



**19 December 2016**

**The Directors of the Australian Medical Council confirm the accreditation of the University of Tasmania, School of Medicine's medical program until 31 March 2023**

The Australian Medical Council is the national accreditation body for the medical profession. It recently completed a reaccreditation assessment of the University of Tasmania, Faculty of Health, School of Medicine's five-year Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) program.

The assessment team considered written material from the School and the Medical Students' Society before visiting the School and associated clinical teaching sites in May 2016. The team met University, Faculty and School staff; students; clinical school staff and clinicians; and representatives from the Tasmanian Health Service. The AMC prepared a report against the approved accreditation standards.

The accreditation report notes that the medical program is operating in a climate of change. Significant changes in the health sector were underway and the impacts of those changes on the medical program were not yet clear. Additionally, restructures within the University resulted in changes to the governance of the Faculty, the School and the medical program. In this context, the team was impressed with the strong leadership evident within the School and program.

The team commended the engagement of the program's academic staff across the School. An impressive range of diverse learning and teaching methods facilitated students' learning. The team observed enthusiastic clinical teachers and a strong teaching culture across the clinical sites. The team also commended the School's success in increasing the proportion of rural-origin students entering the program.

In terms of ongoing monitoring, the AMC requires that accredited education providers submit progress reports to the AMC which address the accreditation standards and report on areas where conditions have been set on the accreditation

In 2017, the School will be asked to report on a number of areas where conditions have been set on the accreditation. The AMC requires the School to demonstrate that the revised governance structures are operating effectively, that its partnership with the new Tasmanian Health Service is formalised, and that adequate senior discipline leads are in place.

The School is required to demonstrate improved curriculum integration and alignment to outcomes, and to develop a framework for the Indigenous health curriculum. It should address recommendations from its review of assessment, and develop a comprehensive program evaluation framework. The School is required to formalise support processes for recruitment and retention of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, and demonstrate progress in the alignment of discipline specific curriculum content and assessment across the clinical sites.

On the basis of the accreditation report, the AMC Directors at their 20 October 2016 meeting agreed that the University of Tasmania, School of Medicine and its MBBS program substantially meets the approved accreditation standards.

The AMC has accredited the MBBS program until 31 March 2023, subject to conditions, as outlined in the 2016 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. At its meeting of on 23 November 2016 the Medical Board of Australia approved the medical program at the University of Tasmania for the purpose of providing qualifications for registration in the medical profession.

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