

Good afternoon

The psychology team at the Faculty of Education at [Monash](#) University support the proposal to combine existing BAS categories into one category (all except registrar program principal supervisors) as it will:

1. simplify the supervisory requirements for our field and university supervisors
2. reduce confusion among supervisors as to which categories they should list and finally,
3. allow academics in course leadership positions to determine suitable supervisors for their programs

We note also that all graduates of specialist Masters can only register initially as a general psychologist. To obtain specialist endorsement they must still be supervised by an endorsed BAS for 2 years post Masters or at least one year post Doctoral to obtain endorsement. These proposed simplified supervisory categories therefore do not challenge or diminish this requirement. Obtaining endorsement is still rigorous, the simplified BAS categories gives Universities more discretion in determining appropriate placement supervisors

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the proposed changes.

Yours,

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