



APAC BOARD COMMUNIQUÉ

August 2022

The APAC Board met on 15 August 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 10 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	1	1
Re-accreditation	1	8
Program monitoring	7	88
Programs in teach out	3	3
Discontinued programs (completely taught out)	4	11
Addition of new program titles	3	11

Other business

Consultation on a draft document on cultural responsiveness intended to guide higher education providers in meeting the relevant Standard is under way. The draft has been circulated to



stakeholders for feedback, supported by materials including a webinar and a podcast. Stakeholders have until 23 September to give feedback. The Board hopes to finalise the document before the end of the year.

The APAC Chair, CEO and Accreditation Manager attended the 5 August executive of the Heads of Departments and Schools of Psychology Australia (HODSPA). It was a valuable opportunity to explain APAC's work and answer questions.

The Board heard that APAC continued to be in a healthy financial position as of 31 May 2022.

The Board approved changes to corporate governance expense rates, bringing them into alignment with Australian Tax Office guidelines. It also clarified wording in relation to honoraria to reflect that APAC no longer pays the same rates as Ahpra.

Professor John Dunn
Chair, APAC