



## Media release

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### Board issues guidance on when to be registered

The Psychology Board of Australia did not participate in a recent consultation along with other Health Practitioner National Board's on the definition of practice, as it believed the definition did not require change. However, the Psychology Board of Australia has issued guidance to practitioners about when it is necessary to be registered.

The consultation process drew out significant discussion and wide variation about the issues generated by the current definition. However, there was no consensus about the need for a change in the definition and no change proposed that did not also have unintended or unacceptable consequences.

Any change to the definition of practice would have required a change to each of the registration standards that currently reference the definition, which would in turn require the approval of all Australia's health ministers.

The Board guidance advises the profession about when practitioners require registration and when it would be acceptable to the Board for a practitioner to not be registered. The guidance will remain in place pending a wider, scheduled review of all the registration standards in 2013.

The statement on "When is it necessary to be registered as a psychologist?" can be found at: <http://www.psychologyboard.gov.au/Standards-and-Guidelines/FAQ.aspx>.

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