

# PSYCHOLOGISTS REGISTRATION BOARD OF VICTORIA

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This submission is made by the Psychologists Registration Board of Victoria ('PRBV') in response to the Consultation paper on registration standards and related matters. The PRBV welcomes the opportunity to provide the following response.

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In response to the proposed Mandatory Registration Standards, the PRBV offers the following comments:

## **Criminal History**

The PRBV supports the proposed standard.

## **English Language Skills**

The PRBV supports the proposed standard.

## **Professional Indemnity Insurance**

The PRBV supports the proposed standard.

## **Continuing Professional Development**

The PRBV supports the proposed standard.

## **Recency of Practice**

The PRBV believes that five years should be the timeframe applied to recency of practice, not the proposed three years. Whilst PRBV acknowledges that the current proposal is that an applicant for registration would only need to demonstrate Continuing Professional Development to be eligible for registration following a gap in practice of between three and five years, PRBV does not support this distinction between three and five years, and believes that at less than five years an applicant should be registered without any additional requirements.

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### **Proposed qualification requirements for general registration**

The PRBV supports the phasing out of the 4+2 program and the timeframe proposed for this.

The PRBV notes that there is currently a great deal of diversity between the jurisdictions in regards to the pathways to general registration. For example there are variations as to when within a doctoral program that a provisional registrant is eligible to apply for general registration. This is an important issue that will require harmonisation within the national scheme.

### **Proposal for specialist registration**

The PRBV supports the role of the PBA in the recognition of specialities within the profession. The PRBV, however does not support geropsychology as a separate speciality.

### **Proposal for endorsements**

The PRBV supports the endorsements of supervisors.