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The Directors of the Australian Medical Council confirm the accreditation of the University of Newcastle / University of New England, Joint Medical Program (JMP) until 31 March 2023.

The Australian Medical Council is the national accreditation body for the medical profession. It has recently completed a major change accreditation assessment of the University of Newcastle / University of New England, Joint Medical Program's (JMP) five-year Bachelor of Medical Science and Doctor of Medicine (BMedSc and MD) program.

The assessment team considered written material from the program, the University of New England Medical Students' Association, and the University of Newcastle Medical Society before visiting the program and associated clinical teaching sites in May 2016. The team met program staff, students, clinical school staff and clinicians, representatives of health providers, and stakeholders from Central Coast Health and Hunter New England Health. The team then prepared its report against the approved accreditation standards.

The AMC accreditation report commends the high level of engagement and demonstrated commitment from the partners of the Joint Medical Program (JMP) in achieving the shared vision of the program. The development of the student-selected pathways subjects will provide a novel and innovative approach to add both breadth and depth to student experience.

The Discipline of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health has implemented an enhanced recruitment, preparation and support program to assist with building its success in recruiting, retaining and graduating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander medical students.

The JMP's diverse clinical teaching facilities provide good patient contact and a range of models of care across metropolitan and rural health settings.

The AMC requires that education providers submit regular progress reports on their accredited medical programs, addressing the accreditation standards. The JMP will also be asked to report on areas where conditions have been set on the accreditation. The AMC requires the program to develop a systematic program of monitoring and review of the BMedSc and MD program, and complete the development of learning objectives for the clinical placements in Phase 2 of the program.

On the basis of the report, the AMC Directors at their 20 October 2016 meeting agreed that the five-year Bachelor of Medical Science and Doctor of Medicine (BMedSc and MD) medical program of the University of Newcastle / University of New England, Joint Medical Program (JMP) meets the approved accreditation standards.

The AMC has accredited the program until **31 March 2023**, subject to conditions, as outlined in the executive summary (available [here](#)).

The AMC presents accreditation decisions and reports to the Medical Board of Australia to make a decision on the approval of the programs of study for registration purposes. The Medical Board of Australia details its decisions about accredited programs of study in communiqués published on its [website](#) following each meeting. The Medical Board of Australia approved the above medical program of the University of Newcastle / University of

New England, Joint Medical Program (JMP) on 23 November 2016 for the purpose of providing qualifications for registration in the medical profession.

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