



**Standing Council on Health**  
(meeting as Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council)

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Dear Mr Waldron

Thank you for your letter of 10 July 2012, recommending that the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council (the AHWMC) approves the revised registration standard for continuing professional development (CPD) for optometrists, as submitted by the Optometry Board of Australia (the Board).

I am pleased to advise that pursuant to Section 12 of the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act*, as in force in each State and Territory, the AHWMC decided on Friday 9 November 2012 to approve the revised CPD registration standard.

Ministers note the advice that the Board decided to bring forward its review of this mandatory registration standard as there were significant amendments and issues that needed to be clarified for the profession. In approving the revised registration standard, Ministers noted the Board's advice that the revisions will provide greater clarity and flexibility for optometrists, while maintaining a CPD registration standard that provides for the protection of the public.

We trust that the AHWMC's approval will enable the Board to implement, as soon as practicable, the revised CPD registration standard simultaneously with the board-approved amended CPD Guidelines.

Yours sincerely

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