



October 2024 Medical Radiation Practice Accreditation Committee meeting

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Committee meeting

The 67th meeting of the Committee was held on 17 October 2024 via video conference.

Some activities that were discussed at the Committee's October 2024 meeting, as well as some other activities, are outlined below.

Monitoring activities

Monitoring approved programs of study

The Committee considered monitoring responses from eight education providers and their programs of study. The outcomes of the Committee's evaluations will be provided to the education provider and the Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia (National Board) following the meeting.

The Committee will continue to provide updates to the National Board on its monitoring of approved programs of study.

Routine monitoring

The 2024 routine monitoring package was circulated to education providers in March 2024 (eight weeks to complete). The assessors (triage panel members of the Committee) considered the responses from eight education providers in August 2024. The Committee considered the triage panel members' findings and recommendations at the October 2024 meeting.

The Committee will provide the outcomes of their findings to the eight education providers and an update to the National Board in late 2024.

The Committee also considered the 2025 routine monitoring package, which will have a focus on the quality of clinical placement supervision.

Cease accreditation

The Committee decided to cease accreditation on one program of study. The Committee was advised that the education provider had taught out the program and no students remained. The Committee will provide the National Board with its decision to cease accreditation and recommend that the National Board cease approval of the program. This means the program will be removed from the active list of approved programs and placed on the list of inactive programs of study for a period according to the National Board.

Committee updates

2019 Accreditation standards: Medical radiation practice review

The review of the 2019 *Accreditation standards: Medical radiation practice* project commenced in March 2024. The project is being conducted in conjunction with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice, Chinese Medicine, Paramedicine and Podiatry Accreditation Committees. At the meeting the

Ahpra and the Medical Radiation Practice Accreditation Committee work in partnership to accredit education and training programs for medical radiation practice.

Committee noted the verbal update from the Project Team on the progress of the review, and that preliminary consultations have commenced.

Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum

The Chair of the Committee provided an update on the Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum (HPACF). The Committee continues to engage in the HPACF's important work. More information can be found on the HPACF's <u>website</u>.

Stakeholder engagement

At the October 2024 meeting, the Committee met with the Australian and New Zealand Society of Nuclear Medicine's (ANZSNM) Chair of Technologist Special Interest Group and discussed topics of interest including:

- the review of accreditation standards and their impact on accredited programs
- the committee's expectations around work integrated learning, and
- current and future workforce issues.

The ANZSNM and the Committee agreed to continue to engage on a regular basis on issues important to medical radiation practice programs.

The Program Accreditation team, on behalf of the Committee, continues to engage with education providers via the Committee's <u>accreditation webpages</u>; through correspondence via email, phone contact and videoconference meetings, and communiques.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for March 2025.

Contact information

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