



APAC BOARD COMMUNIQUÉ

June 2022

The APAC Board met on 27 June 2022 via Zoom

Our post-Board communiqué is designed to give stakeholders a greater insight into the workings of APAC Board meetings.

The meeting began with an Acknowledgment of Country. We had eight Board members in attendance.

Accreditation business

The Board considered recommendations from the Accreditation Assessment Committee (AAC) on a wide range of matters including cycle and out-of-cycle accreditation reviews, monitoring of accredited programs, annual reports, programs placed into teach out as well as a range of more administrative decisions such as changes to existing program titles. The type and number of determinations made by the Board are below. These are reported to the Psychology Board of Australia, which will then decide whether to approve each program for the purpose of registration.

Determinations

Determination type	Number of providers	Number of programs
Initial accreditation	4	5
Re-accreditation	0	0
Program monitoring	3	6
Programs in teach out	2	7
Discontinued programs (completely taught out)	5	10
Change to accredited program title	1	5
Addition of new program titles	1	1
Additional campus to deliver an accredited program	1	1



Other business

The Board confirmed changes to the Rules for Accreditation that clarify processes in several procedural instances. From 1 January 2024, any new program must gain accreditation before the commencement of the program. The updated document will be available on the APAC website shortly.

The meeting approved a draft document on cultural responsiveness intended to guide higher education providers in meeting the relevant Standard. The draft will now be circulated to stakeholders for feedback.

Professor Robert Schweitzer was appointed as joint Deputy Chair of the Board for a further period of two years.

The Board heard that APAC continued to be in a healthy financial position as of 30 April 2022. Directors approved the 2022—2023 APAC budget.

The Board approved changes to the terms of reference of the Accreditation Assessment Committee, including limiting tenure to two terms of three years, and opening membership to psychology practitioners.

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