



## Communiqué

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3 May 2019

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 106th meeting of the Board on 3 May 2019.

### **Public Consultation: Review of the Guidelines for the National Psychology Exam**

We are proposing two substantive changes in this review. The first proposal is to make the higher degree exemption from sitting the exam permanent. This means that graduates with a board-approved postgraduate qualification accredited at the fifth and sixth year of study will not be required to pass the exam before applying for general registration. A permanent exemption would remove the need to periodically consult on extending the exemption, it would use accreditation processes more effectively, reduce regulation, and create certainty for higher degree students, education providers and supervisors about the Board's requirements for registration.

The second proposal is to separate the guidelines into two documents, one policy document (a revised guideline) and one operational document (a new manual for candidates enrolled to sit the exam). Separating policy and operational information will make it easier for candidates to prepare for the exam by improving the clarity and simplicity of information and making it easier to find the relevant information.

The consultation paper is available under [Current consultations](#) on the Board's website and we are accepting submissions until close of business (AEST) 31 May 2019.

Please provide written submissions in Word format by email, marked 'Consultation – Review of the Guidelines for the National Psychology Exam' to [psychconsultation@ahpra.gov.au](mailto:psychconsultation@ahpra.gov.au)

### **Counsellor convicted for a second time for claiming to be a Psychologist**

A New South Wales court has convicted a counsellor, Mr David Citer, of claiming to be a registered psychologist and unlawfully using the protected title 'psychologist'. The court fined Mr Citer \$25,000.

Mr Citer has never held registration as a registered health practitioner or student under the National Law with any National Board.

Read the Board's [media release](#) for further details.

### **Newsletter Published**

The Board has published Issue 25 of the Connections newsletter. All registered psychologists have been emailed a copy of the newsletter. It is also available on the [Newsletters section](#) on the Board's website.

### **Further information**

The Board publishes a range of information for psychologists on its website at [www.psychologyboard.gov.au](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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