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Dr David Gruen AO
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By email: updating.anzsko@abs.gov.au

Dear Dr Gruen,

Re: Consultation on the comprehensive review of the Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO)

The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP) welcomes the opportunity to contribute to the consultation on the review of ANZSCO.

The RANZCP is the principal organisation representing the medical specialty of psychiatry in Australia and New Zealand and is responsible for training, educating, and representing psychiatrists on policy issues. The RANZCP represents more than 8,000 members, including more than 5,500 qualified psychiatrists, and is guided on policy matters by a range of expert committees including the Committee for Professional Practice.

We recognise the value of accurate workforce data in planning to meet future workforce needs and commend the work of the Australian Bureau of Statistics in collecting this data and maintaining the ANZSCO listings to ensure they are accurate and reflect the latest workforce changes.

The RANZCP recommends that Specialisations section of the ANZSCO listing Occupation 253411 Psychiatrist be updated to reflect contemporary specialist areas in psychiatry. This would align the occupation listing with the [RANZCP listing of specialist areas](#).

Specialist areas in psychiatry:

- Adult psychiatry
- Addiction psychiatry
- Child and adolescent psychiatry
- Consultation–liaison psychiatry
- Forensic psychiatry
- Neuropsychiatry
- Old age psychiatry
- Perinatal and infant psychiatry
- Psychiatry of intellectual and developmental disabilities
- Psychiatric psychotherapy

Psychiatry is a broad field with a variety of subspecialties addressing the needs of patients throughout all the stages of life, from childhood and adolescence into adulthood and old age.



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Updating the list of specialisations will better reflect the breadth of work conducted by psychiatrists and provide valuable data about specialisation-specific workforce needs. The delivery of mental healthcare in Australia and New Zealand cannot be achieved without adequate development of the mental healthcare workforce, and we recognise the value of accurate ANZSCO listings in helping to plan for and develop the future workforce across both countries.

As leaders in mental health, the RANZCP welcomes further consultation on the review of the ANZSCO. To discuss any of the contents of this submission, please contact Nicola Wright, Executive Manager, Policy, Practice, and Research via nicola.wright@ranzcp.org or on (03) 9236 9103.

Yours sincerely

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