

## Communique

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### Psychology Expert Reference Group: Education training and reform (Phase 2)

#### Establishment of the Psychology Expert Reference Group

The Psychology Board of Australia (the Board) has appointed a Psychology Expert Reference Group to advise the Board during the next stage the Education training and reform program of work.

As set out in the Board's [Green paper](#) (March 2020), the focus of phase two of the education training and reform program of work is to improve the alignment of psychology training and competency development with registration for general and endorsed psychologists.

Review of the competencies for general registration is the first step in this process. The current competencies for general registration are listed in the [General registration standard](#).

The role of the Psychology Expert Reference Group (PERG) is to provide profession-specific advice to the Board on improving the competencies for general registration and to recommend draft revised competencies to the Board for public consultation in late 2021.

In developing the draft revised general competencies, the PERG will seek the opinion of targeted stakeholders including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, consumer groups, industry, and the profession. The PERG will work together with independent consultants who have expertise in writing competencies in the educational context.

The members of the PERG have expert knowledge about the competencies required by psychologists for safe practice, and representant the areas of accreditation, training, regulation and national professional peak organisations in psychology.

The members of the PERG are:

Ms Rachel Phillips	National Board Chair - Qld, and Chair of PERG
Professor Jennifer Scott	National Board member -Tas
Ms Julia Duffy	Regional Board Community member - Qld
Professor Caroline Hunt	Independent expert
Ms Ros Knight	President, Australian Psychological Society (APS)
Professor John Dunn	Chair, Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC)
Professor Renata Meuter	Chair, Heads of Departments and Schools of Psychology Association in Australia (HODSPA)

The PERG will periodically publish a communique on the progression of its work.

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