

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to suggest that the proposed exam not be mandated for people who began a higher research degree in clinical psychology prior to the nationalisation of the board. As with other issues, I believe that there should be some sort of grandparenting arrangement so that not everyone needs to sit for the exam. For example, I began my doctorate of clinical psychology at la trobe university, melbourne in 2007. I am yet to complete it at the end of this year and as none of my cohort who have already finished had to do such an exam, it seems unfair that I should have to do one in order to now receive the same qualification as them.

I hope that you will take this issue into consideration as I feel it may effect quite a number of people in the same boat as myself. If our classmates did not have to do such an exam it appears unjust that we should have to due to deferral at a particular time in the degree (as in my case) or simply taking longer to finish than others, or being a part time student (as in my case as well).

Kind regards,
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