

Dear Sir/Madam

I became a registered psychologist in order to follow my passion and work with gifted children and their parents, a minority group within our society that receives no funding or help, even for confused first parents. As there are not very many gifted children (bell curve) especially in the area I where I practice (lower Blue Mountains), I only see clients on the weekends, and have a day job in the other area of my expertise, children's services for young children.

I have just been made aware that I am no longer an endorsed psychologist within the new system, although I have been practicing since 2004, and am currently undertaking a PhD in psychology. I cannot see the logic of this move, and implore the Senate to right this wrong.

As an additional issue I would like to point out that as I only work in a part time capacity as psychologist in a very specialised field, I should not have to accumulate the same amount of PD points, although currently I have far more points than I need. Please consider the plight of part time psychologists who do important work but cannot be expected to go to the expense of accumulating the same amount of PD points as a full time psychologist. The changes that have taken place are neither to the benefit of clients nor of psychologists.

Kind Regards

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