

# 2025 Accreditation Evaluation Report

## Executive Summary

### Purpose

To evaluate the effectiveness and governance of the South Australian Medical Education and Training (SA MET) Health Advisory Council accreditation process of prevocational doctors' education and training and identify possible areas for improvement.

### What Was Evaluated

Quantitative and qualitative evaluation feedback was sought from stakeholders involved in accreditation processes. Feedback seeks to evaluate the performance and effectiveness of accreditation processes and representatives of the Advisory Council to support quality assurance and continuous improvements.

Three separate evaluations were undertaken:

1. Medical Education Units (MEU):  
Directors of Clinical Training (DCTs) and Medical Education Officers (MEOs)
2. Accreditation Surveyors (who participated as a surveyor in 2025)
3. Accreditation Committee Members

### How the evaluation was undertaken

Members of the above groups were invited to participate and were provided quantitative and qualitative evaluation feedback on their experiences of the accreditation process delivered by the SA MET Unit. A link to a survey consisting of multiple-choice questions and opportunities for respondents to provide comments and suggestions for improvements were sent out to members of the above groups and a follow-up email was sent two weeks later.

The DCTs and MEOs were additionally provided in-meeting time to complete the survey, at their joint meeting held on 19 February 2026.

### Response Rates

Group	Eligible Participants	Responses Received	Response Rate
Medical Education Units (DCTs and MEOs)	35	14	40%
2025 Accreditation Surveyors	16	9	56%
Accreditation Committee Members	15	6	40%

### Overall Key Findings

The SA MET Unit received overall positive feedback from respondents across all three surveys. Common themes included that the advice and support were valued by external stakeholders and that the accreditation processes endorsed by the Health Advisory Council appears to be well received and performing its functions adequately.

## Key Recommendations for Improvement

Based on the feedback received from stakeholders the below recommendation has been made to support continuous improvement across the accreditation functions delivered by the SA MET Unit on behalf of the Health Advisory Council.

No.	Recommendation
1	As part of the accreditation process LHNs are provided a copy of the Health Service Accreditation Guideline (appendix 1 is a suggested evidence guideline).
2	Increase communication with the LHNs in regard to conditions, particularly when they are first provided and as the time they are due draws near; include how to use VAM.
3	Increase communication with the LHNs in regard to the requirements for the mid-cycle monitoring report.
4	When the Accreditation Committee decisions are sent to the LHNs offer extra assistance.
5	Ensure Accreditation Surveyor and Lead Surveyor Training includes information regarding accreditation standards and process.
6	Ensure all stakeholders are given information regarding accreditation standards and processes and applying them to their needs as required.
7	When advertising for Accreditation Committee Members include the skill-mix required.
8	Plan and implement a strategy to improve communication and build relationships with all stakeholders with a focus on LHNs.
9	Consider Accreditation Committee meeting time and dates how to maximise the time (increasing the number or squeezing an extra one in when the agenda is full).
10	Consider how Accreditation Committee members may optimise their contributions to the Committees functions and work collaboratively with other agencies including medical colleges and Advisory Councils.
11	Consider how to improve Accreditation Committee meeting preparation and out of session responsibilities.
12	Develop online module for Accreditation Surveyor and Lead Surveyor Training includes information regarding National Standards and process.