

The Council on Chiropractic Education Australasia (CCEA) held its Board of Directors' Meeting on 29 March 2020

Due to the global pandemic, COVID-19, the CCEA Board held its meeting with a reduced agenda of prioritised business.

The CCEA Board welcomed Dr Tim Cooper of the New Zealand Chiropractic Board (NZCB) as a guest observer.

The following matters were considered at the meeting.

Governance

- Financial reports for the current 2019-20 year.
- Review and approval of the 2020-21 draft budget.
- 20/21 AHPRA/CBA funding and workplan.
- Additional resource for the Council which was approved.
- A range of policy and project matters including the guidance for the competency standards and integration of cultural safety. The CCEA Board skills matrix was amended to include cultural safety, and mandatory online training is planned.
- Matters related to accredited programs and skills assessment of overseas qualified practitioners.
- Forthcoming election of four Elected Directors and one Nominee Director.

Program accreditation activity

- The Chair of the Accreditation Committee briefed the board on accreditation activity and matters.
- Consideration was given to the status of all accredited programs, and the impact across the sector due to COVID-19.
- CQUniversity was granted accreditation without conditions across three campuses.
- All site visits planned for the 2020 year were delayed due to travel bans imposed by governments in response to the pandemic.
- The Australian Chiropractic College (ACC) Self-Evaluation Report was considered. It was deemed satisfactory; compliant in form and content required to progress to a site evaluation at the earliest opportunity.



- Due to restrictions arising from COVID-19, the RMIT program was granted an extension to the current cycle of accreditation till June 2021.
- Intensive monitoring of the Hanseo University program continues during teach out.

COVID-19

The CCEA Board approved a range of actions and strategies related to the global pandemic. This centred mainly around specific communication and quality assurance strategies to keep abreast of program impacts and changes according to jurisdictional plans and policy. Specific actions for business-as-usual were also considered and approved. For example, postponement of the skills assessment session scheduled for July 2020, and postponement of accreditation site visits.