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Dear Ms Phillips

Thank you for your letter of 20 November 2018, on behalf of the Psychology Board of Australia (the Board), about the Board's proposal to retire the 4+2 internship pathway to general registration and seek approval of consequential revisions to the general and provisional registration standards to remove reference to this pathway.

I am pleased to advise that pursuant to section 12 of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory, the Ministerial Council decided on 3 April 2019, to approve the revised registration standards as recommended by the Board.

In approving the revised registration standards, Ministers noted advice from the Board that a fair and equitable transition timeframe for retirement of the 4+2 pathway is critical, and hence the approved revised provisional and general registration standards will take effect on 1 January 2029 as proposed.

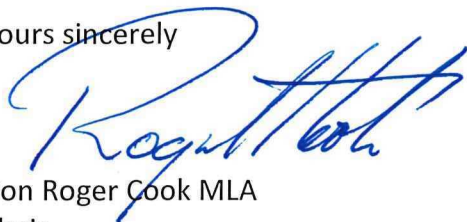
Ministers understand that our approval now will provide the Board, current and prospective interns, and their employers with certainty about the changes to the provisional and general registration standards supporting the retirement of the 4+2 pathway. Further, Ministerial approval of the revisions will provide certainty about the associated deadlines for retirement of the 4+2 internship pathway, and clarity for affected stakeholders throughout the transition period.

Ministers ask that the Board continue to closely engage its stakeholders as outlined in the transition plan provided with the proposal and work with AHPRA on further communication and engagement with all affected stakeholders (including students, employers and education providers) during the transition to retirement of the pathway and commencement of the approved revised registration standards in 2029.

The Board has undertaken extensive work in consultation with jurisdictions and other key stakeholders in developing and recommending this proposal as part of the Board's ongoing commitment to education and training reforms. Ministers acknowledge the approval of this proposal is an important next step in the development of the regulatory environment for the psychology profession in Australia.

Thank you for bringing the Board's proposal to Ministerial Council.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Roger Cook". The signature is stylized with a large initial "R" and "C".

Hon Roger Cook MLA  
Chair  
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20 May 2019