

Media release

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Supervisor training providers invited to apply for Board approval

The Psychology Board of Australia (the Board) has released an <u>application pack</u> for individuals and organisations interested in becoming Board approved providers of supervisor training of **master class training only**.

The Board has determined to hold an Expression of interest (EOI) process to become a Board-approved supervisor training provider every five years. The Board has stated that a mid-cycle EOI will be conducted only if further supervisor training providers are needed. The current approval cycle is 2013-2018.

The recent annual review of the supervisor training program indicates that there are a sufficient number of workshops and Board-approved supervisor training providers for the full training (component 1, 2 and 3). However, there are around 8000 Board-approved supervisors (BAS) who transitioned and became BAS in 2013. All Board approved supervisors are required to update their training every five years by doing a master class (at minimum). The 2013 cohort of BAS will need to refresh their training by June 2018.

In order to manage a potential shortfall of master class training workshops and providers for BAS who require refresher training by 2018, the Board has determined to hold an EOI for Board- approved training providers mid-approval cycle (i.e. before 2018).

This application is for approval for provision of master class training only, and approval is to be granted until 2018 to align with the current 2013-2018 approval cycle.

In 2013, the Board introduced a competency-based training framework for supervisors to ensure provisional psychologists and psychologists receive quality supervision that is consistent with the Board's standards. More information about the framework and the requirements for the training is available in the <u>Guideline for supervisors and supervisor training providers</u> (the guideline).

Individuals and organisations (applicants) interested in becoming a Board-approved training provider may apply for approval to provide one or more master classes by using the application pack above.

The Board is committed to ensuring national coverage of workshop delivery in both metropolitan and regional areas, and is particularly interested in applicants who are located in regional areas, and applicants who can deliver workshops in regional locations.

For the purpose of fairness and transparency, all individual questions and the answers provided will be made available to all applicants. All questions and the answers will be published on the Board's website seven days after the close of the allocated question time. Applicants may submit requests for additional information or clarification up to 17 days after the release of the application (i.e. 21 October 2016).

The Board will assess and approve applicants based on their:

ability to meet Board standards and requirements of the guideline, and

• the selection criteria in the application pack.

Multiple training providers may be selected to facilitate delivery of supervisor training nationally (in both urban and regional areas) and ensure a complete range of training components.

Applications close on 10 November 2016.

For more information

- The application pack is published on the Board's website, under the Registration tab.
- The guideline is published on the Board's website, under the Standards and Guidelines tab.
- Visit www.psychologyboard.gov.au under Contact us to lodge an online enquiry form.
- For registration enquiries: 1300 419 495 (within Australia) +61 3 9275 9009 (overseas callers).
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