

# Policy for place of practice removal

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### Summary

Under section 226(2) of the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act* (the National Law) as in force in each state and territory, a National Board may decide not to include or to remove certain information in the National Register. This information may include the place of practice for a registered psychologist.

### Scope of application

This standard applies to all registered psychologists.

### Delegations

The Board has delegated the decision to remove information in the public National Register to the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) and to the Regional Boards. AHPRA may approve but not refuse an application for removal of place of practice from the National Register. The Regional Board may refuse an application.

### Guiding principle

The Board's guiding principle for this policy is to ensure that there is no overriding public interest for the details of the place of practice to be recorded and that it is necessary to protect the practitioner's privacy.

### Requirements

In line with section 226(2) of the National Law, AHPRA or the Regional Board may decide that information relating to a registered health practitioner is not to be recorded in its National Register when:

- a) the practitioner asks the Board in writing not to include the information in the National Register; and
- b) the practitioner outlines how inclusion of the place of practice in the National Register would present a serious risk to the health and safety of the practitioner; and
- c) the Board reasonably believes the inclusion of the information in the National Register would present a serious risk to the health and safety of the practitioner.

Requests without substantiation or on trivial grounds not related to health and safety should be refused.

Any requests for suppression of all details from the public National Register, including the registered practitioner's name, should be referred to AHPRA Legal Counsel for advice before a decision is determined by the National Board or delegate.

### Authorisation

Psychology Board of Australia  
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### Review

This policy will be in effect from 6 April 2011.