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Dear Dr Flynn

Thank you for your letter of 1 April 2011, submitting a new *Registration Standard for Specialist Registration* for approval by the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council (the AHWMC).

I am pleased to advise that pursuant to Section 12 of the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law*, as in force in each State and Territory, the AHWMC decided on 7 June 2011 to approve the registration standard submitted by the Medical Board of Australia (MBA) (Version 1A).

We note the MBA's advice that the registration standard is to build flexibility for internationally qualified specialists whose training may be different to that of an Australian trained specialist, by allowing for specialist registration within a defined and limited scope of practice that is recorded on the public specialists register.

We trust that the AHWMC's approval will enable the MBA to implement the new registration standard as soon as practicable.

Yours sincerely

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cc: Director Board Services AHPRA, Mr Chris Robertson