

October 2024 Podiatry Accreditation Committee meeting

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Committee meeting

The twentieth meeting of the Committee was held in Melbourne face to face on 24 October 2024.

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

Monitoring activities

Monitoring approved programs of study

The Committee considered four monitoring responses from education providers and their programs of study. The outcomes of the Committee's evaluation will be provided to the education providers and the Podiatry 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 education providers and met in August 2024. The Committee considered the triage panel member's findings and recommendations at the October 2024 meeting.

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

Committee updates

At its October meeting, the Committee also discussed:

- the recommendation to be adopted by Ahpra and the National Boards from the Health Ministers' August 2024 meeting to improve responses to Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Health, and
- the recently released consultation paper on the Review of complexity in the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme, and its implications for accreditation.

2021 Accreditation standards for Podiatry - review

The review of the 2021 Accreditation standards for podiatry project commenced in March 2024. The project is conducted in conjunction with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice, Chinese Medicine, Medical Radiation Practice and Paramedicine Accreditation Committees. At the meeting the Committee noted the verbal update from the Project Team on the progress of the review, and consultations with key stakeholders are scheduled to commence in early 2025.

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 [website](#).

Stakeholder engagement

At the October 2024 meeting, the Committee met with the Chair of the Australasian Council of Podiatry Deans (ACPD) regarding artificial intelligence; research projects; accreditation assessment process; ACPD's future focus; and discussions around the refresh of the accreditation standards in 2024. The Chair and the Manager, Program Accreditation are invited to attend ACPD's November 2024 meeting. The Chair of the ACPD and the Committee agreed to continue to engage on a regular basis on issues important to podiatry education and accreditation.

The Program Accreditation team, on behalf of the Committee, continues to engage with education providers via the Committee's [accreditation webpage](#) and through correspondence on email and phone.

Next meeting

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

Contact information

For any queries related to podiatry program accreditation, please contact the Committee via the Program Accreditation team at program.accreditation@ahpra.gov.au.

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