



STATEMENT ON ANZPAC'S ASSIGNMENT AS AN ACCREDITATION AUTHORITY UNDER THE NATIONAL LAW

On 9 August 2018, the Australian and New Zealand Podiatry Accreditation Council (ANZPAC) was advised by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) and the Podiatry Board of Australia (Board) that from 1 July 2019, accreditation functions will no longer be exercised by ANZPAC. Instead, they will be exercised by a Committee of the Board.

For the past eight years, ANZPAC has fulfilled all contractual obligations, reliant on a part time secretariat and the good will of the profession. ANZPAC is thus, obviously very disappointed with this decision.

Since its original assignment in 2010, ANZPAC has accomplished a number of significant achievements. These include, but are not limited to, the development of four sets of accreditation standards with accompanying accreditation procedures. The recruitment of over 50 accreditation assessors across all Australian states, territories and New Zealand have conducted over 30 site visits for 11 education providers. Methods of recruitment and training have continually evolved over this time with publicly available assessor training modules now available.

Over 400 qualifications and skills assessments have been conducted for a profession of nearly 5000 registrants. This process has also matured with the introduction of a Lead Examiner in 2017 and formalised agreements with education providers to undertake practical assessments on behalf of ANZPAC.

On behalf of the ANZPAC Board and our Executive Officer, I wish to thank you for your support and please be assured that we will work with education providers, the professional association and our colleagues in New Zealand to ensure the transition to the new model is as seamless as possible.

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