



COMMUNIQUÉ FROM THE ADVANCED PHARMACY PRACTICE FRAMEWORK STEERING COMMITTEE

The Advanced Pharmacy Practice Framework Steering Committee is a profession-wide collaborative forum established to progress tasks and initiatives associated with the national competency standards for pharmacists.

Following the release of an [Advanced Pharmacy Practice Framework \(APPF\)](#) in November 2012, the Advanced Pharmacy Practice Framework Steering Committee met late last year to discuss the next stage of the advanced practice project.

The Committee is pleased to report on the following progress.

- a. Amendments to the Committee's terms of reference were agreed to enable this forum to conduct the next stage of work on the implementation of the APPF. This will broadly consist of work to:
 - (i) develop an implementation plan for recognition of advanced pharmacy practice, including a possible recognition pathway; and
 - (ii) articulate specific areas of practice in which pharmacists are accepted to be practising at an advanced level.
- b. The Committee is seeking to engage and collaborate with input from pharmacists aspiring for advanced practice recognition through consultation on specific issues or participation in working groups. An initial survey is currently being developed and anticipated for release later this month.
- c. An options paper on possible models for a recognition process is being developed for profession-wide consultation in 2013.

I would like to thank the organisations involved in this Committee for their continued contribution and look forward to ongoing work through this collaborative partnership.

The Committee also looks forward to input from pharmacists during 2013 to help shape the future of the profession in the area of advanced practice.

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Chair APPFSC
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