

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am currently a first year MTeach (School Counselling) student from the University of Sydney. I am writing regarding the proposed retirement of the 4+2 pathway for accreditation as a psychologist. I am currently in the position where I do not fit into one of the categories that has been mentioned in the brief by the Psychology Board of Australia. As postgraduates, current students of the MTeach (School Counselling) program are not covered by the undergraduate or internship clause embedded in the recent brief.

As I will not graduate until the end of 2019, any retirement of this pathway prior to or shortly after this time will make it impossible to begin an internship that satisfies requirements of the Psychology Board of Australia. This puts MTeach (School Counselling) students at a disadvantage considering that the pathway was applicable at the time of course commencement.

I understand that there have been several dates considered for this pathway retirement. If serious consideration could please be given to delaying this date until the 30th June, 2021, it would be greatly appreciated. This would allow all current MTeach (School Counselling) students the opportunity to achieve their goal of reaching full registration.

Thanks and regards

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