

Comments on “Consultation paper on registration standard and related matters”
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Section 2.2 – English language skills, p6

This standard does not appear to cover immigrants to Australia who have become Australian citizens, but may not have a sufficient level of English for professional practice. Perhaps there should be provision in the standard for a check of English language proficiency if a registrant’s language proficiency becomes a source of concern.

Section 2.3 – Professional indemnity insurance, p. 8

It appears this section only applies to registered psychologists, and I wonder if probationary psychologists or ‘Psychologists in Training’ should also be required to obtain professional indemnity insurance when they are involved in the practice of psychology such as when they are on a placement. Psychologists in Training undertaking practicums as part of university studies are probably covered by their university, but not all Psychologists in Training are studying with a university.