



# Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council

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Dear Associate Professor Grenyer

Thank you for your letter of 26 February 2010 in relation to revised proposals submitted by the Psychology Board of Australia (the Board) on mandatory registration standards, and proposals for provisional registration, general registration, and area of practice endorsements.

Pursuant to section 12 of the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (2009)* (the National Law), as enacted by participating jurisdictions, the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council (the Ministerial Council) has decided to approve the following registration standards submitted by the Board – with the approval taking effect on 1 July 2010 to coincide with the commencement of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme:

- criminal history registration standard
- English language requirements registration standard
- professional indemnity insurance arrangements registration standard
- continuing professional development registration standard
- recency of practice registration standard
- registration standard for general registration
- registration standard for provisional registration.

Further, pursuant to section 15 of the National Law, the Ministerial Council has decided to approve the Board's proposal for an area of practice endorsement for the following seven areas, to take effect on 1 July 2010:

- clinical psychology
- counselling psychology
- forensic psychology
- clinical neuropsychology
- organisation psychology
- sport and exercise psychology
- educational and developmental psychology.

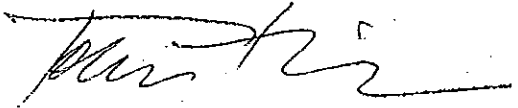
This endorsement is to apply to registered psychologists whose registration has been endorsed by the Board in accordance with section 98 of the National Law.

In making the decision to approve seven of the nine areas of practice for psychology, Ministers noted that these are consistent with local and international categories for the psychology profession, such as branches of psychology in Western Australia, and the recently recognised domains of practice in the United Kingdom.

I would like to congratulate the Board on submitting its final proposals for the psychology profession in Australia to the Ministerial Council.

We trust that the Ministerial Council's decision to approve the registration standards and related proposals as outlined in this letter will assist the Board to implement the proposals in the lead-up to the national scheme's full commencement on 1 July 2010.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Hill', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John Hill  
CHAIR, Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council  
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