APAC–APPA Towards Good Practice Guide Series

Informed consent example

Purpose

Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC), in partnership with the Australian Psychology Placement Alliance (APPA), have developed a series of *Towards Good Practice Guides* that focus on the placement components of accredited and approved psychology programs of study.

This example has been generously shared to support the sharing of knowledge and approaches across different program types and education providers.

Examples and exemplars are intended to encourage discussion and reflection, rather than provide prescribed models of compliance. Adopting an example does not, in itself, demonstrate that a program meets the Accreditation Standards.

We thank all education providers for contributing examples and exemplars to this project.

APAC Accredited program

Education provider:	Deakin University
Program:	Master of Psychology (Clinical), Doctor of Psychology (Clinical)
Unit/subject (if applicable):	N/A

Overview

Placement information sheet and client consent form from Deakin University, which provides information about the role and responsibilities of provisional psychologists and supervisors, complaints processes and informed consent discolsure associated with accepting pscyhological services from a provisional psychology student undertaking placement.

Deakin Placement Information Sheet and Consent Form

About student clinicians

[Insert Placement Agency Name] hosts Deakin University postgraduate psychology students on placement. Students are AHPRA registered and recognised as provisional psychologists, and provide care under the supervision of a Board-Approved Supervisor.

Training and supervision

All provisional psychologists are closely supervised and bound by the same legal and ethical requirements of any psychologist. Supervision may include; discussing your care with a supervisor, the supervisor reviewing notes and treatment plans, and the supervisor being present for part of an assessment or therapy session.

Medico-legal reports

Provisional psychologists are unable to provide reports for medico-legal purposes. However, if you complete any other formal assessments, this will occur under the supervision of a Board Approved Supervisor who will co-sign the written report.

Concerns and complaints

If you have any concerns about the services provided by the provisional psychologist we encourage you to discuss these with your provisional psychologist. You can also contact their supervisor or manager at the organisation.

Please tick if you consent to the following:

Services delivered by provisional psychologist (required before session commencement)

☐ I consent to receive services delivered by a Deakin University provisional psychologist working under the supervision of a registered psychologist, and Board-Approved Supervisor. I understand I can ask about the provisional psychologist's role, supervision, and alternatives to student-delivered care.

Use of de-identified information (optional)

☐ I consent to the use of my de-identified information (names and direct identifiers removed) in case reports and/or external supervision (supervision that is provided by Deakin, externally to the organisation) for the provisional psychologists learning, and assessment related to my care. I understand I may withhold or withdraw this consent at any time without affecting my access to services.

Use of de-identified audio and/or video information (optional)

☐ I consent to audio and/or video recording of some session content for supervision and training related to my care. Recordings will be stored and securely managed by the provisional psychologist and only viewed by the authorised supervisor. I can ask to stop the recording at any time. I understand I may withhold or withdraw this consent at any time without affecting my access to services.

Name	Signature	Date
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This consent remains in effect for 12 months from the date signed and can be withdrawn at any time. If your treating provisional psychologist or supervision arrangement changes, we will re-confirm your consent