



**AUSTRALIAN
PHARMACY
COUNCIL**

THE ORGANISATION OF REGISTERING AUTHORITIES

**STRATEGIC PLAN
2007—2008**

The Australian Pharmacy Council

The Australian Pharmacy Council (APC) is the national body representing the Australian state and territory pharmacy registering authorities. It was established in 2002 to enable a national approach to pharmacy regulation and accreditation, thus supporting the registering authorities' primary goal of protecting the public.

The APC works collaboratively with governments, other pharmacy professional organisations, other regulatory groups and the community to identify issues and trends in pharmacy that require a collegiate approach.

Each state and territory registering authority appoints a councillor to the APC.

The members of the five standing Committees of the Australian Pharmacy Council:

- New Zealand and Australian Pharmacy Schools Accreditation Committee (NAPSAC)
- Australian Pharmacy Examining Committee (APEC)
- Australian Pharmacy Accreditation Committee (APAC)
- Finance Audit and Risk Management (FARM) Committee
- Executive Committee

VISION

1. What the APC aims to achieve

The APC is the national authority that safeguards the health outcomes of the Australian community by:

- ensuring that Australia has competent pharmacists who deliver the highest standard of pharmaceutical services in the interests of optimal health outcomes for the Australian community,
- the promotion of national consistency in regulation and accreditation.

MISSION

2. The APC's role

As the organisation of registering authorities, the APC's mission is to maintain the standards of the pharmacy profession in the interest of protecting the public via

- leadership in developing and implementing nationally consistent policies, processes and approaches to pharmacy practice, regulation and registration,
- accrediting pharmacy schools and programs; and authorising agencies to accredit continuing professional development activities,
- conducting examinations towards eligibility for registration,
- assessing the qualifications and skills of pharmacy graduates towards Australian registration and permanent residency.

VALUES

3. The APC's work is guided by values

In all of its work the APC strives to maintain:

- high ethical standards,
- honesty and transparency in everything that we do,
- accountability to our clients and stakeholders,
- evidence-based decision making,
- high quality business processes and outcomes,
- continuous improvement,
- collaborative models of leadership.

The APC's Key Result Areas

In fulfilling its mission the APC aims to achieve results in three major areas

The APC's Strategic Priorities 2007—2008

LEADERSHIP

- National leadership in policy development, legislative and regulatory arrangements
- Increased recognition of the APC by governments, the profession and the community as the organisation that promotes and protects the public's interests in pharmacy
- Supporting and promoting strengthened infrastructure for pre-registration learning experiences
- Enhanced strategic synergies with pharmacy bodies, tertiary education and other regulatory agencies.

REGULATION

- Transition to a single national legislative model for registration and regulation of pharmacists
- National and Australasian consistency in the regulation and standards for pharmacy practice
- Relevant, defensible and fair mechanisms for the assessment of professional capability
- National accreditation processes for the provision of continuing professional development programs
- Benchmarking of APC processes against international standards.

PERFORMANCE

- Continuing excellence in the conduct of national accreditations, examinations and assessments
- Continuing satisfaction with the quality and value of the APC's products and services
- Development of a sustainable business model for the APC in the post-COAG environment
- Understanding of, and commitment to, the APC's corporate goals at all levels of the organisation
- Strengthened governance, financial and information management capabilities
- Identification of new and/or substitute revenue streams.

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