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Submission by the Pharmacy Council of New South Wales

AHPRA/National Boards Public consultation: Review of Criminal history registration standard and English language skills registration standard

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The Pharmacy Council of New South Wales is the statutory body responsible, in partnership with the Health Care Complaints Commission, for managing complaints and notifications related to the conduct, performance or health of pharmacists practising in NSW and NSW pharmacy students. The Council is also responsible for the regulation of NSW pharmacy businesses.

The Pharmacy Council of New South Wales has considered the Public consultation paper: Review of Criminal history registration standard and English language skills registration standard and provides the following answers to questions posed in teh paper:

Q1. From your perspective, how is the current registration standard working?

The Council's view is that the current registration standard is working well

Q2. Are there any state or territory-specific issues or impacts arising from applying the existing standard that you would like to raise with the Boards?

The Council has identified no issues or impacts

Q3. Is the content of the registration standard helpful, clear and relevant?

Yes, the Council's view is that the content is relevant and clear

Q4. Is there any content that needs to be changed or deleted in the registration standard?

No

Q5. Is there anything missing that needs to be added to the registration standard?

No

Q6. Do you have any other comments on the registration standard?

Regarding "information for the public and practitioners" section, the Council recommends that consideration be given to whether there is a need to add an acceptable time frame for advising the relevant National Board if the criminal history changes

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