

Dear Dr Grenyer,

I am writing in response to the call for feedback on Consultation Paper 18 regarding the guidelines for the National Psychology Examination released on 18 April 2013.

I am a 4+2 Provisional Psychologist having commenced my internship under the new rules in December 2011. I am due to finish my internship in January 2013.

I am concerned about the possibility of the newly proposed National Psychology Exam being introduced as an additional requirement to the already existing guidelines that I have been working under. At present I am completing the requirements for psychometric testing as per the guidelines along with the multi faceted assessment, educational and learning requirements also required. As such my internship has been structured to address the areas outlined in the guidelines , not including the newly proposed exam.

Commonly held opinion is that the new system for 4+2s is onerous for both supervisors and provisional psychologists compared to the old system. Including a National Psychology Exam as an unexpected addition and the preparation required would be difficult.

As such I support the proposal that the transition to the exam be extended a further year for 4+2s on the basis of the above reasons, ie that those finishing before July 2014 are a part of a "grandfathering" of the current internship requirements and should not be required to sit the exam.