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Dear National Board Chairs

National Boards' proposed revised continuing professional development registration standards

Thank you for your joint letter of 30 November 2018 seeking approval of revised professional continuing professional development (CPD) registration standards.

I am pleased to advise that pursuant to section 12 of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory, the Ministerial Council decided on 3 June 2019, to approve the revised registration standards as recommended by the National Boards and as listed below:

- (a) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Board of Australia. Registration standard: continuing professional development
- (b) Chinese Medicine Board of Australia. Registration standard: continuing professional development
- (c) Chiropractic Board of Australia. Registration standard: continuing professional development
- (d) Occupational Therapy Board of Australia. Registration standard: continuing professional development
- (e) Optometry Board of Australia. Registration standard: continuing professional development.


In approving the revised CPD registration standards, Ministers noted your advice that a risk-based approach drawing on research and experiences of other National Boards as well as additional research, other sources of information and consultation with stakeholders was taken during their development. As a result, we note that overall there is greater consistency across the CPD registration standards than is currently the case. We commend the Boards on continuing to take a cross-profession approach to setting the core requirements in these registration standards and look forward to this approach continuing to achieve greater harmonisation into the future.

Ministers also noted the proposed approach to implementing the approved revised registration standards – that is, that the standards will commence approximately six (6) months after approval is received and align as much as possible with the renewal cycles for each profession to enable advance notice to be given where there are changes from the existing standards.

Thank you for providing the Board approved revised CPD guidelines and for continuing to work on additional explanatory material to support compliance with the requirement for reflection on the effect that CPD has had on registrants' practice of the profession.

Thank you for bringing the National Boards' proposals to Ministerial Council.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roger Cook', written over a large, light-colored circular scribble.

Hon Roger Cook MLA
Chair
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30 June 2019