



Health Ministers' Meeting

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Dear Ms Phillips

Approval of the Psychology Board of Australia's revised registration standards

Thank you for your letter of 12 March 2024 on behalf of the Psychology Board of Australia, recommending approval of minor changes to the provision and general registration standards for psychologists.

I am pleased to advise that on 8 July 2024, the Ministerial Council approved the revised registration standards, in accordance with section 12 of the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law*, as in force in each state and territory.

We note the PsyBA's advice that the minor changes to the registration standards are a direct consequence of the Board completing its public consultation on a standalone document for all professional competencies for psychologists and therefore it is no longer necessary for the registration standards to reference the competencies. As the Board suggests, a transition period will be important to give the public and psychologists enough time to understand the updated professional competencies and for the Board to also remove references to the current competencies from other documents.

Ministers therefore also agree with your proposal to publish the competencies and revised registration standards in advance of them coming into effect on 1 December 2025 to align with the next available annual renewal for psychology registration.

Thank you for bringing the Board's proposal to Health Ministers.

Yours sincerely

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