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Dear CPDANZ Member

As the situation surrounding the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to evolve I wanted to advise you of the Council's response in relation to accredited programs and accreditation processes.

We acknowledge that this is a challenging time for education providers and that changes to your program delivery may be required. We ask that if this is the case that you keep the council updated on any material changes to the delivery of entry-level physiotherapy programs. The Council aims to take a pragmatic approach to ongoing accreditation and will work with providers to ensure that programs continue to meet the accreditation standard. Our Accreditation Standards are outcomes-based and provide flexibility for providers to demonstrate their ongoing ability to meet the accreditation standards, and learning outcomes, in many ways.

With regard to programs undergoing re-accreditation or accreditation during 2020, at this point in time, all site visits will continue as planned, however our first priority is ensuring the health and safety of all site visit participants. We are closely monitoring the situation and our response is guided by publicly available information from the [Australian Government Department of Health](#). Updates will be provided as more information becomes available.

The Council operates under the *Health Practitioner National Law Act 2009* and as such has a duty to ensure accredited programs are producing safe and competent practitioners at the point of graduation. Therefore, while we are committed to working with providers during this crisis, we must be assured that programs are only graduating students that meet these standards. This may require consideration of new ways to provide all students with the didactic and clinical teaching required to ensure the provision of safe and competent health practitioners into the future.

Please feel free to contact Leanne Percy, General Manager Accreditation if you want to discuss your program.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anton Barnett-Harris'.

Anton Barnett-Harris
Chief Executive Officer