# Communique



# July 2024 Chinese Medicine Accreditation Committee meeting

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## **Committee meeting**

The 54<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Committee was held via videoconference on 11 July 2024. A further meeting is planned in 2024.

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

## Assessments and monitoring activities

#### **Accreditation assessments**

The Committee considered one assessment team report for one program, against the 2019 *Accreditation standards: Chinese medicine*.

#### Monitoring approved programs of study

The Committee considered a monitoring response from one education provider and their program of study. The outcome of the Committee's evaluation will be provided to the education provider and the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia (National Board) following their 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. The assessors will consider the responses from education providers in July 2024. The Committee will consider the assessors findings and recommendations at the November 2024 meeting.

The Committee will provide the outcomes of their findings to the education providers and an update to the National Board following the November 2024 meeting.

#### **Committee updates**

#### 2019 Accreditation standards: Chinese medicine review

The review of the 2019 *Accreditation standards: Chinese medicine* project commenced in March 2024. The project will be conducted in conjunction with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice, Medical Radiation Practice, Paramedicine and Podiatry Accreditation Committees. At the meeting the Committee noted the verbal update from the Project Team on the progress of the review, and that preliminary consultations are scheduled to take place from late 2024. The project is expected to be completed by mid-2025.

#### National Registration and Accreditation Scheme annual accreditation meeting

The Chair and a Committee member provided verbal reports to the Committee on their attendance at the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (NRAS) annual accreditation meeting held in Melbourne on 1 May 2024. Topics addressed by the keynote speakers included:

- Eliminating racism in health care
- The impact of AI and emerging technologies on accreditation, and
- Our future health care workforce is our current system of training and accreditation capable of supporting future workforce needs?

#### **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>.

#### **Annual self-evaluation**

Under Section 4 of the Committee's <u>Terms of Reference</u>, members reviewed the results of the Committee's 2023 annual self-evaluation survey and identified areas for further development of the Committee now and into the future. The Committee will provide the National Board with the outcomes of the review.

#### Stakeholder engagement

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, videoconference meetings, and communiques.

#### **Next meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for November 2024.

#### **Contact information**

For any queries related to Chinese medicine program accreditation, please contact the Chinese Medicine Accreditation Committee via the Program Accreditation team at <a href="mailto:program.accreditation@ahpra.gov.au">program.accreditation@ahpra.gov.au</a>.

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