

Vision and Purpose

Vision

A trusted, responsive accreditation and assessment system that values profession-specific expertise, supports a sustainable health workforce and delivers safe, equitable health care outcomes for Australia.

Purpose

We bring sector leadership, stewardship and collective expertise to strengthen and align accreditation and assessment across the National Scheme. Through productive relationships with co-regulators, education providers and the health professions, we drive system coherence to meet future workforce and community needs.

Values and Commitments

Collective Leadership

We are stronger together. We draw on the expertise of all members to present a unified, trusted voice for the accreditation and assessment sector.

Integrity, Transparency and Accountability

We act with honesty, consistency and openness in our decisions, our communications and our relationships. We are accountable for delivering our responsibilities in a way that is consistent with our role and adds value to the sector.

Cultural Safety and Equity

We are committed to cultural safety for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and to equity in health profession education and practice.

Adaptability and Rigour

We embrace reform and change while maintaining the evidential standards that give accreditation and assessment its independence and authority.

Profession-Specific Expertise

We respect the value of discipline-specific knowledge as the foundation of high-quality accreditation and assessment, while recognising the importance of collaboration and multiprofessional approaches where they improve outcomes.

Strategic Pillars – Overview



Trusted Voice

Strengthen our role as a trusted, unified voice that drives influence, alignment and coordinated action in accreditation and assessment



Safety

Support safety outcomes through accreditation and assessment that embeds cultural safety, equity and high standards of clinical practice



Reform

Champion reform to create a coherent, evidence-informed, effective, efficient and transparent accreditation and assessment system



Future Workforce

Playing our part to support a future-ready and adaptable workforce through innovative, responsive and data-informed accreditation and assessment



Resilience

Build the organisational foundation that enables the HPAC Forum to lead effectively and deliver on its strategic ambitions across the National Scheme



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HPAC Forum Strategic Plan 2026–2029

Strategic Pillars



Trusted Voice

STRATEGIC FOCUS

Strengthen our role as a trusted, unified voice that drives influence, alignment and coordinated action in accreditation and assessment.

STRATEGIC INTENTS

1.1 Strengthen collective leadership and influence in policy and reform discussions.

1.2 Further align member approaches to present a coherent, collective voice.

1.3 Build and/or leverage strategic relationships and partnerships to support coordinated system responses.



Safety

STRATEGIC FOCUS

Support safety outcomes through accreditation and assessment that embeds equity, cultural safety and high standards of clinical practice.

STRATEGIC INTENTS

2.1 Strengthen accreditation and assessment frameworks to ensure high standards of clinical and cultural safety.

2.2 Advance culturally safe and responsive practices in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

2.3 Promote anti-racism and anti-discrimination in education and practice.

2.4 Champion equity in education to enable fair practice and access to health care for all communities.



Reform

STRATEGIC FOCUS

Champion reform to create a coherent, evidence-informed, effective, efficient and transparent accreditation and assessment system.

STRATEGIC INTENTS

3.1 Improve alignment and reduce duplication across accreditation and assessment processes.

3.2 Lead with evidence-informed approaches grounded in profession-specific expertise.

3.3 Increase transparency and consistency in standards and decision-making.

3.4 Optimise processes to improve efficiency and support for education providers.



Future Workforce

STRATEGIC FOCUS

Playing our part to support a future-ready and adaptable workforce through innovative, responsive and data-informed accreditation and assessment.

STRATEGIC INTENTS

4.1 Support innovation in accreditation and assessment through outcomes-based approaches.

4.2 Support flexible accreditation and assessment models responsive to workforce needs, shaping graduate capabilities for contemporary interprofessional practice.

4.3 Optimise workforce data sharing to drive responsive, future-focused approaches.

4.4 Keep pace with technology and AI, promoting innovation in education and assessment alongside safe, ethical and human-centred use in health care.



Resilience

STRATEGIC FOCUS

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STRATEGIC INTENTS

5.1 Agree and establish a governance model that is fit for purpose.

5.2 Develop and action a diversified and sustainable resourcing plan to ensure delivery of the strategic objectives.



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