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Re: Consultation - Review of the Guidelines for the National Psychology Exam

Monash University, Faculty of Education, Master of Educational and Developmental Psychology, Course Advisory Team response to PSyBA recommendation to exempt higher degree students from sitting the National Psychology Board Exam

The Monash University, Faculty of Education, Master of Educational and Developmental Psychology Course Advisory Team is in favour of the PsyBA proposal to grant permanent exemption to higher degree psychology students from sitting the National Psychology Board Examination.

Graduates of the Master of Educational and Developmental Psychology course, an APAC Level 4 specialist training program, have completed at least six years of APAC accredited study in psychology, the last two of which are designed to impart and assess professional competencies for the ethical practice of psychology in line with the Board's standards and regulations. The cyclical nature of the course accreditation process ensures these standards are consistent across the nation. Further external testing could only be a re-testing of what has already been examined in their higher degree course.

Thus, our team strongly advocates for the permanent exemption from sitting the National Psychology Board Exam for our higher degree students.

Yours sincerely,



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