

## December 2022 Paramedicine Accreditation Committee meeting

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### Committee meeting

The sixteenth meeting of the Committee was held on 15 December 2022 in Melbourne. The Committee plans to hold three meetings in 2023.

Some activities that were discussed at the Committee's December 2022 meeting, as well as some other key activities for the Committee, are outlined below.

### Assessment and monitoring activities for approved programs of study

#### Accreditation assessments

The 2020 [Accreditation standards: Paramedicine](#) took effect in June 2021. The Committee must make accreditation decisions according to the National Law (Section 48) and the published [Guidelines for accreditation of education and training programs](#) (guidelines).

At its December 2022 meeting, the Committee considered one accreditation assessment team report. There are currently nine other programs undergoing an accreditation assessment. The Committee anticipates receiving a further six accreditation applications in 2023.

#### Routine annual monitoring

The Committee's 2022 routine annual monitoring package was disseminated to education providers in two tranches in 2022. The Committee considered the second tranche of 2022 routine annual monitoring reports from eight education providers and their programs of study. The Committee will provide the outcomes to the education providers and Paramedicine Board of Australia (National Board).

The Committee considered the 2023 routine annual monitoring package which incorporates the accreditation risk framework outlined in the [Guidelines for risk-based accreditation decision making](#). Education providers will be advised of the timeframes in advance.

#### Monitoring approved programs of study

The Committee considered the monitoring response from one education provider and will provide the outcomes to the education provider and National Board.

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

#### Stakeholder engagement

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; phone contact; tele/videoconferences with the Chair and representatives from the Accreditation Committee; and communiques via the Program Accreditation team.

The Committee invited the Chair, Australasian Council of Paramedicine Deans to attend its December 2022 meeting to discuss matters of common interest such as feedback on the accreditation process so far; applying the *Accreditation Standards: Paramedicine* including how they are addressing the relevant aspects of the *National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards* to their programs of study; and applying the Paramedicine Board of Australia's *Professional capabilities for registered paramedics* to ensure students have the knowledge, skills and professional attributes to practice.

## Contact information

For any queries related to paramedicine program accreditation, please contact the Committee via the Program Accreditation team at [program.accreditation@ahpra.gov.au](mailto:program.accreditation@ahpra.gov.au). For more information on paramedicine accreditation please visit the Committee's [accreditation webpage](#).

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