



## Communiqué

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28 July 2017

The Psychology Board of Australia (the Board) is established under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (National Law), as in force in each state and territory. 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 87th meeting of the Board on 28 July 2017.

### European Congress of Psychology

Board representatives recently attended the 15th European Congress of Psychology, which was held in Amsterdam from 11-14 July.

The Congress provided an opportunity to engage with international colleagues on a number of matters important to the Board's current program of work, including progress that had been made towards implementing international competencies, which were formally adopted at the International Congress of Psychology in Yokohama last year and developments in clinical supervision.

Meetings were also held with international regulators to explore opportunities for mutual recognition of registration and mobility between the different countries.

### Public consultation on reviewing the National Psychology Examination Curriculum open

The Board has now published Consultation Paper 28: National Psychology Examination Curriculum Review. The curriculum was published in 2012, with the National psychology examination coming into effect on 1 July 2013. The Board has determined to review the curriculum every three to five years in keeping with good regulatory practice. The aim of the review is to ensure that the examination:

- assesses the right competencies for general registration as a psychologist in Australia remains fit-for-purpose
- is aligned with the newly published International declaration of core competencies in professional psychology (2016), and that the
- curriculum is up-to-date with advances in the field of psychology.

This is a review of the examination curriculum (and the documents that support the curriculum) only. The following documents are identified for review:

- the National psychology examination recommended reading list
- the National psychology examination curriculum
- the Assessment domain additional resources document
- a brief orientation to the National psychology examination, and
- the section of the guidelines (p. 4-5) that relates to the examination curriculum.

The public consultation paper is available under [Current consultations](#). The consultation is open for feedback between **7 July 2017** and **1 September 2017**.

### Is your supervisor status expiring soon?

The Board urges supervisors who obtained Board-approved supervisor (BAS) status prior to July 2013 to enrol in Board-approved refresher training now. Allow enough time to complete the training, obtain a certificate of completion and submit an [application to maintain BAS status](#) before your BAS expiry date of 30 June 2018.

If you allow your BAS status will lapse, you will need to complete a Board-approved full training program before applying to have your status reinstated.

When you have completed your training, you should notify AHPRA by applying to maintain your approval. The application form to maintain BAS status, MBAS-76, is available on the [forms page](#) of the Board's website. There is no fee for this application, and approval will be for five years from the date that you completed your training.

You can check your BAS expiry date on the [supervisor online services portal](#).

For more information on how to maintain BAS status, and other questions relating to supervision, see the Board's [supervision FAQ](#).

### **Further information**

The Board publishes a range of information for psychologists on its website at <http://www.psychologyboard.gov.au/> . For more information about registration, notifications or other matters relevant to the National Scheme also refer to information published on [www.ahpra.gov.au](http://www.ahpra.gov.au) or send an [online enquiry form](#) or contact AHPRA on 1300 419 495.

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