is designed to create practical guidance for accreditation authorities and education providers on how to foster interprofessional practice across health education settings and health services, including providing guidance on how to address IPE accreditation standards and requirements.
- A working group of the Forum has been reviewing the impact of AI in accreditation. Information collated from all the accreditation authorities on their current activities was reviewed. A number of the working groups recommendations were adopted by members to assist in addressing the impact of AI in education.

#### **Leadership**

The Forum's joint project with ABSTARR on developing Cultural Safety Training for accreditation assessors is now entering it's second year. The Forum and ABSTARR are currently evaluating the last 12 months training to capture from the 380 participants perceived changes in attitude and practices.

**Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting of the Forum will be held in Canberra in July 2025

**Dr Terry Crisp**

**Chair**

**Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum**

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

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