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### Update from Medical Radiation Practice Accreditation Committee

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

The Accreditation Committee met five times and accredited four programs from two education providers in 2016. The Accreditation Committee has now completed its schedule of accreditation assessments for new programs and programs that transitioned as approved programs on 1 July 2012.

The list of accredited programs is available on the Committee's webpage at [www.medicalradiationpracticeboard.gov.au/Accreditation/MRP-Accreditation-FAQ.aspx](http://www.medicalradiationpracticeboard.gov.au/Accreditation/MRP-Accreditation-FAQ.aspx)

The Accreditation Committee received advice from education providers about several new programs commencing in 2016 and 2017. In 2016 the Accreditation Committee commenced assessment of a new program and will make an accreditation decision on this program by mid-2017.

The Accreditation Committee has accreditation assessments scheduled in 2017 for seven other new programs.

The Accreditation Committee will continue to monitor all the accredited programs in 2017.

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

#### Committee membership

In February 2017 the Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia (the Board) decided to extend the terms for Accreditation Committee members whose terms were due to end on 30 June 2017, being:

- Professor Marilyn Baird, reappointed as Chair to 30 June 2018.
- Jillian Harris, reappointed to 30 June 2018.
- Associate Professor Deborah Starkey, reappointed to 30 June 2018.

The current Committee's term ends on 30 June 2018.

#### Call for accreditation assessors

In December 2016 the Accreditation Committee disseminated a call for applications from individuals interested in being appointed as new assessors. The dissemination strategy targeted individuals registered in the divisions of Radiation Therapy and Nuclear Medicine.

The Accreditation Committee is currently evaluating applications with the expectation that successful candidates will be appointed in time to attend assessor training in mid-2017.

#### Review of Accreditation Standards: Medical Radiation Practice

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](http://www.coaghealthcouncil.gov.au/Projects/Accreditation-Systems-Review)

## **Accreditation information**

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

[www.medicalradiationpracticeboard.gov.au/Accreditation/Application-information.aspx](http://www.medicalradiationpracticeboard.gov.au/Accreditation/Application-information.aspx)