

4 January 2013

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Dear Dr Donato,

Re: Stakeholder consultation: Guidelines – Supervision of chiropractors

This letter is written in response to the Chiropractic Board of Australia request for feedback on the draft *Guidelines – Supervision of chiropractors*.

The Council on Chiropractic Education Australasia (CCEA) congratulates the Board on the development of these Guidelines, and appreciates the opportunity to comment on the draft. We recognise there are similar guidelines adopted for other health professions.

The CCEA recommends the following clarifications:

Terminology: In many areas of the document, the term ‘practitioner’ is used when referring to the ‘supervisee’. With ‘supervisee’ being defined in Appendix 2, we would recommend consistent use of this term instead of ‘practitioner’. Alternatively, additional clarification around the use of the term ‘practitioner’ in Appendix 2 could be provided.

Section 4, Responsibilities of the supervisor: In the final paragraph of this sub-section, there is reference to a practice induction/orientation program that ‘must’ be provided by the supervisor. As it is a mandatory requirement, further guidance about what this program constitutes is needed (e.g. is it something that the Board plans to provide or define?). Reference to this requirement should also be included in the *Standard Supervision Agreement*.

The CCEA also suggests that the definitions be moved to the front of the document.

We trust you find this feedback useful.

Yours sincerely

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Chairperson