

## Media release

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### Effective today: Five policies affecting psychologists with general and provisional registration

The Psychology Board of Australia has approved five new policies that are effective today.

These policies affect psychologists with general and provisional registration, and were developed by the Board to protect the public and provide guidance to the profession under the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme.

Two of the new policies relate specifically to 4+2 registrants, while three are general and relevant to all practitioners.

#### **New policies affecting 4+2 Registrants**

- Policy for changing states (jurisdictions) for pre-1 July 2010 4+2 registrants
- Policy for 4+2 internship program: limited work role

#### **New general policies**

- Policy on working in addition to placements – includes a new application form
- Policy on applicants for general registration with overseas qualifications
- Policy on place of practice removal

Psychology Board of Australia Chair, Professor Brin Grenyer said the new policies would help practitioners meet the Board's registration standards and support national consistency in the registration of psychologists under the National Scheme.

"Provisional registration is an important step towards full registration and the Board takes seriously its role in supporting new members of our profession," Professor Grenyer said.

"The Board hopes these policies help clarify the Board's expectations of the profession and provide useful guidance to practitioners" he said.

The Policy on working in addition to placements includes a new application form. This policy allows higher degree students to work in psychology roles in addition to a university placement, and is made possible by the Board's previous decision to register fifth and sixth year psychology students as provisional registrants rather than as students. This allows students to keep working in a clinical setting while completing their studies as registered psychologists.

"Affording provisional psychologists the opportunity to be active in a clinical setting in their last years of study is good news all around", says Professor Grenyer.

A new section on the Board website lists new policies as they become effective (Follow the Policies, Codes and Guidelines link on the left at [www.psychologyboard.gov.au](http://www.psychologyboard.gov.au)).

“The Board encourages psychologists with general and provisional registration to refer to the site for important information affecting their profession,” Professor Grenyer said.

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