

Communique

The APAC Board met recently and received reports on a number of significant projects currently underway.

The most significant of these is the Review of APAC Standards for Accreditation.

Review of APAC Standards

The Board has retained Professor Maree O'Keefe to assist with the preparation of the new standards, and our Working Group will be aiming to produce a draft for consultation early in the New Year. An Evidence Guide and other supporting documentation will be provided to assist in interpretation. Prof O'Keefe has previously provided assistance to the Australian Dental Council and the Australian Optometry Council in the development of their standards.

The format of the standards is expected to be very different from the current format, and there will be an extensive information program undertaken for the benefit of providers. There will be a Transition Guide to assist all stakeholders once the new Standards are in place.

Providers should note that 2016 Cycle accreditations will take place as timetabled, using the existing Standards.

Recruitment of New Assessors

There has been a gratifying level of interest from senior members of the profession wishing to become APAC Assessors, and appointments will be made soon.

APAC to attend Summit on new approaches to Psychology Education

In December a group of significant stakeholders will discuss a number of key issues relating to psychology education pathways, with discussion expected on new approaches and psychology workforce solutions.

APAC welcomes the opportunity to assess pathways to registration and is committed to ensuring appropriate levels of competencies in graduates of accredited programs.

The Summit is the initiative of the Psychology Board of Australia, in conjunction with APAC, HODSPA and the PSA.

Operational Matters

APAC will shortly complete work on a new Database, which will enable staff to provide a more time efficient service to all stakeholders.

By the end of the year we will have moved to new premises – details of any changes to our postal address will be announced in due course.

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