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|  | National Psychology Exam - video voice over transcript |

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In Australia to register as a psychologist you probably need to sit the National Psychology Exam. Many different people need to.

If you’re provisionally registered, if you haven’t practised in ten years, or if you’re qualfied overseas but want to practise in Australia.

The exam is there to assess your applied knowledge, to ensure the standard of psychologists nation-wide is consistent and professional. That means it protects the public, while allowing psychologists to independently practise.

It’s three and half hours long, it has 150 multiple choice questions, and you need at least 70% to pass.

It tests applied knowledge, from the fifth and sixth years of your training; the questions are all from the curriculum.

To prepare, read the curriculum and be familiar with it. It’s published on the Board’s website.

Also check the example questions, the recommended reading list, and the other additional resources that are up there too.

The exams usually run four times a year. For exam and registration dates, keep an eye on the website.

The Examination Portal is where you’ll need to register your details to sit the exam, and once your account has been activated, and registrations have opened, you’ll need to book and pay for it online.

If you have any special needs, though, let us know before you apply. AHPRA needs 30 days notice to ensure that we can accomodate them.

On the day, make sure you bring your receipt and two pieces of ID. Don’t forget these, or you might not be allowed in.

For the day to run smoothly, listen to what the exam supervisors say, and don’t bring any reference material or electronic devices with you – they’re not allowed in the exam.

Remember – it’s up to you to book a date and turn up. So make sure you study the curriculum, seek advice and assistance from your supervisors and take all the learning opportunities you can.

Before you take the real exam, you can get a feel for it by also giving the practice one a go.

Once the real one is done, you’ll get your results by email, about three to four weeks later.

But at any stage, if you have any questions, ask us at AHPRA.