

## Update

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### Update from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Accreditation Committee

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Accreditation Committee (Accreditation Committee) undertakes accreditation functions for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practice in the national scheme regulating health practitioners.

The Accreditation Committee has met three times and accredited four more Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) programs in 2016. This brings the total number of RTOs delivering accredited programs to nine and the total number of programs to sixteen<sup>1</sup>. This means graduates from all these programs can now qualify to register as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioners.

The Accreditation Committee has continued to monitor the accredited programs, including evaluation of submissions in response to conditions imposed on accreditation. The Committee has progressed work during 2016 to further develop its approach to monitoring accredited and approved programs.

The Accreditation Committee progressed its assessment of a further four RTO's programs and will make accreditation decisions about two of these by the end of 2016 and the other two in early to mid 2017.

The list of accredited programs is available on the Accreditation Committee's webpages at [www.atsihealthpracticeboard.gov.au/Accreditation/Accreditation-FAQ.aspx](http://www.atsihealthpracticeboard.gov.au/Accreditation/Accreditation-FAQ.aspx) - under the heading 'Is my program accredited?'

#### URGENT - Call for accreditation assessors

The Accreditation Committee would like to hear from registered Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander health practitioners interested in being selected as approved assessors by the Accreditation Committee for the accreditation assessment teams that assess RTOs and programs of study against accreditation standards. If you are interested contact [accreditation.unit@ahpra.gov.au](mailto:accreditation.unit@ahpra.gov.au) or please call 1300 419 495

#### Committee membership

In October 2016, Ms Karen West resigned from the Committee to enable her to focus on her important work with her community. The Committee thanks Karen for her time, effort and commitment to their work over the past fifteen months. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Board of Australia will appoint a replacement for Karen – if you are interested in receiving information about this position please write to [accreditation.unit@ahpra.gov.au](mailto:accreditation.unit@ahpra.gov.au)

**Please feel free to pass this information through your networks.**

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<sup>1</sup> This includes RTOs with programs that are accredited at more than one campus.