

# Health Professions Accreditation Councils' *Forum*

**Forum work on mapping accreditation standards across disciplines and exploring potential for efficiencies, common standards and processes**

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# Mapping accreditation standards across disciplines

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- Forum Standards Mapping Project:
  - Consultant commissioned to map areas of commonality across all 11 sets of standards
  - Used the data derived as basis for a workshop on 14 June 2013 to explore potential areas of cross-professional alignment/collaboration

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- Forum Standards Mapping Project:
  - Potential for alignment and cross-professional collaboration identified and currently being analysed
  - Considered accreditation processes as well as standards themselves
  - Move toward any alignment or common core of standards would require agreement of National Boards
  - Accreditation standards – discipline-specific aspects are also going to be needed

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- Forum Workshop 21 & 22 August 2013:
  - Sharing best practice and comparing commonality of approaches in 4 areas:
    - Training
    - Conflict of interest provisions
    - Assessment of new programs of education
    - Handling of major changes to programs of education

## Possible areas for exploration - processes

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- Common data set or at least align reporting or application forms
- Alignment of processes (eg timing of assessments, especially aligning across departments and faculties)
- Monitoring processes – align reporting timing/format/requirements
- Assessor training

# Possible areas for exploration - standards

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- Learning resources eg library, IT and teaching facilities, etc  
Discipline-specific standards will still be needed and could integrate with them
- “Interprofessional” education
- Student placement quality standards that pick up common principles (again discipline-specific elements will still be needed)
- Cultural competence (especially concerning indigenous Australians)
- Prescribing (HPPP)