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There remains much confusion about the pathway for achieving practice endorsement for registered psychologists who have already completed their clinical masters program but who have not yet completed the post masters period of supervised experience.

It seems that current students can apply directly to the board and achieve endorsement on completion of their masters program and a one year registrar program. Previous applicants could achieve endorsement by demonstrating eligibility for clinical college membership without actually being members of the college. Some have achieved practice endorsement without even completing a masters degree and instead completing a limited bridging program.

Those like me are being told that the only pathway to practice endorsement through a one year registrar program is to actually be a full member of the APS, lodge supervision plans with both the APS and the Board and associate membership of the APS college of clinical psychologists. This associate membership requires yet more forms to be completed and an additional payment of \$153.50 on top of APS membership fees and registration fees. It seems that we are the only group that fall within this requirement which seems to be unfair and anomalous. I also believe that there are many who are not even aware of this requirement as it is not clearly highlighted anywhere. I only became aware of it via email from the APS two months after lodging my supervision plan. I am still unsure about whether or not this is a genuine pre-requisite to practice endorsement.

Some clarity and fairness around this issue would be appreciated.

Regards,

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