Public consultation on registration standard: Grandparenting

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Responses to consultation questions

**Please provide your confidential feedback as a Word document by email to** [**paramedicine@ahpra.gov.au**](mailto:paramedicine@ahpra.gov.au)**by close of business on 8 February 2018.**

Stakeholder Details

*If you wish to include background information about your organisation please provide this as a separate Word document (not PDF).*

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| **Registration standard: Grandparenting**  *Please provide your responses to any or all questions in the blank boxes to the right of the question* | |
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| 1. From your perspective, does the proposed standard adequately provide clarity in relation to the possible pathways available in the ‘grandparenting’ provisions? | The proposed standard provides adequate framework for perspective applicants to understand the requirements of grandparenting.  The only concern in and around this standard is that it does not state the time granted for grandparenting i.e. applicants must obtain an approved or recognised qualification within 3, 5, or 10 years. |
| 1. Are there any state or territory-specific issues or impacts arising from applying the existing standard that you would like to raise with the Board? | The content is clear, relevant and helpful. The standard provides an explanation of how an applicant can apply for registration under these provisions based on:   * adequate qualification(s) * qualification(s) with supervised practice, or * adequate experience and practice in the profession.   The standard states:  ***“Approved qualification*** *means a qualification obtained by completing a Board approved program of study for the profession. Approved qualifications will be listed on the Board’s website.*  ***Accepted qualification*** *means a Diploma of Paramedical Science issued by the Ambulance Service of New South Wales.”*  The accepted qualification should not be restricted to the Ambulance Service of NSW. The VET Diploma program (HLT51015) is identical to the program offered by other “Enterprise” RTO’s. The Diploma of Paramedical Science (HLT51015) offered by Paramedical Services Pty Limited is presented via a Part-Time/Hybrid course, which combines online and face-to-face instruction in an extended and blended format.  The Paramedical Services Diploma course is divided into three phases: didactic (classroom), practical and clinical (in-house) and field internship (assigned to a Paramedical Services active ambulance unit).  The clinical and field internship rotations will take place Sydney NSW Australia and introduces the student to the Paramedical Services Work Injury Response Service (WIRS), sporting and special events, patient transport (PTS) category B and C patients and a raft of other primary response opportunities.  Accepted qualification **SHOULD** mean a Diploma of Paramedical Science from an “approved” enterprise RTO and the Australian Defence Force as well as the Ambulance Service of NSW. There should be **NO** prejudice against other enterprise RTO’s. |
| 1. Is the content of the proposed registration standard helpful, clear and relevant? | The Standards are relevant and clear, they are however biased and prejudiced against other nationally approved and accredited courses such as the Diploma of Paramedical Science (HLT51015). |
| 1. Is there any content that needs to be changed or deleted in the proposed registration standard? | Changes that need to occur is around the VET Diploma program inclusion as an approved qualification. The inclusion should not be limited to the program but the RTO delivering the entire package. The RTO should be approved and recognised by the board to demonstrate that they are an enterprise RTO providing ambulance and pre-hospital services.  What is meant by this is that RTO’s that only provide the face to face or on line learning package and does not provide clinical services, patient ambulance transport services, event medical services they should not be approved. Enterprise RTO’s who provide these services and cater to the private sector should be approved and their program recognised as approved training packages. |
| 1. Is there anything missing that needs to be added to the proposed registration standard? | The Board should look to “approve” other enterprise RTO’s that provide Ambulance Services, ongoing CPD, training and out of hospital care and services. As stated Paramedical Services is an enterprise RTO that provides Ambulance Services and other out of hospital (pre-hospital) functions and operations.  The standards need to cater for all aspects of Paramedicine and include Private, State based Ambulance Services, Defence Force personnel etc. These standards should not be State Based centric. |
| 1. Do you have any other comments on the proposed registration standard? | As above. |