

## Standing Council on Health

(meeting as Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council)

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Dear Prof Grenyer

Thank you for your letter of 23 December 2011, recommending that the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council (the AHWMC) approves two revised registration standards for psychologists.

I am pleased to advise that pursuant to section 12 of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act, as in force in each State and Territory, the AHWMC decided on 27 April 2012 to approve the following revised registration standards –

- a) Provisional registration standard; and
- Professional Indemnity Insurance (PII) arrangements registration standard.

We note the advice from the Psychology Board of Australia (the Board) that approval of the revised registration standards will alleviate confusion amongst registrants and employers about the current PII arrangement registration standard, and address a gap in the current provisional registration standard to allow flexibility and establish standards in training for those beginning the new 5+1 internship pathway in 2012.

We trust that the AHWMC's approval will enable the Board to implement, as soon as practicable, the revised registration standards to ensure continued protection of the public.

Yours sincerely

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