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AMC Review of Medical School Accreditation Procedures

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The AMC has revised and updated its medical school assessment procedures, effective from 30 June 2008.

Changes in the delivery of basic medical education require the continual refinement of AMC policies and explanatory statements. The Australian medical education sector has changed significantly since 2000. The number of medical schools has doubled; and the style of medical courses has changed from principally undergraduate courses to a mix of graduate entry and undergraduate courses, operating in public and private universities, including a program offered jointly by two universities. The AMC revised procedures for assessing medical courses reflect this more complex environment.

The AMC regularly refines its standards and processes to ensure international good practice principles shape and are reflected in the AMC's core accreditation functions. The review process fits within the AMC's continuous quality improvement system.

The revised accreditation process is an outcome of a comprehensive review of AMC accreditation standards and procedures that began in 2005.

In July 2006 the Council approved revised standards against which medical schools and basic medical courses are assessed. These standards were implemented on 1 January 2007, after six months notice. The AMC then consulted stakeholders and sought feedback on the standards during 2007 and,

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as a result, made some additional changes in November 2007. The new standards are available at www.amc.org.au/images/Medschool/StandardsPart2-2007.pdf

The revised AMC medical school assessment procedures reflect feedback from medical schools, an external review of the AMC secretariat, and national and international statements of good practice in accreditation and quality management processes.

The revised procedures are available on the AMC website at <http://www.amc.org.au/images/Medschool/Part3toCouncil06-08.pdf>

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