
National Registration and Accreditation Scheme for Health Professionals

Response to Consultation Paper on Proposed Registration Arrangements.

The NSW Psychologists Registration Board endorses in full the Council of Psychologists Registration Boards response, to which it is a party.

The NSW Psychologists Registration Board would like to provide these additional comments:

Proposal 5.3. In addition to specifying a period of internship, it is recommended that the internship comprise "practical experience satisfactory to the Board" rather than just a period of time.

Proposal 7.1. Similarly, under 'Specific' registration, which would include 'provisional' - 'to allow an applicant to undertake an internship or other period of supervised clinical practice, following graduation from an approved course of study' the Board wants to ensure that this period of internship comprises "supervised practical experience and training **satisfactory to the Board**" rather than just a period of time. That is, internships and the content of the internship, should be approved by the Board. It is desirable that guidelines established by the Board be required, to govern the internship experience, to meet the expectations of the profession, to ensure psychologists are fit to practice, and therefore have the confidence of the public. The legislation should therefore be clear that such periods of supervised clinical practice must be satisfactory to the Board i.e. Board-approved.

Yours sincerely



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