**Public Consultation – Guidelines for the 4+2 Internship**

***1. Options Statement – provisional registration standard***

**What is your preferred option for the provisional registration standard?**

Option 2, the revised standard is preferred.

**Do the proposed revisions to the *Provisional registration standard* improve clarify and make the standard easier to understand?**

The proposed revisions definitely improve clarity and make the standard easier to understand.

***2. Options statement – guidelines for 4+2 internship***

**What is your preferred option for the guideline for the 4+2 program?**

Option 2 – adopt the revised guidelines

**Assessment and Case Reports**

**Are the requirements for case reports clear and is there sufficient detail about what to include in case reports to guide provisional psychologists and their supervisors?**

Yes, these are clear and provide good guidance.

**What is your view of the proposal to require submission of two case reports to the Board in the first half of the internship and two in the second half?**

This proposal offers structure and balance and will better reflect the development of the provisional psychologist’s skills as they develop in their role.

**Do you have any other feedback or suggestions about assessment tasks?**

The proposed amendments to the psychometric tests will ensure that this competency will be more achievable.

**Psychological Practice and work roles**

**Do you support the proposal for simulated client contact, including simulated test administration to be able to be counted towards the requirements of the internship?**

This is definitely a good idea, particularly with the more complex tests which require a high level of skill in their administration, interpretation and delivery of results to clients.

**Supervision**

**Do you support the proposed changes to supervision requirements for the 4+2 internship program?**

There is more structure regarding the requirements of supervision, which will provide clearer guidance to supervisors and provisional psychologists in successfully meeting the requirements of the 4+2 program.

**Are remote supervision methods effective?**

In regional areas, remote methods of supervision are often the most practical method of providing supervision. If remove supervision is well organised and well structured, it can be effective, particularly with the availability of Skype. There are some limitations with not seeing a supervisor face to face, but as long as the contact is regular and thorough, remote methods of delivery do not necessarily impede successful supervision.

**General questions for consideration.**

**Is the content and structure of the draft revised guideline helpful, clear, relevant and more workable than the current interim guideline.**

Yes it is definitely all of these things and will ensure a much smoother and more manageable 4+2 pathway for supervisors, interns and workplaces.

**Do you have any other comments on the draft revised guideline?**

The revised guideline will significantly improve the experience of provisional psychologists and supervisors in undertaking on the journey towards registration while maintaining the objective of protecting the public by providing suitably trained professionals.

There is more structure and clarity to the 4+2 guidelines, more streamlined administration, and clearer alignment between the tasks required in achieving the core competencies and the National Psychology Exam.

The proposed modification of the requirements of the core competencies, particularly for the Psychological Assessment & Measurement and Practice Across the Lifespan competencies, will enable provisional psychologists to achieve these competencies within a single workplace, which is a welcome modification.

***3. Consultation questions on the reporting and recording forms for the 4+2 internship program for consideration.***

**Do you have any other ideas or feedback about forms for the 4+2 internship?**

The greater simplicity and clarity of the required forms is most welcome and will significantly streamline the administrative requirements of the 4+2 internship.