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**Subject:** Exposure Draft – Guidelines on area of practice endorsements

I am enrolled in the combined Doctor of Philosophy and Masters of Psychology program and completed all Clinical Masters coursework and placement components. I have completed a draft of my PhD thesis (90 000 words) which had been reviewed and deemed to be equivalent to the requirements for the Master of Clinical Psychology thesis. I have been employed on the condition I can begin my supervision for endorsement in January. I hope to submit my PhD thesis after my PhD supervisors review it when they return from leave in February. There revision may take up to 3 months. Then when submitted to international examiners whilst the university asks examiners to turn around the thesis in 3 months, often it takes months longer. It would be really appreciated if students in this situation are able to start supervision for endorsement rather than waiting for up to a year for the PhD thesis to be marked. After studying for 9 years it would be a nice feeling to be able to earn money rather than waiting another year. Hopefully this will get support and be approved soon so that I do not lose this job offer and others in a similar situation can also obtain jobs as a clin psyc registrar and begin endorsement supervision.