

Hello

I have been reviewing the information on the national exam.

I have a concern with the section regarding Assessments. There are 6 tests that we must know well (WIAS, WISC, PAI, DASS, K10, SDQ). I feel these do not correspond with what we have been asked to do during our provisional registration period. We are asked to complete an intelligence test, but the WAIS and WISC are given as options not "musts". This is the same for personality assessments, and the other sections, where we are given options not one specific assessment that we "must" complete. Considering we are given options in the registration guidelines how in the national exam can you then have specific tests that must be known? Due to this I feel it is an inaccurate exam.

I am also questioning the relevance to real world psychology practice. Considering I, and a number of other provisional psychologists, work for a large company that regularly conducts intelligence testing with the Stanford-Binet, not the WAIS or WISC, how does being so prescriptive on what test must be known well really reflect if the individual is eligible for general registration.

I will be completing my provisional registration on 7th July 2013, I am happy to sit the exam if that is what is required. Though I feel it is inexcusable that because I completed the Stanford-Binet and 16PF, I am now going to be disadvantaged in the national exam. I have worked very hard over the last two years to ensure I meet all the guidelines that the board set, and now the exam is not reflecting the guidelines we have been asked to follow.

I also have a concern with the ethics section, I have worked to develop a sound knowledge of the Code of Ethics and other relevant documents. Though I still choose to have a copy of such documents easily accessible at my work place and to discuss specific cases with my supervisor, as not all situations are clear cut. How are we expected to answer ethics based questions from two sentence scenarios? This is very simplistic and would not truly reflect our understanding of ethical and legal principles. Again I feel this does not reflect what it is like to be working in society as a psychologist.

I would also be interested to know if all the individuals currently registered as psychologists could answer the questions. These are the individuals who currently work in society and do wonderful work but could they answer the specific assessment questions?

What recognition will we receive for completing the exam? I feel that since we will be completing an exam that majority of the current registered psychologists have not completed we should be overtly recognised for the higher achievement.

I look forward to further discussion into if the national exam is appropriate in its current form and how it can be modified to truly reflect the work of psychologists in society.

Thank you