

To AHPRA,

I am writing to support AHPRA's proposed changes to the guidelines for supervisors, specifically, allowing psychologists without endorsement to supervise higher-degree students.

I am a general psychologist who has worked in schools for six years with a Master in Educational Psychology from Melbourne Uni. Being a psychologist in schools, there is very little incentive to invest the time and effort required for endorsement. I have worked in all school sectors with a range of age groups, and last year, felt comfortable in my own experience to be able to supervise placement students. I did a great BAS course, but being my first supervisor experience, I wanted to have the peace of mind that I would be supervising a competent student with the support of their educational institution. This is why I chose to be a supervisor for the same Masters program at Melbourne Uni. Being a supervisor has been enriching for me at both a personal and professional level, and it has been a great privilege to be able to help develop future colleagues.

I am glad that AHPRA has seen sense in removing the condition of being endorsed to be able to supervise higher-degree placement students. Students in non-Clinical programs have a hard enough time finding supervisors in the first place, there is no need to further limit the pool. I welcome this proposed change and hope to be able to continue to support the next generation of our profession.

Kind Regards

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