



## PROCEDURE FOR PROPOSING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW VOCATIONAL SCOPE OF PRACTICE

### **Introduction**

The following principles and procedure have been established by the Psychologists Board for the development and consideration of a proposed new vocational scope of practice.

### **Principles:**

A proposed scope of practice must clearly be required for public protection.

The proposed scope must define a clear area of practice (i.e., materially different from scopes already prescribed).

The proposed scope must be described in accordance with section 11 of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance (**HPCA**) Act 2003.

In accordance with sub-sections 12(2)(a)-(e) of the HPCA Act, any proposal for a new scope must include clear qualifications for entry into the scope. [Note: Registrants for any new scope must first meet all criteria for the “Psychologist” scope of practice.]

The proposed qualifications for the scope must be necessary for the protection of the public and cannot unnecessarily restrict an area of practice. [Refer s 13 of the HPCA Act.]

Proposers must show they have consulted meaningfully with interested stakeholders (especially those that may be affected by the proposed scope of practice) prior to submitting their proposal to the Board. [Refer s 14(2) of the HPCA Act.]

### **Procedure:**

- 1) Proposers should communicate their interest in establishing a new vocational scope to the Board’s Registrar early in their planning and subsequently endeavor to keep the Board informed of their progress.
- 2) The Board’s Chief Executive/Registrar will consider what assistance can be provided.

- 3) Proposals must be in keeping with the principles outlined above.
- 4) The following information must be included with any proposal:
  - Proposed title for the scope. (Should be consistent with existing scopes.)
  - Proposed description of the scope.
  - Proposed qualifications for the scope.
  - The rationale for establishing the scope.
  - A summary of the consultation carried out in preparing the proposal.
  - The estimated number of practitioners likely to be eligible for the scope.
  - The proposer's name(s) and contact details.
- 5) Proposals must be submitted to the Board's Chief Executive/Registrar.
- 6) The Chief Executive/Registrar may ask for or undertake further work, or may present the proposal to the Board with or without recommendation.
- 7) The Board may ask for or undertake further development of the proposal, or may accept or decline the proposal. A written rationale will be provided for any decision to decline.
- 8) If accepted, the Board will then go through the required legal steps to operationalise the new vocational scope, including consultation with the profession and the public.