

Communiqué

20 June 2014

The Psychology Board of Australia (the Board) is established under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory (the National Law). This communiqué highlights key issues from the 53rd meeting of the Board on 20 June 2014. At each meeting, the Board considers a wide range of issues, many of which are routine and are not included in this communiqué.

National Registration and Accreditation Scheme review

The Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council (AHMAC) has now published the terms of reference for the three-year review of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (National Scheme). The three-year review will examine:

- the extent to which we are meeting the objectives and guiding principles of the National Scheme
- the operational performance of the National Scheme
- the National Law, including mandatory reporting, the Australian Health Workforce Advisory Council and new professions entering the scheme
- governance effectiveness, including within the National Scheme and with our key stakeholders, and
- the sustainability of the National Scheme, with a specific focus on new professions in the Scheme and funding for smaller professions.

Mr Kim Snowball has been appointed to lead the review. Mr Snowball has held a variety of senior leadership roles in both the public and private health sectors. For more information, visit the News section on the AHPRA website.

National Psychology Examination

Registrations for the examination period starting 22 August are now open.

To schedule your exam, first register an account in the <u>examination portal</u>. Once you receive notice that your account has been activated (within five working days) you can book in your examination day and time and attempt the Practice Examination.

Through the website, you have access to important <u>examination resources</u>: the examination guidelines, curriculum and reading list as well as other relevant information in the frequently asked questions (FAQ). If you have a question that is not covered by the FAQ, please contact <u>nationalpsychologyexam@ahpra.gov.au</u> for assistance.

Panel member recruitment

The Board is currently undertaking a recruitment campaign for NT, SA and WA practitioners who express an interest and meet the required criteria to be panel members to sit on professional standards panels. Please see the <u>Board's website</u> for more details about this campaign.

More information

We publish a range of information about registration and our expectations of you as a psychologist on our website at www.psychologyboard.gov.au.

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