

PSYCHOLOGISTS BOARD OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

POLICY STATEMENT

ELIGIBILITY FOR FULL REGISTRATION & COMMENCEMENT OF SPECIALIST TITLE SUPERVISION

M PSYCH

Once an applicant has completed all of the coursework and practicums of an accredited M Psych degree, the Board will allow an application for full registration. However, they will not be eligible to commence specialist title supervision until their M Psych degree is awarded.

The Board will allow an individual who has obtained an accredited M Psych to commence specialist title supervision. There is no reduction in the length of the supervision period of 2 years.

COMBINED M PSYCH/PhD

The Board will allow an individual to apply for full registration provided the tertiary institution confirms in writing that all coursework and practicums are completed.

The Board will **not** allow commencement of specialist title supervision until such time as the Board is guaranteed that the candidate is entitled to the award of at least an M Psych degree.

Please note that where an applicant has been guaranteed at least an M Psych degree by the University and the 2 year (full time equivalent) supervision period has been completed to the Board's satisfaction, use of the specialist title will not be granted until the actual degree is awarded (either Masters degree or D Psych). If continued use of the title "Registrar" is required during the period after the completion of the 2 year supervision period, but before the degree is awarded, then the applicant will need to remain under Board approved supervision.

Once the PhD has been awarded and the Board has given approval to commence specialist title supervision, the applicant may apply to the Board for a reduction in the 2 year supervision period to 21 months in recognition of the university undertaking to ensure the research thesis is directed by the Scientist Practitioner Model and is therefore of an applied nature.

D PSYCH

The Board will allow an individual to apply for full registration provided the tertiary institution confirms in writing that all coursework and practicums are completed.

The Board will **not** allow commencement of specialist title supervision until such time as the Board is guaranteed that the candidate is entitled to award of at least an M Psych degree.

Please note that where an applicant has been guaranteed at least an M Psych degree by the University and the 2 year (full time equivalent) supervision period has been completed to the Board's satisfaction, use of the specialist title will not be granted until the actual degree is awarded (either Masters degree or D Psych). If continued use of the title "Registrar" is required during the period after the completion of the 2 year supervision period, but before the degree is awarded, then the applicant will need to remain under Board approved supervision.

Once the D Psych has been awarded and the Board has given approval to commence specialist title supervision, the applicant may apply to the Board for a reduction in the 2 year supervision period to 18 months in recognition of the additional practicum hours and coursework units and the more intense research thesis, provided the Board considers it to be primarily of an applied nature

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