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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Consultation on draft revised registration standard for specialist registration

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the draft proposed revised registration standard for specialist registration.

The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) recognises that this review of the registration standard for specialist registration is part of the ongoing regular review process, and that many of the changes reflect changes in registration processes and procedures and do not impact upon the recognition of appropriate qualifications, and therefore, standards of quality of care.

In response to specific questions:

1. From your perspective, how is the current registration standard working?

RACGP Response: The current registration standard has been working well but does require some clarification in the areas highlighted within this consultation.

2. Is the content and structure of the draft revised registration standard helpful, clear, relevant and more workable than the current standard?

RACGP Response: The clarifications are helpful and clear and improve the registration standard especially around the clarification of the meaning of 'fellowship'.

3. Is there any content that needs to be changed or deleted in the draft revised registration standard?

RACGP Response: There are no further changes suggested.

4. Is there anything missing that needs to be added to the draft revised registration standard?

RACGP Response: No further changes are suggested.

5. Do you have any other comments on the draft revised registration standard?

RACGP Response: The RACGP supports the changes to the standards as outlined in option 2.

Yours sincerely

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