



# Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council

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Dear Dr Flynn

Thank you for your letter of 1 March 2010 in relation to revised proposals submitted by the Medical Board of Australia (the Board) on mandatory registration standards, specialist registration, and registration standards for limited registration (area of need) and limited registration (postgraduate training and supervised practice).

Pursuant to section 12 of the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (2009)* (the National Law), as enacted by participating jurisdictions, the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council (the Ministerial Council) has decided to approve the following registration standards submitted by the Board – with the approval taking effect on 1 July 2010 to coincide with the commencement of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme:

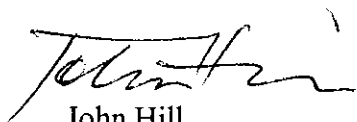
- criminal history registration standard
- English language requirements registration standard
- professional indemnity insurance arrangements registration standard
- continuing professional development registration standard, and
- recency of practice registration standard
- standard for limited registration (area of need)
- standard for limited registration (postgraduate training and supervised practice).

Pursuant to section 13 of the National Law, the Ministerial Council has also decided to approve the list of specialties, fields of specialty practice, and specialist titles as specified in the Board's specialist registration proposal (pages 12 to 14 inclusive). This approval takes effect on 1 July 2010.

I would like to congratulate the Board on submitting its final proposals for the medical profession in Australia to the Ministerial Council.

We trust that the Ministerial Council's decision to approve the registration standards and related proposals as outlined in this letter will assist the Board to implement the proposals in the lead-up to the national scheme's full commencement on 1 July 2010.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Hill', with a stylized flourish at the end.

John Hill  
CHAIR, Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council  
MINISTER FOR HEALTH, South Australia