



Health Chief Executives Forum

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Dear Dr Tonkin *Anne*

Approval of Registration standard: Endorsement of registration of registered medical practitioners for the approved area of cosmetic surgery

Thank you for your letter of 23 February 2023 on behalf of the Medical Board of Australia (Board), recommending approval of the *Registration standard: endorsement of registration of registered medical practitioners for the approved area of cosmetic surgery* (registration standard).

Health Ministers at the 24 February 2023 meeting, acting as the Ministerial Council for the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme, approved the registration standard in accordance with section 12 of the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law*, as in force in each state and territory (National Law). This follows our decision in September 2022 to establish an area of practice endorsement (for cosmetic surgery) by February 2023 in accordance with section 15 of the National Law.

Health Ministers acknowledge that the Board proposed 1 July 2023 start date provides some time for remaining important steps to be completed before the Board may consider granting endorsement to individual medical practitioners that meet the requirements. We trust that communicating our approval of the standard will enable the Board to clearly communicate with medical practitioners and support its publication on your website.

Ministers noted the update on work being undertaken by the Australian Medical Council (AMC) to determine the standards of training required for the endorsement. Health Ministers' understand that the AMC accreditation standard will align with the registration standard and will be submitted to the Board in the coming weeks for consideration of approval.

I also acknowledge the ongoing work to implement the recommendations of the *Independent review of the regulation of medical practitioners who perform cosmetic surgery*.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke.

Dr D J Russell-Weisz
Chair
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