



Communiqué

26 September 2014

The Psychology Board of Australia (the Board) is established under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory (the National Law).

This communiqué highlights key issues from the 56th meeting of the Board on 26 September 2014.

At each meeting, the Board considers a wide range of issues, many of which are routine and are not included in this communiqué.

National Psychology Examination – 2015 schedule now available

The Board has published the 2015 schedule of exams.

Friday 6 FEBRUARY – Friday 27 FEBRUARY 2015
Registration open: Mon 22 Dec – Fri 23 Jan

Friday 8 MAY – Friday 29 MAY 2015
Registration open: Mon 9 Mar – Fri 24 Apr

Friday 7 AUGUST – Friday 28 AUGUST 2015
Registration open: Mon 8 Jun – Fri 24 Jul

Friday 6 NOVEMBER – Friday 27 NOVEMBER 2015
Registration open: Mon 7 Sep – Fri 23 Oct

To schedule your exam, create an account in the [examination portal](#). Once you receive notice that your account has been activated (within five working days), you can book in your examination day and time and attempt the Practice Examination.

The examination portal website includes important [examination resources](#): the examination guidelines, curriculum, reading list, and other relevant information in the frequently asked questions (FAQ). If you have a question that is not answered in the FAQ, please contact the National Examination Co-ordinator at nationalpsychologyexam@ahpra.gov.au for assistance.

Registrations for the examination period starting Monday 1 December - Friday 12 December 2014 are now open.

Please note that all provisional psychologists and overseas applicants are required to pass the exam prior to applying for general registration. The current exemption for provisional registrants in APAC accredited Masters and Doctoral programs expires on 1 July 2016, after which the requirement to pass the exam will apply. A public consultation on this exemption will occur in 2015.

Online renewal of registration is now open

Online renewal of registration to practise in Australia is now open for general or non-practising psychologists.

About 27,600 psychologists who are due to renew their registration with the Board by 30 November can submit an online application now.

Under the National Law, all registered health practitioners are responsible for renewing their registration on time each year. Last year more than 96.3 per cent of all health practitioner registration renewals due by 30 November (12 professions) were submitted online.

A series of reminders to renew are being sent to practitioners with a registered email address by AHPRA on behalf of the Board. The reminders include a link to online renewal.

To check or update your contact details use the [online services for practitioners](#). You will need your user ID and secure password. Please note that your user ID is not your registration number. If you do not have your user ID, complete a web enquiry form and select 'Online Services - Practitioner' as the category type.

Useful information for psychologists is available on the Board's website:

[Registration standards](#)

[Registration renewal](#)

[Renewal FAQ](#)

Board and AHPRA publish health profession agreement

Under the National Law, the Psychology Board of Australia and AHPRA work in partnership to implement the National Scheme, each with specific roles, powers and responsibilities described in the National Law.

The guiding principles of the National Law require the National Scheme to operate in a 'transparent, accountable, efficient, effective and fair way', and for registration fees to be reasonable '...having regard to the efficient and effective operation of the scheme'.

Each year the Board and AHPRA publish a health profession agreement that details the services provided by AHPRA that enable the Board to carry out its functions under the National Law.

The Board's 2014/15 Health Profession Agreement has been released and can be accessed via the [About psychology tab](#)

Approved programs of study

Under section 49 of the National Law, the National Board requires accreditation reports from the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) before approving the accredited programs of study as providing a qualification that will lead to registration. At this meeting the Board approved APAC-accredited courses from Australian Catholic University, Curtin University, and University of Canberra. The Board also approved the discontinuation of a number of courses across the country in accordance with s.51(2) of the National Law, including courses at the University of Sydney. The updated list of Board-approved qualifications will be published soon on the Board's website at: www.psychologyboard.gov.au/Accreditation.aspx.

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