



APAC BOARD COMMUNIQUÉ

June 2024

The APAC Board met on 24 June 2024 in person

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 six Board members in attendance.

Accreditation business

The Board noted that the AAC and the CEO had made determinations under powers delegated to them by the Board. All determinations are reported to the Psychology Board of Australia, which will then decide whether to approve each program for the purpose of registration.

AAC determinations

Determination type	Number of providers	Number of sequences (by titles)
Initial accreditation	0	Nil
Re-accreditation	0	Nil
Program monitoring	11	39 sequences 103 program titles

Administrative decisions

Determination type	Number of providers	Number of programs by titles
Programs in teach out	1	1
Discontinued programs (completely taught out)	2	2
Addition of new program titles	2	2
Change of title	1	1



Other business

The Board reviewed progress reports on the implementation of APAC's risk-based approach and guidelines for applying risk ratings to imposed conditions, escalation options for areas of risk, and information sharing of risk-based decisions.

APAC's Risk Framework was approved by the Board in late 2023 to develop and implement the risk-based methodology and design a range of reporting tools to support its implementation.

This has included additional projects such as the redevelopment of the Student to Staff Ratio (SSR) Calculator, which has been fast-tracked based on feedback from HEPs, and a review of APAC's 2025 fee schedule. Directors reviewed updates on process improvement projects, such as the Evidence Guide and a provider handbook.

The following additional programs designed to strengthen accreditation functions were also noted:

- Embed the new PsyBA Code of Conduct and the Competencies for General Registration in the Evidence Guide and APAC Accreditation Standards.
- Community of Practice (COP) initiative. This initiative will be linked to the AAC Planning Day and face-to-face assessor training. The COP will seek to embed an APAC Assessor into the AOU within each university. This will improve the quality of submissions and provide a renewable pool of qualified assessors.
- APAC database review, scope, implementation. This program will begin this month with desktop research and will be scoped to build on current change programs from September. Implementation is expected to be complete by mid-2025. This database's scope is to support functions that APAC currently performs but it should also be able to accommodate a projected broadened role with additional services.

The Board continues to ensure excellence in psychology education and training programs that lead to safe, responsive and high-quality practice. This includes the development of a phased five-year strategy covering six projects to highlight the areas of greatest relevance and impact, including the development of accreditation standards that align with new competencies and codes of conduct, reducing accreditation burden.

The Board noted progress on APAC's inaugural Community of Practice conference on 30 October.

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