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Media Release

APC seeking stakeholders say on accreditation standards

The pharmacy profession and other stakeholders are being urged to have their say on the review of the accreditation standards for pharmacy degrees and intern training programs. The current standards are due for a review to reflect the current and future needs of the profession and the public.

Australian Pharmacy Council (APC) CEO Bronwyn Clark said it's important all pharmacy practitioners, trainees, students, pharmacy educators, program administrators, other health professionals and the public have their say on the review and influence the preparation of pharmacists as contemporary health service practitioners

"The development of accreditation standards has a significant impact on the future of pharmacist training and the standard and quality of pharmacy that emerges post university and intern training," Ms Clark said.

"Now is the time to take this opportunity to examine the direction in which accreditation standards are shifting and to have some influence over their development for the benefit of the profession and the public. This includes responding to the questions raised in the recently released [Final report of the Accreditation Systems Review](#) completed for Health Ministers.

As background to this review, APC has published a comprehensive [Health Profession Accreditation Practices International Literature Review](#), which examines the current evidence and practice of accreditation internationally. A number of areas for consideration are raised in this report, along with issues identified through early consultation with key stakeholders, and together these form part of the questions within this consultation document.

APC expects to have the draft version of the actual standards available in March/April 2019.

To participate in the review head to: www.pharmacycouncil.org.au/standards-review

You can give us your feedback up until COB 28 November 2018.

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The Pharmacy Board of Australia has sponsored this review.

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