



Communique

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Standards Review moves towards public consultation phase

The APAC Board and internal working groups are in the process of finalising consultation drafts of the proposed new Accreditation Standards for Psychology.

The new standards will be consistent in format with those of other accreditation councils associated with the AHPRA system, and will have an outcomes focus rather than a restrictive inputs-based approach. The emphasis will be on producing high-quality graduates and supporting education providers in developing innovative and enriching education programs that will produce such graduates. Relevant national and international quality frameworks will be reference points.

The flowchart below shows the steps in Stage 1 of our consultation with stakeholders. Invitations will be sent to a wide variety of stakeholders who may wish to make submissions to the review, and a number of presentations will be made to stakeholder groups, including via webinar.

Standards Review Timeline

Development & Consultation Phase



New Deputy Chair for APAC

At the end of last year the APAC Board farewelled Professor Trevor Waring, a long-time director and former Chair of APAC, who resigned after the December Board meeting. Professor Waring was a valued member of the Board and a significant contributor to APAC, to professional standards and the profession at large.

Professor Waring was Deputy Chair of APAC, and earlier this year, Professor Simon Crowe was elected as Deputy in his place, serving alongside Deputy Chair Professor Caroline Hunt.

Professor John Dunn

Chair