

FIRST MEETING OF THE PSYCHOLOGY BOARD OF AUSTRALIA, 20 SEPTEMBER 2009 (communiqué)

Psychology Registration Standards. The Board approved a process to consult on proposed
qualifications and other specific requirements required for registration as a psychologist.
These will include five mandatory registration standards required under the new national
scheme, namely standards on requirements for professional indemnity insurance, matters
about the criminal history of applicants for registration, requirements for continuing
professional development, requirements for English language skills, and requirements in
relation to previous practice. Provisional as well as full registration standards will be detailed.

Associate Professor Brin Grenyer Chair, Psychology Board of Australia

21 September 2009

SECOND MEETING OF THE PSYCHOLOGY BOARD OF AUSTRALIA 15 and 23 OCTOBER 2009 (communiqué)

The Board agreed that it would undertake consultation in late October on proposals on the following matters:

• the five mandatory registration standards,

requirements for English language

skills and requirements in relation to previous practice

Associate Professor Brin Grenyer Chair, Psychology Board of Australia 30 October 2009

Communique

Fifth meeting of the Psychology Board of Australia 26 February 2010

Proposed registration standards

The registration standards and endorsements proposed by the Board will soon be considered for approval by Health Ministers at Ministerial Council. The standards specify the Board's requirements for:

English language requirements registration standard

Brin Grenyer Chair, Psychology Board of Australia 26 February 2010

PSYCHOLOGY BOARD OF AUSTRALIA and NEW ZEALAND PSYCHOLOGY BOARD

Meeting Number 1 4 July 2010

North Sydney Harbour View Hotel, Sydney, NSW 1.25 pm – 3.40 pm

Decisions and actions arising

- 4. Implications of differing registration standards, recency of practice standards/guidelines, accreditation
- 1. Members noted several areas of difference in standards between the two countries regarding the following: English language skills, recency

PSYCHOLOGY BOARD OF AUSTRALIA

Meeting Number 1 20 September 2009

Aitken Hill, Yuroke, Victoria

Final decisions and actions arising

Item 4.4 Registration standards

- 7. in relation to mandatory standards, agreed to work with other boards on registration standards for common use on:
- a. English language requirements, and

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PSYCHOLOGY BOARD OF AUSTRALIA

Meeting Number 2
15 October 2009
Hilton Melbourne Airport
and
Teleconference, 23 October 2009

Final decisions and actions arising

Item 3.2 Draft mandatory standards

Item 3.2.1 English language requirements

Members:

- 1. agreed, subject to the views of other national boards, to include the revised draft English language requirements registration standard in the Board's consultation paper to be released on 27 October 2009
- 2. noted the flexibility to include new tests as they are available and that the Board should not be seen to be favouring one particular company
- 3. discussed the proposed minimum standard of 7 and whether it should be 7.5 or 8 and agreed to proceed with 7 for consultation purposes but requested Alfred Allan and Shirley Grace to provide further advice to the Board on the case for setting a minimum standard of 8, and
- 4. agreed to the following amendments to the draft standard:
 - a. remove references to OET in the English language standard as feedback from existing boards indicates this is not sufficient for registration purposes
 - b. remove the list of countries under Exemptions, and
 - c. remove item 2(c) from the list of exemptions.

PSYCHOLOGY BOARD OF AUSTRALIA

Meeting Number 3 20 November 2009

Hilton Melbourne Airport, Melbourne, Victoria

Final decisions and actions arising

Item 3.3 Feedback so far on English language and requirements Members:

- 1. noted the further feedback on the English language and criminal history requirements standards, especially the feedback from national boards
- 2. noted that the draft common standards are proposed as a minimum to which boards can add any additional requirements
- 3. agreed to the new versions of the English language and standards at Attachments A and B as the basis for the final versions of the standards to be considered by boards in December, and
- 4. noted that a further paper with additional information and any changes arising from the consultation process will be provided out of session after the consultation period closes, to facilitate finalisation of the standards in December 2009.

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Meeting Number 4 18 December 2009

Hilton Melbourne Airport, Melbourne, Victoria

Draft decisions and actions arising

Item 3.2 Revised common English language standard

Members:

- 1. noted that the proposed common English language standard now contains provision for Board-specific content, and
- 2. agreed to the revised version of the common English language standard at <u>Attachment B</u>, subject to editorial modifications to formatting and presentation to improve its flow.

PSYCHOLOGY BOARD OF AUSTRALIA

Meeting Number 7 30 April 2010

Hilton Melbourne Airport, Melbourne, Victoria

Draft decisions and actions arising

Item 2.2 Fast track application process

Members:

- 1. agreed to a fast track application process subject to the following amendments:
 - a. that the should be no requirement for meeting the English language standard and
 - b. that there be a requirement for proof of identity in the event of a name change.

Psychology Board of Australia

Meeting Number 12
24 September 2010
Melbourne Airport Hilton
Draft decisions and actions arising

1.5.8 Other Board matters

Members noted the feedback from registrants about the English Language standard, and requirement for high school education in English. This matter crosses all boards, and the Board may need to do some more work on this issue in the future.

Ministerial Council Approves Psychology Standards

The Ministerial Council has announced its decisions regarding the proposals put forward by the Psychology Board of Australia on mandatory registration standards and other related matters. The Ministerial Council announcement is attached.

Registration standards

The following registration standards have been approved without change.

- english language skills

Brin Grenyer Chair

7 April 2010