



Communiqué

1 April 2016

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 72nd meeting of the Board on 1 April 2016.

Psychology regulation at work in Australia, 2014/15

The Board has released its report for 2014/15.

During 2014/15 the Board continued to assess risks to the public from psychologists when their practice falls below accepted standards, and instigate regulatory responses to manage those risks. It also undertook an audit of all serious complaints against psychologists to understand broader systemic issues and increase the oversight of regulatory responses in progress. The Board also worked to strengthen ties with international regulators to help promote continued collaboration and shared learnings.

Highlights

- 32,766 registered psychologists in Australia on 30 June 2015.
- 29.4% of registered psychologists are aged under 35.
- 10,643 endorsements held by psychologist on 30 June 2015, 66% are for clinical psychology.
- 88% overall pass rate for the National Psychology Examination, sat by 247 candidates.
- 432 notifications about registered psychologists (1.3% of the registration base).
- Eight immediate action cases, compared to five last year.
- 177 registered psychologists under active monitoring on 30 June 2015 – 34% due to suitability/eligibility and 28% due to conduct.

Download a copy of the report at: [Psychology regulation at work in Australia, 2014/15](#)

Further information for the revised general registration standard published

The Board has [published further information](#) about the revised registration standard for general registration. The standard was [approved by the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council](#) on 6 November 2015 comes into effect on 2 May 2016.

The additional information includes FAQ, fact sheets on transition arrangements for 4+2 and 5+1 internships, and an updated policy for higher degree students applying for general registration and supporting statement of assessment form (PDEC-76).

Psychology Board of Australia website

The Board continues to publish important information on its website. Psychologists are encouraged to access the website regularly to keep up to date with guidelines, policies, frequently asked questions (FAQs), fact sheets and registration standards at: www.psychologyboard.gov.au.

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