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Dear Dr Flynn

Approval of revised Medical Board of Australia's revised registration standards

Thank you for your letter of 9 May 2017, on behalf of the Medical Board of Australia (the Board), recommending approval of the proposed revised:

- registration standard for 'Granting general registration to medical practitioners who hold an Australian Medical Council Certificate' (revised general registration standard)
- registration standard for 'Specialist registration' (revised specialist registration standard).

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 Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council (AHWMC) decided on 1 September 2017, to approve the revised registration standards as recommended by the Board.

In approving the revised registration standards, Ministers noted advice from the Board that the renamed and revised general registration standard provides clearer wording and structure to make the standard easier to understand and to ensure the requirements for registration remain relevant and current and align to the standard of practice expected of Australian and New Zealand medical graduates at the end of intern training. Further, we note that the revisions to the specialist registration standard are mainly editorial to provide greater clarity and ensure that the standard and its requirements continue to be relevant.

Finally, Ministers agreed with the Board's proposal that the approved revised registration standards commence up to six months after our communication of approval to ensure a smooth transition. We note that the revised standards and any explanatory material will be published three months before the standards are due to commence to support a smooth transition and ensure that stakeholders are given advance notice of the revised standards.

Thank you for recommending that the revised registration standards be approved by Ministers following the Board's completion of its scheduled review and consultation with stakeholders.

Yours sincerely

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