
Subject: Proposed Therapeutics changes to General Registration
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Hi.

I can imagine you would get a lot of negative feedback from people with vested interests to see this proposal fail, but I just wanted to pass my support.

From a personal point of view (as a current student of the QUT therapeutics course and a relatively recent entrant to the workforce - graduated in 2007) and professional point of view (in the best interest of the standing/respect of the profession and for the benefit of the public), that I agree that changes to make therapeutics a requirement for new registration is important and beneficial.

Clearly for current practitioners, and especially those with interests in other areas unlikely to see much pathology (behavioural optometry for example) or older practitioners, there is not the same urgency to obtain the qualification and so the board needs to ensure a generous grace period is given (MINIMUM 5 years).

Just thought I'd pass on my support for you continuing to aim for the best rather than settle for the lowest common denominator.

Kind Regards,
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