

Please lodge a written submission in electronic form, marked 'Attention: Chair, Psychology Board of Australia' to chair@psychologyboard.gov.au by close of business on Wednesday 22 December 2010. Please note that your submission will be placed on the Board's website unless you indicate otherwise.

Submission Re: National Law, Section 69 regarding Limited Registration for Teaching or Research.

In my professional opinion the changes to the requirements for the category of Limited registration sits well under the national law. The question to resolve is whether these changes will affect the standards of the profession, and if so, what will be the effect.

It is prudent to require feedback from the employer or educational institution and it would also be prudent for the candidate to supply the name of their immediate supervisor. Therefore it would be important for their immediate supervisor to have full and unconditional registration with the Psychology Board of Australia and this supervision process would then ensure the candidate meets the National standards of the profession. This would ensure that the employer or educational institution was in a professional position to gauge the performance of the candidate. The assumption is that the candidate will become fully registered as a psychologist at the end of the three years, unless they failed to meet the professional standards required to become a psychologist engaged in the practice of the profession (as defined). It is also noted that in the document I believe it would be important to specify again the definition of 'recency of practice', even though it is also in the Act.

On another point, in that 4 categories of registration are allowed under the national law and there are currently 3, do you think it would be an idea to have a category of emeritus psychologist registration for a nominal fee? This would recognise the work performed by a retiring psychologist over their working years who may be still engaged in attending conferences or presenting papers but not necessarily practicing for the hours required for full registration as a psychologist.

Yours sincerely,

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