

Dear Associate Professor Brin Grenyer,
(Chair, The Psychology Board of Australia).

Regarding "Consultation Paper 5":

(Consultation on Revisions to the Guidelines on Area of Practice Endorsements) there are a few uncertainties and likely inequities against those students that are currently enrolled within the combined Masters/PhD course (i.e., PhD by Coursework, Practica, and Research) that have already surpassed the proposed Masters-linked criteria for inclusion into the PBA proposed Registrar Program (RP).

Since early 2009 myself and several cohorts (in the nicest sense of the term) have completed all aspects of the Masters (Clinical) coursework and practica requirements as well as several semesters of accredited progress within the research side of a full PhD thesis (i.e., well in-excess of the modern and ever-evaporating 'Masters project').

In addition, like myself, we have accrued many hours of:

1 - direct 1:1 therapeutic practice (some well in-excess of the 264 hours across 18-months discussed);

2 - Clinical Psychologist provided direct (non-Skype-esqued) supervision (again, in-excess of the 60-hours over 18-months proposed);

&

3 - accredited CPD far in-excess of imposed-requirement based CPD under the proposed RP.

Is this to be in anyway recognized as 'Recognized Prior Learning' (RPL) within the proposed Registrar Program (RP)?

If not, why not?

Restated - how can documented and Statutory Declared records of points 1-3 (above) be ignored when completed by a current Masters/PhD (combined student; Fully Registered as a Psychologist) after Masters aspects have been signed-off by a University?

If such post-Masters stipulation RPL (across all three aspects) is ignored, is it not then a simple matter of the PBA having imposed bureaucratically simplistic myopia rather than the wider, and inclusive, both hindsight and foresight based awareness posited within the PBA?

Also, can a WA fully-registered psychologist apply to the PBA for entry into the PBA proposed RP whilst the WA Board, and differences therein vs. non-WA developments, still exist?

Many thanks for your consideration and efforts to promote a fair, just, and professional direction for the profession.

Kind regards,

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