



Communiqué

31 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 107th meeting of the Board on 31 May 2019.

Retirement of the 4+2 internship pathway to general registration

Ministerial Council has approved the revised General registration standard and Provisional registration standard removing the 4+2 internship as a pathway to general registration. The last date to begin a 4+2 internship program will be 30 June 2022. The revised standards will take effect on 1 January 2029.

The transition period means that current 4+2 interns will not be affected by the Board's proposal to retire the 4+2 internship pathway because they have already started the internship. Students who are currently undertaking a fourth-year program will have time to complete their studies and enrol in the internship before the deadline. The transition timeframes also allow for the maximum time permitted in the Guidelines for the 4+2 internship program (five years) for the two-year internship to be completed.

The Board is committed to ensure equity for those students who need to study or work part-time or take a leave of absence due to family, medical, or maternity reasons.

Key dates

30 June 2022 – The last day that the Board will accept applicants to begin a +2 internship program.

30 June 2027 – The last day that a person who has completed a 4+2 internship program can apply for general registration.

1 January 2029 – The date the new General registration standard and Provisional registration standard take effect, and the 4+2 internship pathway to general registration is retired.

Visit our [retirement of the 4+2 internship page](#) for further information.

Accreditation agreement signed

We are pleased to announce that the Board, AHPRA and the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) have signed a new five-year accreditation agreement starting 1 July 2019.

APAC plays a critical role in protecting the public through accrediting programs of study against the accreditation standards approved by the Board and ensures that when the Board approves these programs as qualifications for registration, it is confident that graduates have the knowledge, skills and professional attributes to practise as a psychologist.

The new agreement provides a contemporary framework for addressing priority accreditation issues which will improve public protection as well as provide increased transparency and accountability.

Registrant statistics published

Updated registrant statistics for the period ending 31 March 2019 have been published on the [Board's website](#).

Meet our Board members

Find out more about our current Board members on our updated [About the Board](#) page.

Are your contact details up to date?

It is important that your contact details are up to date to receive renewal reminders from AHPRA and information from the Board. You can check your details via the Login icon at the top right of the [AHPRA website](#). Email accounts need to be set to receive communications from AHPRA and the Board to avoid misdirection to an account junk box.

Further information

The Board publishes a range of information for psychologists on its website at 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 or send an [online enquiry form](#) or contact AHPRA on 1300 419 495.

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