



APAC BOARD COMMUNIQUÉ

August 2021

The APAC Board met on August 16, 2021 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 and we had ten 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 shown below. These are reported to the Psychology Board of Australia who will then decide to approve each program for the purpose of registration.

Determinations:

Determination Type	Number of Providers	Number of Programs
Accreditation / re-accreditation	2	23
Program monitoring	9	71
Programs in teach out	2	9#
Change to accredited program title	-	-
Addition of new program titles	1	7
Additional campus to deliver an accredited program	-	-
Extension of accreditation expiry	-	-

#includes five discontinued programs (completely taught out)



Other business

The Board re-appointed seven assessors for a further term that runs until 31 December, 2024, and appointed five new assessors, subject to a probationary period that expires on 31 December, 2022.

The first meeting of a Cultural Responsiveness Working Party, to be formed with colleagues from the Australian Indigenous Psychology Education Project (AIPEP), will take place on September 6, when it will discuss its terms of reference.

The Board heard a report on the formation of a new independent accreditation committee, established by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra) as a key element of Health Ministers' response to the Independent Review of Accreditation Systems Final Report.

The Board heard that APAC's financial performance continues to be positive and that there are no financial compliance issues. Preparation for APAC's move to a new office space in Melbourne by the end of the year remain on track.

Professor John Dunn
Chair, APAC