

Human Pathology Accreditation Advisory Committee

Summary of the 35th meeting - 30 October 2025

Opening & welcome	Welcome and introductory remarks from the Chair
Committee Membership	The Committee discussed the terms of appointment of current committee members which are due to expire on or before the next meeting. All outstanding positions were actioned in 2024/25.
Stakeholder engagement	IANZ, TGA, the ACSQHC, Services Australia and The Commonwealth Department of Health, Disability and Ageing provided an update on activities and future directions.
Discussion	<p>The Committee suggested that more emphasis should be placed on the associated risk when presenting assessment findings to facilities at the exit meeting.</p> <p>The Committee discussed how new technical assessors might be supported. One option was to join the assessment teams and observe assessments first, which is an option but will result in higher costs to NATA. It was further suggested that new assessors employed by the facility being assessed be allowed to shadow the assessment teams, NATA would support this.</p> <p>A number of items were received from stakeholders which were discussed. A response to these will be provided back to the stakeholder.</p>
Next meeting	The next meeting will occur on 29 October 2026