

Dear Chairperson,

A brief comment on the proposed Guidelines for the National Psychology Examination, from the perspective of a Master of Psychology program.

The paragraph on Exemptions in this document accepts that accredited degree programs meet the Board's standards for registration and therefore at least until June 2016, Master of Psychology students will not be required to sit the national exam. I'd just like to point out that some currently enrolled Masters students who commenced this year but who are undertaking their studies at a half-time rate, will not be finished their programs by then. It seems unfair to require them to meet different requirements from their classmates.

Half-time students often bring life experience and maturity to their studies so that it would be a great pity to discourage them from entering the psychology workforce.

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