

Schedule 3 – Work Plan

The Accreditation Authority does not intend to undertake any special projects in the period 1 July 2019 – 30 June 2020.

Two education providers are scheduled for reaccreditation and site visits in the period 1 July 2019 – 30 June 2020.

The Accreditation Authority will focus its attention on implementing existing work plans in the period 1 July 2019 – 30 June 2020 that include the following:

- a. implementation of the 2018 entry-level program accreditation standards;
- b. consult with education providers to set the annual and site visit fees from 2020/21 to 2024/25;
- c. continuing to develop systems to support a risk management approach to program accreditation and assessment of internationally-qualified occupational therapists;
- d. clearly define roles, processes and mechanisms to ensure effective governance and operations of the organisation including the relationship between both, and reviewing the existing orientation for directors, committee members and assessors, with a view to increased effectiveness and clarity of roles; and
- e. to undertake cultural safety training (directors, staff, assessors and members of our Overseas-Qualified Assessment Committee and Program Accreditation Committee).

Schedule 4 – Funding arrangements

The funding principles below will guide accreditation authorities, National Boards and AHPRA for the 2019/20 financial year initially. These funding principles may be reviewed under clause 6.

Item 1 – Funding Principles

These Funding Principles are to be applied by accreditation authorities, National Boards and AHPRA when they are considering and agreeing on the funding to be provided to the accreditation authority by the National Board/AHPRA for performance of the accreditation functions.

The principles aim to promote consistency, transparency and accountability for use of registrant fees to fund the accreditation function.

AHPRA, in consultation with the National Board, will provide funding through registrant fees to enable the accreditation authority to manage its business and risks by covering some of the indirect costs of activities related to program accreditation including monitoring.

The following principles will apply, in addition to the guiding principles and objectives of the National Law, and the Quality Framework for the Accreditation Functions, when an accreditation authority is requesting funding from a National Board/AHPRA (funding request) and when a National Board/AHPRA decide to provide funding to an accreditation authority (funding decision):

1. Requests for funding should be reasonable and proportionate to the activities being funded.
2. The funding provided by the National Board/AHPRA should cover a proportion of the governance costs related to the accreditation functions.
3. The funding provided by the National Board/AHPRA for the development and review of accreditation standards should be requested and considered separately to the funding of other accreditation functions.
4. Requests for increases in funding from the previous year should not usually exceed the indexation range applicable to National Board fee increases (up to 3% per annum).
5. Where an accreditation authority considers an increase in funding above the indexation range is required, it should put the funding request and a business case supporting the increase above the indexation range to AHPRA and the National Board for their consideration.
6. Such a request and business case should be forwarded to AHPRA and the National Board by mid-February or earlier each year to enable them to have sufficient time to properly consider the funding request.
7. AHPRA and the National Board may agree to the requested increase in funding or propose to agree to a lesser amount. Such a proposal and reasons for that proposal should be forwarded to the accreditation authority to enable it to have sufficient time to properly consider the proposed funding amount and reasons.
8. AHPRA and the National Board should agree to provide sufficient funding to enable the accreditation authority to effectively deliver the accreditation functions through a combination of funding provided by the National Board/AHPRA and funding from other sources that is provided as a direct result of the Accreditation Authority being assigned and exercising statutory functions under the National Law.

Item 2 – Funds

The Accreditation Authority has confirmed it does not require AHPRA to provide any funding for performance of the Accreditation Functions in the period 1 July 2019 – 30 June 2020.