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To: NationalBoards
Subject: Submission of Comment Regarding "Consultation Paper 5 - Guidelines on Area of Practice Endorsement"

Dear Associate Professor Brin Grenyer,

RE. "Consultation Paper 5 - Guidelines on Area of Practice Endorsement"
(General registration requirements for Doctorate of Clinical Psychology and combined MPsych/PhD candidates)

Thank you for your consideration of the disadvantage placed upon MCP/PhD and D Psych students by requiring completion of all degree components prior to commencement of the registrar program. Your revision of this clause is much appreciated.

However, we are concerned that without the ability to apply for general registration after completion of course requirements equivalent to that of the MCP, we will be unable to secure psychological work of the type required by the registrar program. It has been the experience of our peers that job applications are rejected even after completion of all MCP requirements, prior to the awarding of general registration. Apart from the financial struggle of juggling further unpaid work with the latter part of our studies, we do not believe that we will be able to obtain additional placements to meet the registrar program requirements, given that university externship officers are struggling to find the number of placements required to meet degree requirements. Therefore, revising only the clause regarding commencement of the registrar program may do little to address the disadvantage placed upon D Psych and MCP/PhD students by the new system.

We humbly request that you consider revising both the above clause, and the clause regarding application for general registration, so that D Psych and MCP/PhD students are able to apply for general registration and commence the registrar program after a similar amount of work to their peers who have completed the MCP alone.

Thank you,

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