

The Australian Dental Council signs MoU with the UAE's Commission for Academic Accreditation

Melbourne, Victoria, 9 March 2021: On 23 February 2021 the Australian Dental Council (ADC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Commission for Academic Accreditation (CAA), the National Accreditation Agency affiliated with the United Arab Emirates Ministry of Education.

Under the MoU the CAA has awarded the ADC international accreditation authority status in registered higher education institutions in the United Arab Emirates. As part of this agreement, dental practitioner programs based in the United Arab Emirates can apply to be accredited by the ADC and the CAA simultaneously.

The MoU also allows for greater information sharing and collaboration between the two organisations on projects and activities regarding international program accreditation, including accreditation teams and processes explains ADC Chief Executive Officer, Narelle Mills.

"The ADC is excited to be working collaboratively with the CAA on dental accreditation in the United Arab Emirates. The signing of the MoU demonstrates the high regard in which Australian accreditation standards and processes are held within the United Arab Emirates and around the world," said Ms Mills.

"Public safety sits at the centre of the work we do in program accreditation. The CAA and the ADC have a mutual interest in ensuring the dental practitioners of tomorrow have the necessary skills and knowledge needed to practice safely to the highest international standards. We look forward to learning from and collaborating with the CAA on projects and activities which benefit the sector now and into the future," she said.

For students of dental practitioner programs in the United Arab Emirates accredited by the ADC the MoU opens up opportunities to potentially pursue postgraduate studies in Australia. Graduates of an ADC accredited program from the United Arab Emirates will still be required to complete the dental practitioner assessment process before they are eligible to register to practise with the Dental Board of Australia.

Further information about the ADC's program accreditation process is available at adc.org.au/Program-Accreditation

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About the Australian Dental Council

Formed in 1993, the Australian Dental Council (ADC) is an independent organisation appointed by the Dental Board of Australia (DBA) to conduct assessment and accreditation functions for the dental profession under the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (NRAS).

The ADC is an independent not-for-profit company limited by guarantee under the Australian Securities and Investments Commission. It holds charity status under the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission and is funded by a grant from the DBA and fee for service activities.

The Council recognises the value of a diverse and skilled workforce and is committed to creating and maintaining a diverse and inclusive culture, which draws on the backgrounds, experiences and perspectives of its people to enhance its decision making.

Current members of the ADC include key professional bodies, academic bodies and other members of the Australian dental profession.