

Professor Richard Tarala

Prof Tarala is currently Chair of the Postgraduate Medical Council of Western Australia (PMCWA) and also the Convenor of CPMEC's Prevocational Medical Accreditation Network (PMAN). He is a Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of Western Australia and in clinical practice as a Respiratory Physician.

Prof Tarala qualified in physiology and medicine in Edinburgh, and trained in Respiratory Medicine under Sir John Crofton in Scotland before joining the University of Western Australia as a respiratory and general physician. He later moved to Royal Perth Hospital where he founded the Department of Respiratory Medicine and then became Director of Postgraduate Medical Education at Royal Perth.

As the Chair of the Accreditation Committee of PMCWA since 2004, Prof Tarala has been very active in promoting the sharing of knowledge and practices in prevocational accreditation across Australia and New Zealand. He was the National Convenor of the process that culminated in the development of the Prevocational Medical Accreditation Framework (PMAF). All jurisdictions now are using the PMAF as the template to review prevocational accreditation training standards and policies. This in turn, has helped promote greater national consistency and alignment of prevocational medical training accreditation.