

To Whom it may concern,

Re: Psychology Board Consultation – Ending the higher degree exemption

Please see below for my comments:

General questions for consideration

The Board invites feedback on the following questions:

1. From your perspective, are you in support of the Board ending the exemption for provisional psychologists undertaking the higher degree pathway (i.e. Masters/DPsych) from sitting the National Psychology Examination?

I support the Board ending the exemption for provisional psychologists undertaking the higher degree pathway.

Please provide a rationale for your support of option one or option two as described above.

My rationale is that this will ensure practitioners have to pass a national standard to practice. Having trained in New Zealand and having to sit a similar exam it ensure myself and my colleagues worked hard to make sure we were competent and at an appropriate level to practice. I have concerns about the level of proficiency and knowledge base of some of the current psychologists in practice.

2. If option two is supported, do you have a preference regarding transition requirements (option a, b or c) for registrants via the higher degree pathway? Please provide a rationale for your support of your preferred option.

No preference

3. Is there any content that needs to be changed or deleted in the revised draft guidelines (see Appendix A) in relation to the proposal to end the higher degree exemption? (Please note that to show the text changes to the revised draft guidelines, the new text is highlighted in yellow and a red line has been put through the deleted text).

No

4. Do you have any other comments on the proposal?

No

Yours sincerely

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