



Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council

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Dear Dr Lockwood

Thank you for your letter of 31 October 2011, recommending that the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council (the AHWMC) approves three proposed registration standards.

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 20 December 2011 to approve the registration standards submitted for the following:

- a. General Registration - Overseas qualified dental practitioners;
- b. Limited registration for supervised practice or postgraduate training; and
- c. Limited registration for teaching and research.

Ministers noted the advice from the Dental Board of Australia (the Board) that the three registration standards will build flexibility for internationally qualified dental practitioners whose training may be different from that of an Australian trained dental practitioner. It is also noted that the standards will continue to provide for the protection of the public by ensuring that only suitably trained and competent dental practitioners are granted general registration and dental practitioners granted limited registration practise subject to supervision and with appropriate restrictions on their practice scope.

It is hoped that the approval by the AHWMC will enable the Board to implement the registration standards as soon as practicable.

Yours sincerely

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