



PROPOSED STANDARDS FOR ACCREDITATION OF PSYCHOLOGY COURSES

UNDER CONSIDERATION BY PSYCHOLOGY BOARD OF AUSTRALIA

APAC has submitted the proposed new Standards for Accreditation of Psychology Programs to the Psychology Board of Australia (PsyBA).

The PsyBA has requested further detail, in particular on the feedback received during the public consultation and how APAC addressed the suggestions made by stakeholders, which had been provided in summary form in the initial submission.

The more detailed data are now being finalised for submission.

Some additional commentary is also being provided, as to the theoretical underpinning of the new approach to the Standards.

The AHPRA regime has a focus on regulatory risk, and much of the supporting documentation for the proposed standards concerns this aspect of the work.

APAC consulted widely with stakeholders during the development of these standards, and undertook a thorough analysis of the feedback received; and most of the additional material requested by the PsyBA already exists. Some more work will be required, so it is expected that the additional documentation will go to the PsyBA's February 2017 meeting. All going well, we are still hopeful that we will be able to commence implementation of the new standards in the 2018 accreditation round.