

‘Consultation – Reducing regulatory burden: Retirement of the 4+2 internship pathway to general registration’

Please note: I wish to keep my identifying information confidential.

In response to the proposed retirement of the the 4 + 2 pathway; as a current 3rd year student, I understand the regulatory burden and the need to reduce such issues through the retirement of this option. In the important interest of equity to stakeholders and current students, I would support the boards preferred time frame (Option b) with last enrolment in the 4+2 internship pathway being 30 June 2020. Any earlier transition proposes too short a time frame -disallowing and disadvantaging part-time students. As with myself, I am unable to complete full-time study due to being a single parent and having to work whilst studying. There are many students with varying commitments that disallow full-time study, that wish to register as psychologists and an extra year of study as opposed to an internship in the workforce, presents many personal disadvantages. Further, an earlier transition severely limits any consideration of current students to potentially switch degrees into another field (that completes within a 4 year time frame) at such a late stage into the current degree. It is important to note that such flexibility and equity available in the option B time frame, are necessary in the current study climate.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my views.