



Media release

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First national statistics on psychology supervisors published

The Psychology Board of Australia (the National Board) today published the first national data on approved psychology supervisors in Australia.

Approved supervisors are registered psychologists who have been approved by the National Board in one or more supervision categories, such as principal or secondary supervision for the Registrar Program or 4+2 Internship program.

There are 5,629 individual Board-approved supervisors in Australia, and that the majority of psychology supervisors are approved in more than one supervision category.

These data are able to be collated for the first time as a result of the National Scheme and after extensive technology improvements. Publication follows the launch in January this year of a searchable online supervisor list.

Chair of the Psychology Board of Australia, Professor Brin Grenyer, said that with psychology as the third largest health profession in Australia with close to 30,000 registrants, it was important to ensure that all training pathways leading to registration were well supported with supervisors.

"It is pleasing that nearly one in four generally registered psychologists are listed as approved supervisors and are prepared to give back their expertise to training the next generation of practitioners," Professor Grenyer said.

In addition to the data on supervision categories published by the National Board today, the Board also approves supervisors for the 5+1 Internship (which is under development), for higher degree placements (Board approval required from 30 June 2013), and for working in addition to placements which has only recently been defined as a unique supervisor category. The total figure of 5,629 supervisors includes all these categories and a breakdown of statistics for these categories will be available in the future.

The National Board will continue to publish updates on supervisor statistics on its website.

For more information

- Read the data on supervisors published on the National Board's website, www.psychologyboard.gov.au, under the *About Psychology* tab
- Search the approved supervisors list at www.psychologyboard.gov.au/Registration/Supervision.aspx
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