



The Royal Australasian  
College of Physicians

## **Consultation on Core Registration Standards**

### **Submission by the Royal Australasian College of Physicians**

#### ***Registration standard: Professional indemnity insurance arrangements***

The RACP supports the proposed changes to the registration standard on Professional Indemnity Insurance.

The current registration standard has worked effectively since 2010, but the revised standard provides simpler language and a more clear delineation of the requirements. The Board may wish to consider a more detailed description of the level of detail practitioners should hold regarding PII provided by employers where this form of cover is used.

#### ***Registration standard: Continuing professional development***

The RACP supports the proposed changes to the registration standard on continuing professional development.

We suggest that the Board consider changes to the wording of the standard to provide further guidance for practitioners on the types of activities which would satisfy the Board's expectations for the inclusion of practice based reflective elements. The College appreciates that the proposed standard provides considerable flexibility for Australian practitioners but notes the inclusion of specific requirements in registration standards applied in other jurisdictions. We consider that some more specific guidance about the nature of acceptable activities and the extent to which they should be included would be of assistance.

#### ***Registration standard: Recency of practice***

The RACP supports in proposed changes to the registration standard on recency of practice.

The Board may wish to re-examine the section regarding the requirements for return to practice after periods without or of non-practicing registration. The standard is somewhat unclear at this point: the intent seems to be that the applicant would present evidence of having completed the CPD requirements as part of the application for renewal or reinstatement of registration but the wording of the standard is not entirely clear on this point.

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