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As of 30 June 2015 the number of ADEA members achieving recognition as CDEs increased to 1165, an increase of 120. See figure 1.

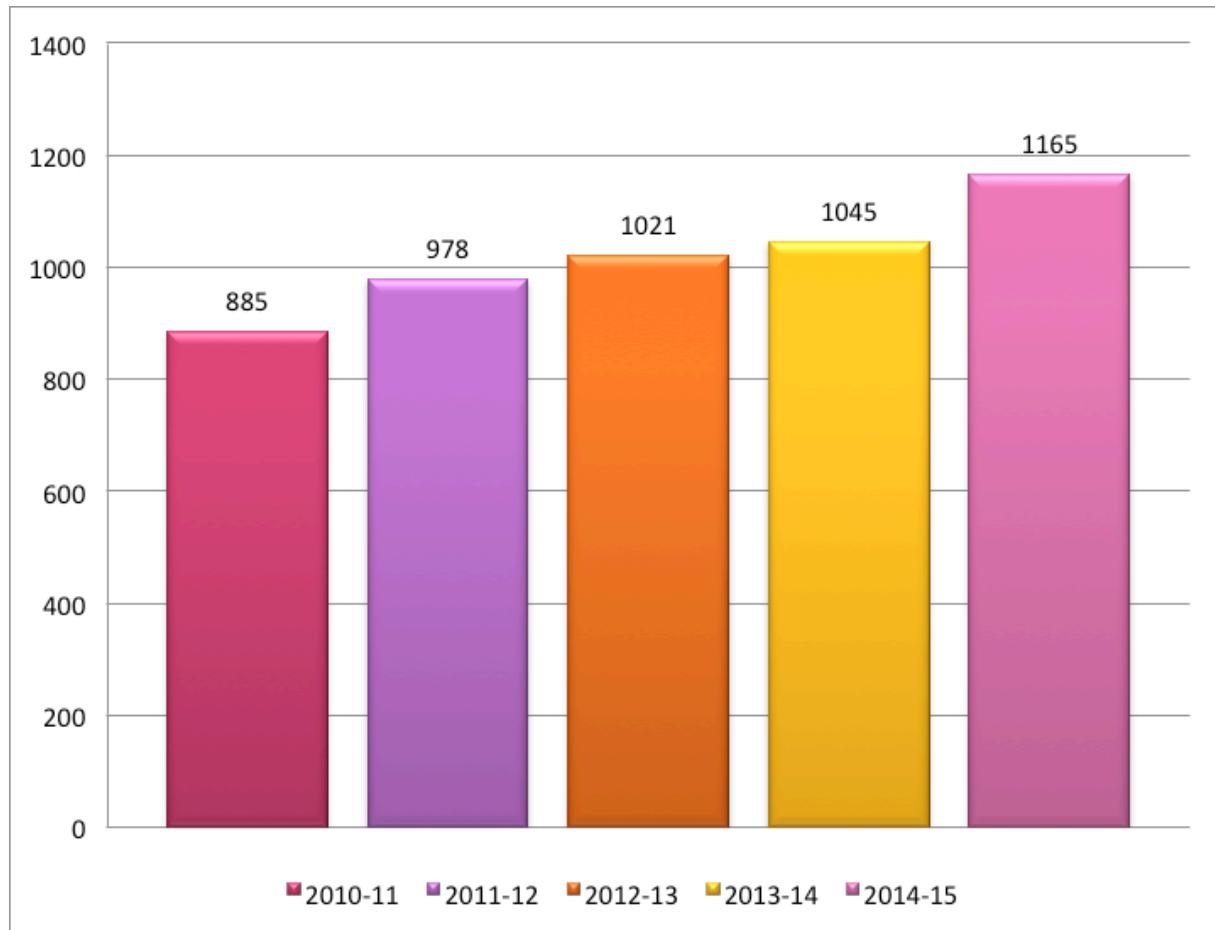


Figure 1: Number of CDEs by financial year from 2010-11 to 2014-15

In this financial year the ADEA Board approved physiotherapists and direct entry midwives as eligible professions to become CDEs. This was following application from their respective national professional bodies.

In addition the Board approved removal of the requirement for pharmacists to undertake the Medication Management Review program (MMR). This now brings pharmacists in line with requirements for other CDE eligible disciplines.

ADEA has approved the addition of Southern Cross University and James Cook University as educational providers of the Graduate Certificate in Diabetes Education.

All universities providing an ADEA accredited diabetes education course were required to participate in an accreditation review of the Graduate Certificate in Diabetes Education in 2014. This was a welcome review and we hope to continue improving the value of diabetes education. We would like to thank the ADEA CASP Committee and the ADEA Credentialling Committee who provide great expertise and leadership in all areas of Credentialling and Education for CDEs.

Professional Services Manager Report

As you may be aware, the main focus for Kerry Oddy and me at National Office this year has been the implementation of the Online Credentiallling / Recredentiallling System. The implementation of this system has not been without its challenges, although it is now working well. I acknowledge and appreciate all those involved, particularly the Credentiallling Committee, and thank the members for their patience during the process. Special thank you goes to Jan Alford, Maxine Schlaeppi and Liz Obersteller for their time and participation in the implementation of Credentiallling sub-committee that appointed the changes. We couldn't have done it without you!

Still to come is the Online Mentoring Program. This is currently in the final stages of development and will also be a great addition to our online system once implemented. All forms, registration and evaluation will be completed online for a much more streamlined and efficient program. The Online Mentoring E-learning Modules for mentees and mentors have had a great uptake, and outcomes of these new modules are being evaluated. So far, over 110 members have completed these modules. A report on the evaluation to the changes to the mentoring program will be available at the beginning of 2016.

ADEA has made submissions to the Senate Select Committee on Health, the National Diabetes Strategy, ACCC report to the Senate on private health insurance, RACGP review of the General Practice Guidelines for Type 2 diabetes, Post-market Review Insulin Pumps Report and its National Evidence-Based Guideline on Secondary Prevention of Vascular Disease in Type 2 Diabetes.

We have also produced collaborative submissions with Allied Health Professionals Australia regarding the eHealth legislation, and a discussion paper and with Exercise & Sports Science Australia and Dietitians Association of Australia regarding a Pre-National Diabetes Strategy submission on Medicare group services for pre-diabetes.

Thank you to the members who have supported these submissions.

Over the past 12 months I have continued to be involved with numerous working parties and reference groups on behalf of ADEA, with future projects on the horizon in 2015-16.

At the beginning of 2015 the review of the Scope of Practice for Credentialled Diabetes Educators in Australia was finalised. This document is a great reference for all those involved in diabetes education. Over the next 12 months we hope to have finalised a full review of ADEA's other practice documents: National Standards of Practice for Credentialled Diabetes Educators, Core Competencies for Credentialled Diabetes Educators and the National Standards of Practice for Diabetes Education Programs. We are also reviewing the DAA/ADEA joint position statement: The role of Credentialled Diabetes Educators and Accredited Practicing Dietitians in the delivery of diabetes self-management education and nutrition services for people with diabetes.

Two other major projects have almost been concluded. A review of the Injection Technique Clinical Recommendations and the Aged Care online learning modules are in the final stages of completion and will be available to members by the end of 2015. Thank you to the Clinical Practice Committee for their review of these documents and to ADEA members who have provided valuable input and feedback.

I have enjoyed being a part of the Webinars that ADEA now offers to members for continuing professional development. I'm sure these will continue into the future, offering more great topics for the benefit of our members. And of course, I am very much looking forward to the Thought Leadership Program in November. I look forward to catching up with members at this great event as it rolls out in Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland.

Rachel McKeown
Professional Services Manager

Membership and Credentiallling Officer

The last 12 months with ADEA has been an eventful, challenging and educational adventure involving the fine tuning of processes and procedures, as well as the creation and introduction of the new Online Credentiallling/ Recredentiallling System.

Following on from the revision of the Endorsement Program and the accreditation processes, ADEA has seen many endorsement applications being submitted and approved, as well as the re-accreditation of all universities for the Graduate Certificate in Diabetes and Education. We would also like to welcome two more universities (Southern Cross University and James Cook University) to the ranks of educational facilities to provide the Diabetes Education course.

Together with the Professional Services Manager, my key project has been to create and implement the new Online Credentiallling System, which has provided many challenges. I would like to thank all members for their patience and understanding during the implementation process and look forward to any feedback or suggestions about how we can improve the system. The system is still going through some minor technical changes to improve its usability.

Now that all membership and credentiallling payments are processed through the website, the entire payment system has been streamlined, providing a secure setting and giving members an accurate receipt of payments for taxation purposes. It also ensures that the system is up to date, as all payments are now allocated to member profiles and itemised as soon as they are processed.

The new e-learning management system has been another key activity. This has involved working with Toni Rice, ADEA NDSS Project Officer, to implement a newer version of Moodle and update the courses we have on offer. This will be available in July 2015, and will bring new and exciting educational opportunities to those interested in increasing their knowledge and awareness of diabetes practices.

I will be in a key position at the ASM, looking after the ADEA stand. I welcome the opportunity to meet more members in person, or catch up with those I have already met, and also assist any member with credentiallling/recredentiallling issues.

Kerry Oddy
Membership and Credentiallling Officer