

Update

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Update from Chinese Medicine Accreditation Committee

The Chinese Medicine Accreditation Committee (Accreditation Committee) undertakes accreditation functions for Chinese medicine in the national scheme regulating health practitioners.

The Accreditation Committee met four times and accredited five programs from three education providers in 2016.

In 2016 the Accreditation Committee progressed its assessment of a further three programs from two providers and will make accreditation decisions about these in late 2017. The Accreditation Committee has no new accreditation assessments scheduled in 2017.

The list of accredited programs is available on the Committee's webpage at:

<http://www.ahpra.gov.au/Education/Approved-Programs-of-Study.aspx>

2016 was a significant year as the Accreditation Committee began assessing monitoring of programs of study for the first time. It will assess, through monitoring, six programs of study in 2017. During 2017, the Accreditation Committee will evaluate submissions by six education providers in response to conditions imposed on accreditation of their programs.

In 2016 the Committee also worked on its risk based approach to monitoring of accredited programs and will continue this important work in 2017.

Committee membership

During 2016 the Committee farewelled inaugural committee member, Glenys Savage. Glenys contributed greatly to the development of the accreditation standards and processes. The Committee thanks Glenys for her contributions during her time on the Committee.

The Committee welcomed two new members, Dr David Schievenen and Dr Angela Yang. The Board also made changes to the membership of the Committee - originally six members; the Committee now comprises five members.

Review of Accreditation Standards: Chinese Medicine

The Accreditation Committee will commence review of their accreditation standards and processes during 2017. The review will include wide ranging consultation with stakeholders.

Independent Accreditation Systems Review

An Independent Review of Accreditation Systems within the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme for health professions (the AS Review) was commissioned by Health Ministers and commenced in late 2016.

Further information on the AS Review is available at:

www.coaghealthcouncil.gov.au/Projects/Accreditation-Systems-Review

Accreditation information

Information about the accreditation process is available on the Committee's webpage at

www.chinesemedicineboard.gov.au/Accreditation/Application-information.aspx