

# **PSYCHOLOGIST BOARD OF WA**

## **POLICY STATEMENT**

### **USE OF TITLE “DR”**

The Board will allow psychologists to use the title “Dr” only in the instance where the psychologist has completed and been awarded an approved PhD in psychology or a Doctor of Psychology degree. The designation would also be recorded in the Register as required.

In other instances where registered psychologists may have obtained a PhD qualification in another discipline, this qualification would not be recorded on the Register and the Board would review use of this title in relation to psychological services on a case by case basis. The general thrust of any policy in relation to this would be that the use of the title “Dr” should not be misleading in relation to psychological services.

With respect to overseas PhD qualifications, the Board would review the equivalency of that qualification to determine its use.

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