

Date 13 May 2019
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Dear Rachel

I am writing on behalf of the Clinical Psychology academics and supervisors at Griffith University. We are very pleased to see the public consultation paper seeking feedback on the review of the Guidelines for the national psychology examination (the guidelines).

We agree with the Board's preferred option to make two substantive changes to the Guidelines for the national psychology examination:

- i. to separate the guidelines into a guideline and a manual, and
- ii. to determine to make the higher degree exemption from sitting the exam permanent.

We thank the Board for their careful consideration of the matters that has led them to this preferred option, noting that the higher degree exemption has been in place since 2013, and no issues have been identified by the Board during the temporary exemption period. We also agree with the Board that the approach to competency-based training and assessment as required in the 2019 APAC Standards, along with a much stronger emphasis on the protection of the public, should ensure that diversity in training programs will not adversely affect the ability of graduates to practise safely with members of the public.

We also note and agree that separating the guidelines into two documents (the guidelines and a manual) is a sensible and practical solution which should give those applicants who are required to take the exam more clarity in relation to the regulatory information and the operational information, requirements, and rules for preparing for and sitting the exam.



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