



Communiqué

25 September 2015

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

This communiqué highlights key issues from the 67th meeting of the Board on 25 September 2015.

Third term of the Psychology Board of Australia

This month marked the start of the third term of the Psychology Board of Australia and has seen a change in Board membership. The National Board is composed of a practitioner member from each jurisdiction and four community members.

At this meeting the Board welcomed:

- Ms Rachel Phillips – practitioner member (Queensland) from 31 August 2015.
- Associate Professor Kathryn von Treuer – practitioner member (Victoria) from 31 August 2015.
- Ms Vanessa Hamilton – practitioner member (ACT) from 31 August 2015.

Ms Marion Hale, a community member from Tasmania, started her term with the Board in May.

The new practitioner member from the Northern Territory is yet to be announced.

Australia's health ministers announced these appointments to the Board in July. Read more on the [COAG website](#) and on the [Board's website](#).

Newsletter

The Psychology Board released Issue 14 of the Connections newsletter. You can read this in the [Newsletters section](#) on the Board's website.

New forms for Board-approved supervisors

The Board has published a new form for Board-approved supervisors.

The new form – [Application to maintain Board-approved supervisor status - MBAS-76](#) – is for currently approved supervisors who have completed an approved supervisor training program since 1 July 2013 and are eligible to maintain approval as a supervisor for another five years.

The new form is available on the [Forms page](#) of the Board's website.

Please note that the training provider you completed your course with will not notify AHPRA directly. You must use the form MBAS-76 and include a copy of your certificate of completion of the course with the application.

Any currently approved supervisor who hasn't completed a training program yet can find out about training programs on the [supervisor training](#) webpage which includes links to approved providers' websites.

Psychologists who are not an approved supervisor can apply to become one by completing [Application to act as a Board-approved supervisor of provisional psychologists and registrars - ABAS-76](#).

Further information for psychology supervisors is available in the [Guidelines for supervisors and supervisor training providers](#).

Online renewal of registration is now open

Online renewal of registration is now open for psychologists registered in Australia.

Psychologists who are due to renew their general or non-practising registration with the Board by 30 November can apply online now.

Earlier this month the Board announced that it had limited the fee increase to national CPI for the registration period from 1 December 2015 to 30 November 2016. A [fee schedule](#), including the fee arrangements for practitioners whose principal place of practice is NSW, is published on the Board's website.

A series of reminders to renew are being sent to practitioners by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA), on behalf of the Board. The email reminders include a link to [online renewal](#).

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

- [Registration standards](#)
- [Registration renewal](#)
- [Renewal FAQ](#)

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