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Dear Jill

Physiotherapy Board of Australia - Registration Standard and Guidelines for Limited Registration and Supervision Guidelines

NSW supports the Board's Standard and Guidelines for limited registration in post graduate training or supervised practice, public interest and teaching or research.

NSW suggests the following amendments to the Standard and Guidelines:

- On page 12 under the sub heading of 'Renewal' the previous version of the standard allowed for renewal in the public interest upon receipt of a satisfactory report to the Board. The standard now states "Given the short-term nature of limited registration in the public interest, it is unlikely that renewal of registration will be necessary. As there may be circumstances for extension it is suggested that the clause be amended to: "Given the short-term nature of limited registration in the public interest, renewal of registration will not be allowed for a period of more than 12 months total."
- On page 13 Independent practitioners should be asked to provide evidence of progress of their research or a list of their teaching activities and participant satisfaction if renewal is sought.

The introduction of the Supervision Guidelines on page 2 could be more specific by stating that the guidelines apply to:

- Registered Physiotherapists returning to practice after an absence of 5 years or more;
- Registered Physiotherapists with supervisory requirements imposed following a health or professional conduct matter; and
- Physiotherapists with Limited Registration in the following categories:
 - Post graduate training or supervised practice
 - In the public interest
 - Teaching or research

Should you require further information or advice please contact Anne Connolly on 9391 9595 or via email at <u>aconn@doh.health.nsw.gov.au</u>.

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