



## Communiqué

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### **28 November 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 58<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board on 28 November 2014.

At each meeting, the Board considers a wide range of issues, many of which are routine and are not included in this communiqué.

### **Perth forum**

The Board hosted a public forum in Perth on Thursday 27 November 2014 that was attended by 200 psychologists. This was the third forum to be held in Perth. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation given by the Chair of the Board about national regulation and registration will be available on the Board's [website](#) shortly.

### **Local meeting with Heads of Psychology Schools**

While in Perth, the Board had the opportunity to meet with a number of local stakeholders including Heads of University Psychology departments, Senior Psychologists who oversee the employment of large numbers of psychologists, and office bearers of professional psychology organisations about the National Scheme, endorsements, the internship programs, workforce issues, and the supervision training requirements.

### **Newsletter**

The Board has released Issue 12 of Connections newsletter. You can read it on the [Board's website](#).

### **Psychology regulation at work in Australia, 2013/14**

The 2013/14 Annual Report of AHPRA and the National Boards, reporting on the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme), has been published.

The report provides a detailed account of the work of the National Board in partnership with AHPRA in regulating Australia's 619,500 health practitioners in the public interest. It is a comprehensive record of the National Scheme for the 12 months ending 30 June 2014.

This year for the first time, AHPRA and the Board have also published:

- a profession-specific summary on the regulation of psychology in Australia, which provides a clear snapshot of the profession (the first time such a report is available), and
- a local summary for each state and territory about the regulation of all the professions in the National Scheme.

The summaries and annual report are published on the AHPRA website under [Publications](#). The documents can also be accessed via the Board's website.

## Call for applications for appointment to the NT/SA/WA Regional Board of the Psychology Board of Australia

Applications are now sought for practitioner members from South Australia to fill vacancies of the NT/SA/WA Regional Board of the Psychology Board of Australia.

State, territory and regional board appointments are made by the relevant Minister for Health under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act as in force in each state and territory. This appointment is for up to three years, with eligibility for reappointment, and will commence in early 2015.

More information about the role and the application process is included in the application form and guide.

These can be downloaded from <http://www.ahpra.gov.au/National-Boards.aspx>

For enquiries contact [boardappoint@ahpra.gov.au](mailto:boardappoint@ahpra.gov.au)

Applications close by **5.00pm AEDT** on **Monday 27 December 2014**.

## Approved programs of study

Under section 49 of the National Law, the National Board requires accreditation reports from the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) before approving the accredited programs of study as providing a qualification that will lead to registration. At this meeting the Board approved APAC-accredited courses from Curtin University.

## Consultation update

Shortly, the Board will begin public consultation on its provisional registration standard and 4+2 internship program guidelines.

Consultation is an important part of the Board's engagement with psychologists and members of the public. Feedback received is greatly valued, and informs the Board's development of registration standards, codes, and guidelines.

To read new and past consultation papers go to the Board's website under the [News](#) tab.

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