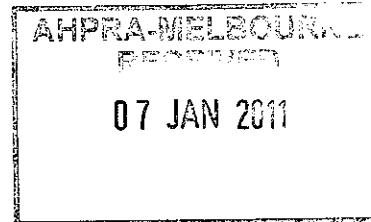




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Dear Professor Grenyer

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed guidelines on area of practice endorsements for the Psychology Board of Australia.

Overall the I support the proposed guidelines, however the ACT has concerns about the sections relating to supervision (section 3.3 and section 4) for Area of Practice Endorsements.

The proposed guidelines state that the majority of the supervision must be provided by a Board approved supervisor who is endorsed to practise in the same Area of Practice as the registrar program. In addition, the supervisor must have held an Endorsement in the approved Area of Practice for at least two years.

Despite the transitional provisions which last until 30 June 2013, some current psychology supervisors may not be able to meet these requirements as they gained their qualifications before current qualification levels were available and/or required. Despite being highly qualified with many years of experience and demonstrated dedication to the education of students in their profession, these supervisors would be ineligible to continue providing supervision. This could lead to a shortage of eligible supervisors, leading in turn to a workforce shortage.

Consideration should be given to inclusion of a more flexible grandfathering clause to accommodate current, experienced supervisors so that this valuable resource is not lost.

Yours sincerely

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