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Enhancements to ANMAC's risk-based accreditation process

ANMAC is implementing a risk-based accreditation process. The risk-based process came into effect in February 2017. Moving to a risk-based accreditation process requires numerous changes. For this reason, the implementation of this process will occur gradually.

This gradual implementation provides ANMAC with an opportunity to continually review and monitor how effective and efficient the process has been over the past 6 months. At this point in the implementation process ANMAC is taking the opportunity to further enhance its risk-based process. The enhancements we have planned will provide education providers with more efficiencies in the accreditation assessment process.

While ANMAC is carrying out the enhancement work, the processes for accreditation assessment have slightly changed.

These changes include:

Program Monitoring Report process

ANMAC will continue monitoring education programs using the Program Monitoring Report. The report template will be provided to the education provider one month before the approved program's anniversary date. The completed report is due at ANMAC on the anniversary date.

The completed report will be reviewed by an Associate Director to confirm the program continues to be delivered as accredited against the relevant accreditation standards. Any information on the Program Monitoring Report that sits outside the information currently captured by ANMAC about the program may activate additional monitoring of the program.

ANMAC will not be conducting risk assessments with the information provided in the Program Monitoring Report during this enhancement phase.

Accreditation Schedule

ANMAC will not be entering into Accreditation Schedules with education providers. The Accreditation Services team will discuss timeframes with education providers when an Intention to Submit Form or Accreditation Application is received.

Accreditation Schedules will be reintroduced into the risk-based accreditation process at a later date.

Applying for Accreditation

To apply for accreditation during the enhancement phase, all education providers must provide ANMAC with an Intention to Submit Form, at least 2 months before providing ANMAC with their application for accreditation.

To start preparing your accreditation application please email accreditation@anmac.org.au to request an application pack for your program.

On average, it takes nine months for ANMAC to complete the accreditation assessment from the date the application is received. The timeframe of an accreditation assessment is dependent on the quality of the application and evidence provided.

Applying for a change to an accredited program

Program changes are supported and encouraged by ANMAC. To make changes to an accredited program please notify ANMAC of the changes you are planning to make by emailing accreditation@anmac.org.au

Upon receipt of your notification to make a change, the Accreditation Services team will contact you to discuss planned timeframes. The changes will be assessed by an Associate Director.

Further updates during the implementation of risk-based accreditation will be provided on the [website](#)

ANMAC would like to thank all education providers for their patience during this period of transition. ANMAC looks forward to working with education providers as we enhance our accreditation process to include risk assessment of education programs for nursing and midwifery.

If you have any questions about changes occurring during the implementation please contact our Accreditation Services Team on accreditation@anmac.org.au or 02 6274 9166

Accreditation Services

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