

To the Psychology Board of Australia,

Thank you for your intention of making the exemption for the National Psychology Exam permanent for higher degree psychology students. There are several reasons why we believe the exam is unnecessary for us, but an important one being that our skills and knowledge are already continuously assessed throughout our degree. We consider it highly unlikely that an multiple choice exam would be an accurate measure of the extensive content we cover. In addition, my peers and I already have a high workload considering the requirements around research, coursework and placement, not to mention financial costs we are expected to meet. Being able to focus on making the transition from study to work without having to negotiate another hurdle would be a considerable help.

Concluding, we believe that the National Psychology Exam would have negligible value in increasing the training standards for clinical psychology students, and we hope that you take into account the student perspective when making a final decision on this matter.

Many thanks,

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