

Statement of intent on National Scheme collaboration in accreditation

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1. Preamble

This document sets out how National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (Scheme) key groups (National Boards, Accreditation Authorities and Ahpra) will collaborate on accreditation and related issues, including planned engagement and information sharing.

2. Intent

National Boards, Accreditation Authorities and Ahpra are committed to working together on accreditation matters and other matters of shared interest, and to collaborate and share information openly and constructively for the benefit of the Scheme and its objectives and guiding principles.

3. Collaborative opportunities

The National Boards, Accreditation Authorities and Ahpra will maximise the collaborative opportunities available through the following groups:

- Forum of NRAS Chairs
- Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum (HPACF)
- Ahpra groups, including the Professions Reference Group, Community Advisory Council, Education Provider Reference Group, Jurisdictional Advisory Committee and any other group established which may benefit engagement and information sharing.

4. Approaches

The intent of building specific consideration of accreditation and facilitating cross-Scheme collaboration on accreditation and related issues will be achieved by:

1. The FoNC including the HPACF Chair in its membership and dedicating time to accreditation on quarterly FoNC agendas, with up to four additional HPACF members invited to attend this part of the agenda
2. The HPACF allocating time in its agendas for engagement with the FoNC Co-Chair and Ahpra (CEO or delegate)
3. Providing opportunities to discuss accreditation issues at Professions Reference Group, Education Provider Reference Group, Community Advisory Council and Jurisdictional Advisory Committee meetings
4. Holding an annual meeting for FoNC, HPACF and Ahpra separate to the annual NRAS combined meeting
5. Establishing time-limited working groups to progress joint projects on accreditation and related issues, with flexibility to engage experts where required

6. Ahpra working with the FoNC and HPACF Chairs to plan the time dedicated to accreditation at quarterly FoNC meetings and the time for FoNC National Board Co-Chair and Ahpra to attend HPACF meetings
7. Ahpra working with the FoNC and HPACF Chairs to enable input into the development of Accreditation Committee meeting agendas.

5. Additional collaborative opportunities

In addition, the Chair of the FoNC, Chair HPACF or CEO Ahpra/delegate may request a meeting of the three groups to facilitate progress on any particular issue.