

Communiqué

November 2019

October 2019 Medical Radiation Practice Accreditation Committee meeting

The Medical Radiation Practice Accreditation Committee (the Committee) undertakes accreditation functions for medical radiation practice in the national scheme regulating health practitioners.

The Committee publishes this communiqué on the Board's [accreditation webpage](#). Please forward it to your colleagues and employees who may be interested.

Accreditation Committee activities

The 49th meeting of the Committee was held on 9 and 10 October 2019 in Melbourne.

The Committee has worked hard on completing the 2019 routine annual monitoring cycle, to ensure education providers and their programs continue to meet the approved accreditation standard for the health profession and that students graduate with the knowledge, skills and professional attributes necessary to register as a practitioner.

The October meeting was the final meeting for 2019 and the Committee will reconvene in March 2020.

Committee membership

The Board recently considered applications for two positions on the Committee, due to Sarah Lewis and Alison Dry's terms ending on 31 December 2019. The Board recently advised that both Sarah Lewis and Alison Dry were reappointed to the Committee for three year terms.

Accreditation Committee members

- Professor Brian Jolly
Chair and educationalist member
- Associate Professor Sarah Lewis
Deputy Chair, practitioner member (Diagnostic Radiography) and academic
- Mrs Jane Shepherdson
Practitioner member (Diagnostic Radiography) and academic
- Dr Daphne James
Practitioner member (Nuclear Medicine) and academic
- Dr Louise McCall
Educationalist member
- Ms Natalie Pollard
Practitioner member (Radiation Therapy) and academic
- Ms Allison Dry
Practitioner member (Radiation Therapy) and academic

The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) provides the operational, advisory and secretariat functions for the Accreditation Committee via its Program Accreditation Team.

Accreditation standards for medical radiation practice

The Committee is responsible for developing and reviewing, and the Board is responsible for approving and publishing, the accreditation standards against which education providers and their implementation of medical radiation practice programs of study are assessed against when applying for accreditation under the National Law.

The Committee considered, discussed and agreed on its implementation plan for revised standards (2019 accreditation standards). The Committee will disseminate relevant communications on the implementation plan in early 2020.

The 2019 accreditation standards will replace the current (2013) accreditation standards and continue to provide for the protection of the public by ensuring that only graduates with the knowledge, skills and professional attributes necessary to practise in a competent and ethical manner qualify for registration in the profession.

The 2019 accreditation standards are published on the [Board's accreditation webpage](#). These take effect on 1 March 2020, and the Committee will disseminate relevant communications to all education providers regarding implementation of the 2019 accreditation standards in early 2020. Education Providers should start to familiarise themselves with the 2019 accreditation standards and the changes from the 2013 accreditation standards.

Professional Capabilities for medical radiation practice

At the October meeting, the Committee had the opportunity to provide feedback to the Executive Officer of the Board with respect to the revised professional capabilities for medical radiation practice.

The Board has recently approved and published the [revised professional capabilities for medical radiation practice](#), which take effect on 1 March 2020, alongside the 2019 accreditation standards. As part of implementation of the 2019 accreditation standards, Education Providers will be required to map their curricula to the new professional capabilities. The 2019 revised accreditation standards reference the professional capabilities at criteria 3.3 and 5.1.

Contact information

For any queries related to medical radiation practice program accreditation, please contact the Medical Radiation Practice Accreditation Committee via the Program Accreditation Team via email at program.accreditation@ahpra.gov.au.

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