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National Boards for the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme
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Dear Board members

RE: Consultation on international criminal history checking

Thank you for your email of 3 October seeking the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia's (the College) feedback on the above consultation document and apologies for the delay in providing this submission to you.

The College would like to make the following comments in response to the questions raised from the National Boards:

1. *Is the proposed new approach the best option?*
Yes.
2. *Is the proposed approach clear?*
Yes.
3. *Are there any risks or issues about the proposed process that need more consideration?*
There does not appear to be any apparent risks or issues on the proposed process.
4. *Should international criminal history checks be conducted for countries where applicants have spent three months or more, or six months or more?*
The College suggests criminal history checks for applicants of three months or more.
5. *Do you have any other comments?*
No.

Yours sincerely



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