

V BERG (991357)

The Board noted an e-mail dated 28 April 2003 to the Australian Medical Council (AMC) from Mr Berg regarding assessment of his specialist qualifications and their response.

The Board also noted the suggestion from the AMC that an option to the Board to resolve the issue regarding Mr Berg's qualifications may be to require him to have his qualifications etc. verified through the International Credentials Service of the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates.

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Robyn Scholl

From: Jim O'Dempsey
Sent: Wednesday, April 30, 2003 6:19 AM
To: Robyn Scholl
Subject: FW: SPECIALIST ASSESSMENT

Robyn

Please place on Board Agenda

-----Original Message-----

From: Peter Moyle [mailto:peterm@amc.org.au]
Sent: Tuesday, 29 April 2003 4:22 PM
To: ranzcp@ranzcp.org; shood@wa.medicalboard.com.au; registrar
Subject: FW: SPECIALIST ASSESSMENT

Following, for your information, is my reply to Dr Berg's email dated 28 April 2003 [which has already been copied to you].

I should mention that, if the AMC finds it necessary to verify an applicant's or candidate's qualifications, it may seek verification through the International Credentials Service of the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates of the United States (EICS), or request the applicant or candidate to obtain independent verification through the EICS. This may be an option to consider in relation to resolving the matter of discrepancies in Dr Berg's documentation.

Peter Moyle
Examinations Officer (Specialist Assessment)
Australian Medical Council Inc.
Tel: 02 6270 9710 Fax: 02 6270 9799
E-mail: peterm@amc.org.au

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Peter Moyle
> Sent: Tuesday, 29 April 2003 3:48 PM
> To: 'bergvincent@dodo.com.au'
> Subject: SPECIALIST ASSESSMENT

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> Dear Dr Berg

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> I refer to your email of yesterday's date regarding your specialist assessment.

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> In its letter to you dated 6 December 2001, the AMC advised that, in relation to its assessment of your application, the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists found a discrepancy between your claims of a professional qualification and the information provided by the issuing institution. As stated in the AMC's letter, this discrepancy will need to be satisfactorily resolved by the College and, more importantly, by the relevant State and Territory Medical Boards, before [conditional] registration can be granted. The AMC understands that no further information has been made available to assist the College in resolving this discrepancy. In the circumstances, it appears the College has been unable to process your application further.

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> Under the agreed AMC/Specialist Medical College procedures for the assessment of overseas trained specialist, the AMC is not able to be of further assistance to you.

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> Yours sincerely

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> Peter Moyle
> Examinations Officer (Specialist Assessment)
> Australian Medical Council Inc.
> Tel: 02 6270 9710 Fax: 02 6270 9799
> E-mail: peterm@amc.org.au

Robyn Scholl

991357

From: Dr. Vincent Berg [bergvincent@myrealbox.com]
Sent: Monday, April 28, 2003 8:30 PM
To: amc@amc.org.au
Cc: ranzcp@ranzcp.org; MedicalBoard
Subject: Specialist assessment 2010509 - Dr. Vincent Berg

Dear Sir/Madam,

I do hope that my specialist assessment has been finalised and an appropriate practical support, concerning my particular situation, offered.

Please, advise me officially by mail to PO Box 919, PALM BEACH, QLD, 4221.

Also, I have to notify you that as a result of contacting Russian authorities on my behalf by the RANZCP, my life was put in danger and I was forced to be in hiding outside Australia for some time. This created for me significant financial, psychological and moral difficulties.

I would like to stress again that I am a political refugee under Australian Federal Government protection. The abovementioned contact by the RANZCP has been made despite my written warnings and objections. This resulted in breaching the UN regulations, regarding refugees, and the Australian Privacy Act 1988, which put my life in danger.

Following an advice of my solicitor and some other agencies, I am considering an appropriate legal action against the RANZCP and AMC. Also, this matter can be reported to the UN, WHO, Australian Federal Government and mass media to prevent any similar illegal actions regarding refugees.

Yet, I am still feeling uncomfortable with a possibility of taking such actions against my colleagues. I do believe that the RANZCP and AMC apologies and assurance that a balanced and legal approach to refugee cases will be always employed, will resolve this matter.

I am looking forward to your wise and balanced approach to this matter.

Sincerely yours,
Vincent Berg.

January 28, 2003

Mr K Whelan
District Manager
Townsville Health Service District
P O Box 670
TOWNSVILLE Q 4810

Dear Mr Whelan

Re: Vincent Victor BERG

I refer to your correspondence of 6 December 2002, which was considered at a recent meeting of the Board.

It is regretted that Townsville Health Service District were not notified when the Board became aware that Mr Berg did not hold recognised qualifications to enable him to be registered to undertake postgraduate training in psychiatry.

As a result of your concerns, a process has been put in place to ensure that employing authorities are notified if it is subsequently found that a person, who has been registered, in fact did not hold recognised qualifications.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'L A Toft', written over a horizontal line.

Dr L A Toft
CHAIRPERSON

**MINUTES, ORDINARY MEETING OF THE MEDICAL BOARD OF QUEENSLAND
HELD AT THE OFFICES OF THE BOARD, FLOOR 19, FORESTRY HOUSE, 160
MARY STREET, BRISBANE, ON 14 JANUARY 2003 COMMENCING AT 5.30PM**

V V BERG (991357) / POLICY
(M204)

The Board considered correspondence dated 6 December 2002 from the District Manager, Townsville Health Service District, ministerial briefing regarding Mr Berg and correspondence dated 16 October 2002 from the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists.

The Board noted that Mr Whelan sought an explanation regarding the Board's failure to notify the Townsville Health Service District regarding Mr Berg.

RESOLVED that Mr Whelan's correspondence be acknowledged and he be advised a process has been put in place to ensure that employing authorities are notified if it is subsequently found that a person has been registered when they in fact have not held recognised qualifications.

ATTENDANCE: Dr L A Toft, Professor C B Campbell, Mr M Clare, Dr M Cohn, Ms P Frampton, Professor L Geffen, Dr V Kalyanasundaram, Dr M D Mahoney, Dr J Waller, Dr I S Wilkey.

16 December 2002

Mr Ken Whelan
District Manager
Townsville Health Service District
P O Box 670
TOWNSVILLE QLD 4810

Dear Mr Whelan,

I acknowledge your letter of 6th December 2002.

As the issues you have raised are one for the Medical Board to address, your correspondence will be placed before the Board at its January 2003 meeting. I shall write to you again after that meeting.

Yours sincerely,



 Michael Demy-Geroe
DEPUTY REGISTRAR



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Enquiries to: Queensland Health
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Our Ref: KDW/JG

Mr Demy-Geroe
Registrar
Medical Board of Queensland
Level 19, Forestry House
160 Mary Street
BRISBANE Q 4001

Dear Mr Demy-Geroe

I write to express my significant concern at the Medical Board's handling of matters surrounding Vincent Victor Berg.

It has come to my attention that the Medical Board was made aware in January 2002 that Vincent Victor Berg allegedly did not hold the primary medical qualifications he claimed in order to obtain registration in Queensland.

I am advised that you noted this was the case and did not seek to notify the Townsville Health Service District, which had been his sole employer during the period of his registration. It needs to be noted that Queensland Health employed Mr Berg on the belief that preliminary registration had been granted by the Medical Board.

We are now faced with the task of identifying all patients seen by Vincent Berg over the period of his tenure with the Townsville Health Service District to identify whether there has been any adverse outcomes for patients.

The time delay in finding out this information, which was only identified as an incidental remark in discussions with the College of Psychiatrists, has lead to significantly increasing the difficulty for the District and has potentially left patients at risk over a much longer period than was necessary.

I seek your explanation for the failure to notify the Townsville Health Service District and your undertaking that procedures will change within the Medical Board to ensure that we are notified of any significant issues in the future in a timely manner.

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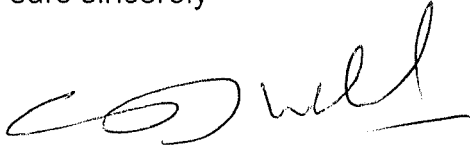
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07 4796 1021

Further I seek your assurance that the Medical Board will be reporting this matter to the Police for investigation as a criminal offence.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Whelan', with a stylized, cursive script.

Ken Whelan
District Manager
Townsville Health Service District
6/12/2002

cc Dr L Tofts, President, Medical Board of Queensland
Dr Steve Buckland, General Manager, Health Services, Queensland Health

Ministerial Brief – Vincent Berg

Berg wrote to the Board on 10 June 1999 seeking registration, preferably as a psychiatrist. He indicated he was prepared to update his clinical professional knowledge by undertaking postgraduate study and advised that:

- He was born in 1952 and had graduated with a Doctor's Degree in Psychiatry from the Medical Faculty of Voronezh State University (Russia) in 1977.
- He also claimed to have been awarded a PhD in Psychology and worked as a senior lecturer at the University until April 1982 and as a psychiatrist until August 1986.
- His medical career ceased in Russia when he was arrested by the KGB in August 1986 in connection with his political and religious beliefs.
- He arrived in Australia in December 1992, was granted protection as a refugee in October 1993, and subsequently gained permanent residency in 1994.

Berg had apparently been attached to the Gold Coast Hospital as a clinical observer and registration for this purpose was sought by the Gold Coast Hospital on 12 July 1999. At its meeting on 24 August 1999, the Board declined to approve conditional registration for Berg to work as a clinical observer at the Hospital on the basis that such an activity did not require registration.

On 29 September 1999, Townsville General Hospital, with the approval of the Chief Health Officer, appointed Berg to the position of Registrar – Psychiatry, subject to Berg obtaining registration with the Board.

On 13 December 1999, Berg applied for conditional registration seeking to undertake training in psychiatry at Townsville General Hospital. Conditional registration for this purpose, for a period of 12 months, was subsequently approved by the Board effective from 4 January 2000. A training program, nominating Dr John Allan FRANZCP as his supervisor, was received on 10 May 2000.

On 16 February 2000, Berg was given notice by the Board to explain discrepancies in his documentation within 14 days or his registration would be cancelled. A review of the file had identified that all claimed professional certificates were in fact in another name and had been manually altered to the name 'Berg'.

Documentation obtained from the Department of Immigration under Freedom of Information by Berg appeared to confirm that in 1996 he had declared a change of name from the name in the documents to the name 'Berg'. A decision was made by the Board not to pursue this matter further.

In July 2000, Berg complained to the Board regarding alleged inconsistencies in his circumstances compared to those of another unnamed overseas trained psychiatrist alleging discrimination. He was informed that the issue he raised should more properly be addressed by the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists or his employer.

On 4 December 2000, Berg applied for conditional registration as a specialist psychiatrist in Queensland. He cited his qualification from Voronezh State University as the basis of his application. On 4 January 2001, the Board determined not to approve his application as the qualification was in a name other than the applicant's name and the qualification was in any case not recognized. It was also noted by the Board that with regard to the confirmation that Berg was one and the same person as the person named in the documents, the Department of Immigration had subsequently acknowledged that the Department would not have made enquiries relating to any qualification allegedly held by the person.

The Board determined that the Department be requested to make enquiries through the Moscow office as to whether the person named in the documents was in fact a graduate of the Voronezh State University in 1977. Berg was formally notified on 5 February 2001 of the Board's refusal of his application for conditional registration as a specialist (psychiatrist) and he was informed of his appeal rights. It should be noted that Berg's conditional registration to undertake training in this specialty was time limited and expired on 3 January 2001.

Berg wrote to the Board on 12 February 2001 seeking reconsideration but the Board reaffirmed its decision and suggested he submit his qualifications and experience to the Australian Medical Council for assessment by the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists.

On 17 March 2001, Berg requested the Board issue a Certificate of Good Standing to the Northern Territory covering the period of his Queensland registration. Subsequently on 23 January 2001, the New Zealand Medical Board sought advice regarding Berg as he had sought registration in that country and on 31 July 2001 a further Certificate of Good Standing was sought by the Australian Medical Council, apparently in connection with the assessment of Berg's specialist qualification. In this regard, Berg had made an application to the Council for such an assessment as he had been advised to do by the Board on 12 February 2001.

While the Board had no proof that the qualifications relied on by Berg were fraudulent documents, it had sufficient concern not to issue a Certificate of Good Standing and in lieu only issued a Certificate of Standing. This is an indication to other regulatory authorities that the application should be carefully assessed.

The assessment undertaken by the Australian Medical Council, through the College, was extensive given the concerns raised by the Board and other regulatory authorities about the standing of the qualifications relied on Berg.

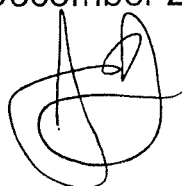
On 16 October 2001, the College wrote to the Australian Medical Council and the Boards advising that it had directly contacted Voronezh State University in an attempt to confirm Berg's qualifications. The University denied that the Certificates related to a graduate of that institution and stated that the documents were in fact forgeries.

There is no evidence that Berg has been registered in any Australian State or Territory since the College advice was received in October 2001.

It should be noted that:

- Berg was conditionally registered to undertake training in psychiatry at Townsville General Hospital from 4 January 2000 to 3 January 2001.
- The Board did not renew this conditional registration and refused Berg's application for conditional registration as a psychiatrist on the basis of its concerns about his documentation.
- The Board referred Berg to the Australian Medical Council for a detailed assessment of his qualifications through the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists.
- The Board's concerns were subsequently confirmed 10 months later through the extensive assessment process undertaken through the Australian Medical Council by the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists.

4 December 2002

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'A' with a loop at the bottom and a horizontal stroke across the middle.

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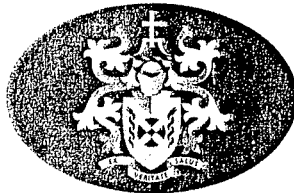
Please find attached correspondence re: Vincent Victor Berg.

Kind Regards

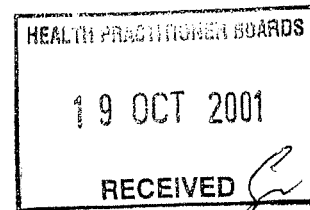


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THE ROYAL
AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND
COLLEGE OF PSYCHIATRISTS
ABN 68 000 439 047



16 October 2001

Mr Ian Frank
Executive Officer
Australian Medical Council Inc
PO Box 4810
KINGSTON ACT 2604

Dear Mr Frank

**Re: APPLICATION FOR SPECIALIST ASSESSMENT/ADVANCED STANDING
DR VINCENT BERG
AMC REFERENCE NO.: 2010509**

I write on behalf of the Fellowship Board Training and Examinations Exemptions Sub-committee regarding Dr Berg's application for specialist assessment/advanced standing. The Training and Examinations Exemptions Sub-committee formally considered this matter on the 20 September 2001.

Dr Berg stated in his application to the Australian Medical Council and the RANZCP, that he obtained his primary medical qualification (1975) and his Doctorate of Medicine in Psychiatry (1977) from the Voronezh State University in Russia. Dr Berg's submitted qualifications are in the name of Techkaline Victor Vladimirovich, which Dr Berg states in his Statutory Declaration dated 1 August 2001, he changed to Vincent Victor Berg.

As part of the standard RANZCP assessment process, applicants' overseas psychiatric qualifications are confirmed with the relevant College/University or Authority. The email address of the Voronezh State University in Russia was obtained via the internet and was contacted to confirm Dr Techkaline's qualifications in Psychiatry.

The Voronezh State University replied informing the RANZCP that they did not produce diploma number 723438 "Medical Degree in Psychiatry" and moreover the educational program stated was not in existence in 1977. The Voronezh State University requested faxed copies of Degree M-I No. 723438 "Medical Doctor in Psychiatry" and Degree MC XII No. 14211 "Candidate of Sciences in Psychology" for review, see attached email and facsimile to Sharon Rayner (trainee staff member) dated 10 and 17 September 2001.

After review of the faxed qualifications, Sergey Zapriagaev from the Voronezh State University emailed the College stating that the documents were crude forgeries, see attached email dated 11 September 2001. Faxed confirmation of this statement on Voronezh State University letterhead dated 17 September 2001, is also attached.

Yours sincerely

Gail McKenzie
Administrative Officer
Training and Assessment

cc Queensland Medical Board

Rayner, Sharon

From: Sergey A. Zapriagaev [zsa@main.vsu.ru]
Sent: Monday, 10 September 2001 22:44
To: Rayner, Sharon
Subject: Re[2]: Confirmation of Qualifications- Dr Tchekaline

Hello Sharon,

Привет, 7 сентября 2001 г., you wrote:

RS> Dear Sergey Zapryagaev,

RS> Thank you for your email of 6 September 2001.

RS> The number of Dr Tchekaline's "Medical Degree in Psychiatry" is 723438.

RS> Dr Tchekaline also has a degree of "Candidate of Sciences in Psychology",
RS> dated 15 December 1978 which is number 14211.

RS> Could you please confirm these degrees?

RS> Thank you for your assistance,

RS> Regards,
RS> Sharon Rayner

>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Sergey A. Zapriagaev [SMTP:zsa@main.vsu.ru]

>> Sent: Thursday, 6 September 2001 17:08

>> To: Rayner, Sharon

>> Subject: Re: Confirmation of Qualifications- Dr Vladimirovich

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>> Hello Sharon,

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>> Привет, 5 сентября 2001 г., you wrote:

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>> RS> Dear Rector,

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>> RS> We obtained your email address from the Voronezh State University
>> website,

>> RS> and hope that you can help us in confirming this doctor's medical
>> degree, as

>> RS> per the attached letter

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>> RS> Yours sincerely,

>> RS> Sharon Rayner

>> RS> Administrative Assistant (Training)

>> RS> Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatry

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>> Sharon Rayner

>> Administrative Assistant (Training)

>> Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatry

>> Dear dr. Sharon Rayner

>> 1. Dr Tchekaline Victor Vladimirovich does not the staff of Voronezh
>> State University.

>> 2. Voronezh State University did not have the doctor's medical degree
>> program in 1977.

>> 3. Tchekaline is the family (or surname), Victor is the first name,
>> and
>> Vladimirovich is his second name (or middle name)
>> 4. We need the number of Tchekaline's diplom to get the additional
>> information about this strange case.

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>> Best regards,

>> Sergey Zapryagaev,

>> prof., dr. provost, VSU

mailto:zsa@main.vsu.ru

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Dear Sharon Rayner,

1. Voronezh State University did not produce the diploma
"Medical Degree in Psychiatry" number 723438.
Moreover university had not such educational programs in 1977.
2. Are you sure, that the diploma just Voronezh State University?
You have not sent me the full number of diploma, as it contains
also letterings (for example ABC 222222). The best variant to
understand this situation is to send us duplicates of the
diplomas or fax (0732-789755 to my name) or as picture file (by
e-mail). In this case we can see by whom the diploma is signed.
3. The candidate of sciences diploma is produced by Higher
Certification Commission in Moscow. But by number (more the
)letterings need, and the number of figures is incorrectly,
represented by you is not original.
Besides usual time, which is required to protect a candidate
thesis makes about three years after a finishing the university
education.
4. Thus, if in the diplomas the essential elements of Voronezh State
university are really indicated, this diplomas are false.
5. However for the final inference it is desirable to see duplicates of
the diplomas.

Best regards,

Sergey Zapryagaev

mailto:zsa@main.vsu.ru

От: Rayner, Sharon <Sharon.Rayner@ranzcp.org>
Кому: 'Sergey A. Zapriagaev' <zsa@main.vsu.ru>
Написано: 12 сентября 2001 г.
Тема:
Панка: Inbox/Sergey A. Zapriagaev

Dear Sergey Zapriagaev,

Thank you for your email and the information that you have found out for us. Could you please fax me an official letter (on your university letterhead) confirming the forgery of the diplomas? Our fax number is: 61 3 9642 5652. (61 is the country code for Australia).

We do not know Tchekalin's address in Russia, as we have not had contact with him there.

Thank you so much for your help with this,

Regards,

Sharon Rayner

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Sergey A. Zapriagaev [SMTP:zsa@main.vsu.ru]

> Sent: Tuesday, 11 September 2001 17:39

> To: Rayner, Sharon

> Subject:

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> Dear Rayner Sharon,

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> Thank you for your letter (fax).

> I regret, but both represented Tchekaline's diplomas are very rough
> forgery.

> If the official answer is necessary for you, inform me about it
> please.

> We shall be graterful to you if you inform us about the

> Tchekalin's address in Russia.

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> Best regards,

> Sergey Zapriagaev

<mailto:zsa@main.vsu.ru>

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The Royal Australian and New Zealand college of Psychiatrists
Sharon Rayner

На Ваш запрос сообщаем, что представленные Вами документы:

1. Диплом о высшем образовании М-И № 723438 от 28.05.1977 г.;
2. Диплом кандидата наук ПС-ХИ № 14211 от 15.12.1978 г. на имя Чекалина Виктора Владимировича, выданные от имени Воронежского государственного университета не являются подлинными (подделка) и не выдавались Воронежским университетом.

On your demand we inform, that documents, represented by you:

1. diploma of higher education M-I № 723438 from 28.05.1977;
 2. diploma of candidate of sciences ПС-ХИ № 14211 from 15.12.1978
- to a name Tchekaline Victor Vladimirovich, produced on behalf of Voronezh State University, are not original (forgery) and were not produced by Voronezh State University.

Текст письма исполнен на двух языках: русском и английском.

Ректор, профессор

И.И. Борисов

991357.

Victoria O'Brien

From: Robyn Scholl
Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2002 3:04 PM
To: Victoria O'Brien
Subject: FW: Concerning deaths of mental health patients in Townsville



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Victoria

I have forwarded Dr Berg's e-mail to you for action as appropriate in case it could be considered as a complaint against a practitioner.

Robyn

-----Original Message-----

From: Dr Robert Stable [mailto:Stabler@health.qld.gov.au]
Sent: 08 January 2002 11:56
To: bergvincent@dodo.com.au; ranzcp@ranzcp.org
Cc: amc@amc.org.au; peter.lindsay.mp@aph.gov.au; Rob Akers; Andrew Johnson; John Allan; SHARON BOYES; SchollR@healthregboards.qld.gov.au
Subject: Re: Concerning deaths of mental health patients in Townsville

Dr Berg

It is unfortunate and, in my opinion, grossly unprofessional, that you have chosen to slander staff in this manner.
Your (clinical) ' disagreements ' at Townsville are documented (both by the Director and yourself).

RS

Dr Robert Stable
Director General
Queensland Health
Telephone: 07 323 41170
Facsimile: 07 323 41482
Email: stabler@health.qld.gov.au

>>> "Dr. Vincent Berg" <bergvincent@dodo.com.au> 7/01/02 22:21:55 >>>

Dear Colleagues,

The latest news from Townsville Mental Health are very alarming: some patients have died after inappropriate psychiatric treatment. The attention of media and public to this horrible event gives hope that it will be fully and professionally investigated. I would like to express my opinion that Dr. John Allan, Director of Integrated Mental Health, and Dr. Sharon Boyes, Clinical Director of Acute Care Unit, should take full responsibility for the deaths of patients.

My disagreements with Dr. Sharon Boyes about the practice of Clozapine use, particularly, in cases of two patients from Kirwan Rehabilitation Unit, were totally ignored by her. Without any professional consideration, she was supported by Dr. John Allan. Moreover, they considered my opinion as a professional challenge to them and started to persecute me. In their reports to Queensland Health and other relevant authorities, they have spread defamation about my qualifications and professional performance, not supported by any legal evidence. Now, I have certain reasons to believe that the influence of such a defamation on the AMC and RANZCP allow to suspect some prejudicial approach to the assessment of my professional qualifications and experience. So, there is a possibility that the poor professional and human qualities of Drs. Allan and Boyes can lead not only to the deaths of patients. I see my duty as a medical professional, familiar with the situation, to report my knowledge about poor professional and managerial qualifications of Drs. Allan and Boyes to relevant authorities. To prevent further maltreatment and deaths of patients, I

would like to be questioned by authorities on this topic.
I am expecting to be contacted by all the parties involved.
Sincerely yours,
Vincent Berg.

This e-mail, including any attachments sent with it, is confidential
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Victoria O'Brien

From: Robyn Scholl
Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2002 3:02 PM
To: Victoria O'Brien
Subject: FW: Concerning deaths of mental health patients in Townsville
Importance: High

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From: Dr. Vincent Berg [mailto:bergvincent@dodo.com.au]
Sent: 07 January 2002 22:22
To: ranzcp@ranzcp.org
Cc: amc@amc.org.au; Robyn Scholl; stabler@health.qld.gov.au; peter.lindsay.mp@aph.gov.au
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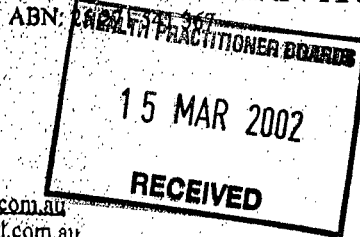
Sincerely yours,
Vincent Berg.

991357 Michael Denny - *For your action*
15/3/02

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TO: Medical Board/Councils Registrars & CEO's
FROM: Simon Hood
DATE: 13 March 2002
SUBJECT: Dr Vincent Victor BERG

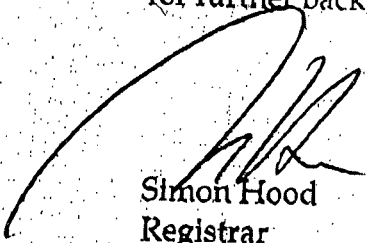
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I advise the Medical Board of Western Australia received an application for registration from Dr Vincent V Berg on 29 January 2002 for conditional registration (Unmet Area of Need).

Dr Berg was provisionally registered pursuant to Section 12B of the Medical Act 1894 (as amended). The Board subsequently became aware (via enquiries undertaken by the RANZCP regarding an application for specialist assessment) that the university from which Dr Berg obtained his medical qualifications advised that they did not issue the qualifications stated by Dr Berg in relation to his application for registration. Dr Berg's provisional registration was cancelled by the Board on 28 February 2002.

Dr Berg has subsequently advised the Medical Board of Western Australia that he will be returning to Queensland (State in which he was previously registered). It is the Boards understanding Dr Berg will not be pursuing registration in Western Australia.

Should Dr Berg apply for registration within your jurisdiction, please contact me for further background particulars concerning this matter.


Simon Hood
Registrar

no reply required


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EXTRACT OF MINUTES, ORDINARY MEETING OF THE MEDICAL BOARD OF QUEENSLAND HELD ON
TUESDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2002

991357 **BERG, VICTOR VINCENT – DIP MED
VORONEZH 1977**

The Board **NOTED** correspondence from the Australia New Zealand College of Psychiatrists regarding Dr Berg's application for assessment, advising concerns regarding the veracity of documentation submitted by Dr Berg.

Robyn Scholl

From: Barbara Landels
Sent: 11 February 2002 15:33
To: Robyn Scholl

Patty from WA called regarding Vincent Berg. She wants to know if we have any progress reports and if so whether they can have a copy of them.

AUSTRALAIAN MEDICAL COUNCIL
JOINT MEDICAL BOARDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FRAUDULENT AND FORGED QUALIFICATIONS

Background

Two recent cases involving application for specialist assessment by overseas trained doctors have highlighted a potential problem with fraudulent or forged documentation. These problems have come to light as a result of the Specialist College seeking confirmation of the authenticity of the specialist qualification from the awarding institution.

In one case the applicant for assessment, Dr Vincent Berg, had been registered under an area of need provision in Queensland. The AMC understands that the registration ceased in January 2001 and that the doctor concerned is not currently registered in that State, but has applied for registration in another State. The entry in the NCMR is not flagged.

The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP), as part of its standard procedure with overseas trained specialists, sought confirmation from the Voronzeh State University that it had awarded a medical degree in psychiatry to Dr Berg. The response and subsequent correspondence from the University indicated that the documents submitted by Dr Berg were forgeries. The RANZCP informed the Medical Board on 16 October 2001. (See letter enclosed.)

Dr Berg has since complained that the College had no legal right to contact authorities in Russia, since he had entered Australia as a refugee and, under international conventions, Australia was bound to observe his request that no contact with his former country of residence should take place. Because of Dr Berg's threat of legal action, a teleconference was held on 15 January 2002 involving staff of the College, the AMC and the AMC's solicitor. The advice from Mr Topfer confirmed that there was no legal impediment to the College seeking confirmation of the authenticity of Dr Berg's qualifications. Consequently, the College has informed the Medical Board of Queensland and the AMC that on the basis of the information obtained from the awarding institution, it is not able to proceed with the assessment of Dr Berg's qualifications in psychiatry. (See letter of 23 January 2002.)

Implications for Registration

This case raises a number of assessment and registration issues:

1. Although the Specialist College or the AMC may be able to establish the *bona fides* of the qualifications submitted by applicants for specialist registration, they have no legal powers to pursue the matter further. The only option available to the AMC/Colleges is to suspend the assessment process. Any action to prevent the applicant from seeking registration in any other jurisdiction would require action by a State or Territory Medical Board under the relevant legislation.
2. In dealing with this case, and one other case involving the misrepresentation of qualifications in psychiatry, it is apparent that not all States may have the same powers under their legislation to deal with individual practitioners who

apply for registration using fraudulent qualifications. By way of example, the South Australian legislation enables the Medical Board to take action against a medical practitioner who has submitted fraudulent qualifications, whether that practitioner is currently registered or not. In Queensland, the AMC understands that the Medical Board is not able to take action, unless the practitioner is currently registered.

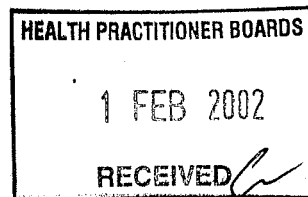
3. The Berg case again raises the issue of 'flagging' entries on the NCMR. Although there appear to have been concerns about the authenticity of Dr Berg's qualifications for some time, and the specific issue of forged documents was raised by the College in October 2001, his entry on the NCMR is not flagged. As a result other Boards are not aware of the potential problem with Dr Berg.

The incidence of fraudulent qualifications is not large. Since 1993 when the current process for specialist assessment was introduced on a national basis some 1,600 applications have been processed. In this time there have only been 3 cases of suspected forged or misleading documents brought to the attention of the AMC. However, this may not be indicative of the extent of the problem, since not all Colleges apply the same rigour to establishing the veracity of the relevant qualifications as the RANZCP. While the numbers may not be significant, the adverse impact on the credibility of the registration process needs to be addressed.

Darlene,
Could you please
put this info on
the RAC agenda.
Thanks Robyn



THE ROYAL
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ABN 68 000 439 047



23 January 2002

Mr John Greenaway
Executive Officer/Registrar
Queensland Medical Board
GPO Box 2438
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Dear Mr Greenaway

Re: DR VINCENT BERG

Formal consideration of an application for advanced standing/specialist assessment from Dr Vincent Berg, via the Australian Medical Council by the Fellowships Board Training and Examination Exemptions Sub-committee, took place on 20 September 2001. A report regarding the outcome of the Exemptions Sub-committee's assessment of Dr Berg's application was forwarded to Mr Ian Frank, Executive Officer of the Australian Medical Council on 16 October 2001, and copied to the Queensland Medical Board.

The College advises that it is unable to proceed to undertake the advanced standing/specialist assessment of Dr Berg's application because of concerns about information obtained from Russia regarding the veracity of information and documentation submitted by Dr Berg.

Yours sincerely

Craig Glenroy Patterson
Executive Director

cc Australian Medical Council

For Board Agenda

Registrations

991357 BERG, VINCENT VICTOR – DIP MED VERONEZH 1977

Dr Berg is requesting a refund of part of his annual registration fee for the registration year ending 30 September 2001 as he was only registered until 3 January 2001.

For consideration.

The Medical Board of Queensland

CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

VINCENT VICTOR BERG

D.O.B.

19 FEBUARY 1952

QUALIFICATIONS

DIP MED ~~VERON~~ HEZH 1977

was issued with Certificate of Registration no 991357 by this Board under Section 17C(1)(a) of the *Medical Act 1939*, which states:

17C(1)(a) *Graduates from non-accredited institutions - postgraduate training*

•A person who is a graduate of medicine from an institution which is not accredited by the Australian Medical Council may be registered on a temporary basis to enable the person to undertake a period of postgraduate training in medicine approved by the Board.

Dr Berg was granted conditional registration from 4 January 2000 expiring on 3 January 2001 to enable him to undertake postgraduate training in medicine at The Townsville Hospital.

The Board has not been able to verify the qualification on which Dr Berg's registration was granted.

I further certify that no disciplinary proceedings are in progress against the practitioner named above and that he is not the subject of an investigation by the Medical Board of Queensland.

Dated at Brisbane this 10 January 2002,
(Valid for three months from the date hereof)



DEPUTY REGISTRAR

EXTRACT OF MINUTES , ORDINARY MEETING OF THE MEDICAL BOARD OF QUEENSLAND HELD
ON TUESDAY 22 JANUARY 2002

991357 **BERG**, VINCENT VICTOR -- DIP MED
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The Board noted that Dr Berg has requested a refund of part of his annual registration fee for the registration year ending 30 September 2001 as he was only registered until 3 January 2001.

RESOLVED that Dr Berg be advised that the legislation does not provide for pro-rata payment of annual registration fees, therefore his request is declined.

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MISCELLANEOUS

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**BERG, VINCENT VICTOR – DIP MED
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Advice has been received that concerns have been raised regarding the veracity of documentation received from Dr Berg regarding his specialist qualifications. In February 2001 a facsimile was sent to the Australian Embassy in Moscow regarding Dr Berg, however no response was received. Dr Berg is currently unregistered. He previously held registration from 4 January 2000 to 3 January 2001.

RESOLVED that the Board note the concerns received regarding Dr Berg's qualifications.

Robyn Scholl

From: Dr. Vincent Berg [bergvincent@dodo.com.au]
Sent: 14 December 2001 12:06
To: medical@healthregboards.qld.gov.au
Subject: Request for the Certificate of Good Standing for Dr. Vincent Victor Berg, record No. 991357
Importance: High

Dear Sir/Madam,
Please, could you urgently issue for me the Certificate of Good Standing and post it to my address:
Dr. Vincent Berg,

My phone number is (07) 4780 5996. My e-mail address is bergvincent@dodo.com.au.

Please, charge my VISA credit card No. [REDACTED] valid until 04/02.

I am about to leave for overseas and require Certificate of Good Standing urgently.

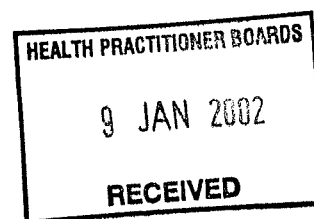
I know about your policy of sending Certificate of Good Standing directly to the concerned address.

However, I am not able to provide such an address, as, so far, it is unknown for me. I intend to work in several African developing countries, unidentified yet, and require to have Certificate of Good Standing in my possession to be presented by request. It will not be possible to request Certificate of Good Standing from the Medical Board of Queensland each time I have to present it.

Accordingly, in this case, sending Certificate of Good Standing to my home address cannot have any alternatives.

Please, advise me by e-mail that you are in receipt of this request.

With the best wishes, sincerely yours,
Vincent Berg.



Rec. 1160385

Robyn Scholl

From: Dr. Vincent Berg [bergvincent@dodo.com.au]
Sent: 08 January 2002 18:27
To: Dr Robert Stable
Cc: peter.lindsay.mp@aph.gov.au; ranzcp@ranzcp.org; amc@amc.org.au; Robyn Scholl
Subject: Re: Concerning deaths of mental health patients in Townsville

Dear Dr. Stable,

In addition to my today's message, I have a practical suggestion. It is in your power to organise a meeting between you, myself, Drs. Allan and Boyes with the presence of professional experts in Psychiatry. Let us review all clinical cases of my Clozapine patients and those of Dr. Sharon Boyes. I shall demonstrate you a significant difference in approach to the Clozapine treatment: very clear trend of Dr. Boyes to increase the dosages of Clozapine without any considerations of the alternative treatments and with rare formal blood tests and ECG; and very clear trend of myself to reduce Clozapine dosage with very regular and careful full blood tests, ECG, and other tests, and the consideration of the alternative treatments. I have prepared to discuss the clinical cases in the presense of the professional and independant experts, better, if they will be international. Then, I believe you would regret about your words of my presumed "slander". Also, I would like to express my opinion that this death event in Townsville must have an international atttention, because of its clinical significance.

I am looking forward for your reply.

Sincerely yours,

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To: <bergvincent@dodo.com.au>; <ranzcp@ranzcp.org>
Cc: <amc@amc.org.au>; <peter.lindsay.mp@aph.gov.au>; "Rob Akers" <akers@health.qld.gov.au>; "Andrew Johnson" <Andrew_Johnson@health.qld.gov.au>; "John Allan" <John_Allan@health.qld.gov.au>; "SHARON BOYES" <Sharon_Boyes@health.qld.gov.au>; <SchollR@healthregboards.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2002 11:56 AM
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Sent: 08 January 2002 16:10
To: ranzcp@ranzcp.org
Cc: peter.lindsay.mp@aph.gov.au; amc@amc.org.au; Robyn Scholl; Dr Robert Stable
Subject: Concerning deaths of mental health patients in Townsville

This is my answer to the questions of one newspaper:

"Thank you for contacting me and for your effort to bring public attention to the event of the deaths of 3 mental health patients in Townsville. I do hope your interest will stimulate a proper professional and broader investigation of these deaths.

As I have told you, Clozapine is quite a dangerous drug, but its use is strictly regulated by instructions of Novartis, company-producer, and by well established medical experience and control procedures. Generally speaking, it is safe to use Clozapine for appropriate patients under appropriate instructions and medical experience. Deaths from Clozapine, although occurred, are quite rare. Therefore, three recent deaths in Townsville arise as something extraordinary in the death statistics from Clozapine. And I believe that Clozapine is not the first one to blame for these deaths. It is crucial to answer the question: why it has happened in Townsville and why so many patients have died here. All the abovementioned give no choice but to suggest that something has been wrong within Townsville Integrated Mental Health Services. My strong belief, as an Australian citizen and medical practitioner, is that this obvious possibility must be professionally and broader investigated, and all the necessary actions to improve mental health services in Townsville must be taken.

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Best wishes,
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Robyn Scholl

From: Dr. Vincent Berg [bergvincent@dodo.com.au]
Sent: 07 January 2002 20:03
To: Robyn Scholl
Subject: Re: Request for the Certificate of Good Standing

Dear Madam,

I would like to remind that my request for the Certificate of Good Standing sent about 3 weeks ago has been **very urgent**. I do hope to receive the Certificate of **Good** Standing (not a Standing, as my standing with the Medical Board of Queensland, while practising, has been good) within few days. I do, also, hope that the Medical Board has given a legal consideration to every aspect of this matter, and understands that your reference to "information from the AMC" has been very premature and legally inadequate. I have received a legal advice that it is unlawful to formally refer to a legally unproved information, particularly, in the circumstances when the formal assessment process of my qualifications and experience by the AMC and RANZCP has not been finalised yet, and, consequently, cannot be referred to.

Also, I request to refund part of my money paid for the registration from 1 October 2000 to 31 September 2001, as I had been registered only till the 3rd of January 2001.

Sincerely yours,
 Vincent Berg.

*discussed with Prof. Campbell,
 Certificate of Standing to state
 that the Board has not
 been able to verify the
 qualifications held on
 which Dr Berg was granted
 registration. L. Scholl*

----- Original Message -----

From: Robyn Scholl
To: 'Dr. Vincent Berg'
Sent: Monday, December 24, 2001 4:46 PM
Subject: RE: Request for the Certificate of Good Standing

Dear Dr Berg

Receipt of your e-mail is acknowledged. Your questions will be addressed at the time of preparing the Certificate of Standing, which will be forwarded direct to yourself in due course. 8-1-02

Yours sincerely

Mrs Robyn Scholl
 Assistant Registrar

-----Original Message-----

From: Dr. Vincent Berg [mailto:bergvincent@dodo.com.au]
Sent: 24 December 2001 16:24
To: Robyn Scholl
Cc: amc@amc.org.au; ranzcp@ranzcp.org
Subject: Re: Request for the Certificate of Good Standing
Importance: High

Dear Madam,

Thank you for your message.

I believe that, in my case, the Certificate of Good Standing should reflect the time I have been practising as a medical practitioner, i.e. from 10.01.00 to 07.01.01. The Medical Board of Queensland has already issued the Certificate of Good Standing on several occasions. Nothing has changed since, as I has not been practising as a medical practitioner lately. Therefore, I cannot see any legal reasons why it has been possible to issue Certificate of Good Standing before on several occasions and it is not possible now. Please, could you advise the **legal** reasons of this.

Also, It is not quite clear for me what exactly you intend to reflect in my Certificate of Standing "as a result of the information forwarded by the Australian Medical Council regarding the qualifications which formed the basis of your registration in Queensland". What advice has been "given regarding [my] purported qualifications" ? I have already stated that the information obtained illegally from the Russian Federation regarding my qualifications and experience is false and legally unreliable. **My credentials are authentic: there has not been legally proved otherwise**

by the court. Therefore, I will consider spreading any information about my so called "purported qualifications" as spreading defamation discrediting me and making me significant damage. I will take an appropriate legal action against any of such deeds. This is my answer concerning your intention.

Sincerely yours,
Vincent Berg.

----- Original Message -----

From: Robyn Scholl

To: 'Dr. Vincent Berg'

Sent: Monday, December 24, 2001 3:06 PM

Subject: RE: Request for the Certificate of Good Standing

Dear Dr Berg

It is advised that your request for a Certificate of Good Standing has been received and is being processed, however, due to the volume of applications and requests received in recent weeks, and difficulties associated with the installation of new processing software, delays have occurred. The Office of Health Practitioners Registration Boards will also be closed from 25/12/01 and not re-open until 2/1/02. Your request will be processed as soon as practicable.

It is advised that as you are not currently registered, only a Certificate of Standing can be issued. It is also advised that as a result of the information forwarded by the Australian Medical Council regarding the qualifications which formed the basis of your registration in Queensland, any Certificate of Standing issued will clearly reflect the advice given regarding your purported qualifications.

Your advice as to whether you wish to proceed with your request would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Robyn Scholl
Assistant Registrar

-----Original Message-----

From: Dr. Vincent Berg [mailto:bergvincent@dodo.com.au]

Sent: 23 December 2001 21:36

To: medical@healthregboards.qld.gov.au

Subject: Request for the Certificate of Good Standing

Importance: High

Dear Sir/Madam,

About 2 weeks ago, I have sent you my request to issue Certificate of Good Standing (with details of my credit card) and send it to my address. Also, I have asked you to notify me by e-mail about receiving my request. I have explained why I want the Certificate to be sent to my home address and stressed that it is **very urgent**.

For the unknown to me reasons, my e-mail has been totally ignored. I have not heard anything from the Medical Board as well as have not received the Certificate.

I cannot understand you reasons to ignore my legal request.

Please, send me Certificate of Good Standing urgently!

Sincerely yours,
Vincent Berg.

Robyn Scholl

From: Dr. Vincent Berg [bergvincent@dodo.com.au]
Sent: 07 January 2002 22:22
To: ranzcp@ranzcp.org
Cc: amc@amc.org.au; Robyn Scholl; stabler@health.qld.gov.au; peter.lindsay.mp@aph.gov.au
Subject: Concerning deaths of mental health patients in Townsville
Importance: High

Dear Colleagues,

The latest news from Townsville Mental Health are very alarming: some patients have died after inappropriate psychiatric treatment. The attention of media and public to this horrible event gives hope that it will be fully and professionally investigated.

I would like to express my opinion that Dr. John Allan, Director of Integrated Mental Health, and Dr. Sharon Boyes, Clinical Director of Acute Care Unit, should take full responsibility for the deaths of patients.

My disagreements with Dr. Sharon Boyes about the practice of Clozapine use, particularly, in cases of two patients from Kirwan Rehabilitation Unit, were totally ignored by her. Without any professional consideration, she was supported by Dr. John Allan. Moreover, they considered my opinion as a professional challenge to them and started to persecute me. In their reports to Queensland Health and other relevant authorities, they have spread defamation about my qualifications and professional performance, not supported by any legal evidence. Now, I have certain reasons to believe that the influence of such a defamation on the AMC and RANZCP allow to suspect some prejudicial approach to the assessment of my professional qualifications and experience. So, there is a possibility that the poor professional and human qualities of Drs. Allan and Boyes can lead not only to the deaths of patients. I see my duty as a medical professional, familiar with the situation, to report my knowledge about poor professional and managerial qualifications of Drs. Allan and Boyes to relevant authorities. To prevent further maltreatment and deaths of patients, I would like to be questioned by authorities on this topic. I am expecting to be contacted by all the parties involved.

Sincerely yours,
Vincent Berg.

*Forwarded to N O'Brien
for consideration of whether
further action is required.*

*R Scholl
7/1/02*



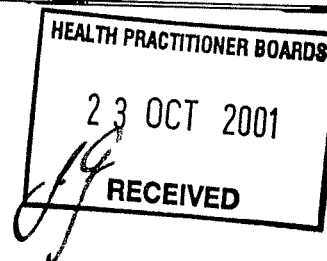
TO: MR JOHN GREENAWAY
REGISTRAR
THE QUEENSLAND MEDICAL BOARD

FAX NUMBER: Auto

FROM: Peter Moyle

DATE: 25 October, 2001

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE FORGED DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED IN SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION
FOR SPECIALIST ASSESSMENT



NUMBER OF PAGES: 8
(Including this one)

Following, for your information, is a copy of the AMC's letter of today's date to Dr Vincent Berg in connection with his submission of possible forged documents in support of his application for specialist assessment in the field of psychiatry.

Also following are copies of a letter to the AMC from the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists on this matter, and attachments provided by the College.

The AMC is seeking from Dr Berg, information or documentation that he considers relevant and that will assist the AMC and College in taking a decision on this matter.

Peter Moyle

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QUOTE REFERENCE NUMBER

2010509

25 OCT 2001

Dr V V Berg

Dear Dr Berg

I refer to your application for assessment for recognition as a medical specialist by the AMC/Specialist Medical College procedure.

The AMC has been advised by the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP) that the Training and Examinations Exemptions Sub-committee formally considered your application for specialist assessment/advanced standing on 20 September 2001.

You stated in your application to the AMC and the RANZCP that you obtained your primary medical qualifications (1975) and your Doctorate of Medicine in Psychiatry (1977) from the Voronezh State University in Russia. Your submitted qualifications are in the name of Techkline Victor Vladimirovich – which, in your Statutory Declaration dated 1 August 2001 – you stated you changed to Vincent Victor Berg.

As part of the RANZCP's standard assessment process, an applicant's overseas psychiatric qualifications are confirmed with the relevant College/University or Authority. In the case of your application, the email address of the Voronezh State University in Russia was obtained and the University was contacted to confirm your qualifications in Psychiatry (in the name of Dr Techkline).

The Voronezh State University replied, informing the RANZCP that the University did not produce diploma number 723438 "Medical Degree in Psychiatry" and, moreover, the educational program stated was not in existence in 1977. The Voronezh State University requested from the RANZCP faxed copies of Degree M-I No. 723438 "Medical Doctor in Psychiatry" and Degree MC XII No. 14211 "Candidate of Sciences in Psychology" for review.

After review of the qualifications, as faxed, the Voronezh State University emailed the RANZCP, stating that the documents were crude forgeries. The Voronezh State University confirmed this statement, by fax, on Voronezh State University letterhead dated 17 September 2001.

On the basis of the information obtained by the RANZCP from the Voronezh State University, it appears you have provided false documents in support of your application for specialist assessment/advanced standing.

You are reminded of the following statement, which is reproduced from page 25 of the AMC's **Information Booklet for Applicants – AMC/Specialist Medical College Assessment Procedures** Information 2001 Edition:

"Penalties for making False Declarations

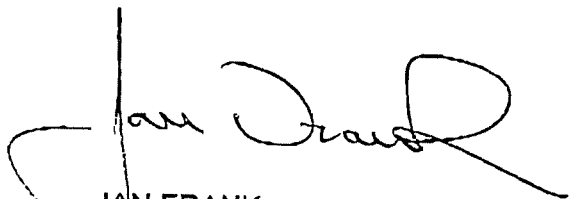
- D28** A person who wilfully makes a false statement in a Statutory Declaration under the Statutory Declarations Act 1959, as amended, is guilty of an offence against that Act, the punishment of which is a fine not exceeding \$200 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or both if the offence is prosecuted summarily, or for a term not exceeding four years if the offence is prosecuted upon indictment.
- D29** An applicant for specialist assessment who wilfully makes a false statement or provides false information in his/her Application Forms or in the documents attached may forfeit his or her eligibility to present for assessment or be accorded recognition by an Australian or Australasian Specialist Medical College, or be subject to de-registration (if registration has already been obtained) and/or other penalties as prescribed in the relevant State or Territory medical registration laws."

I invite you to put before the AMC any information or documentation that you consider relevant and that will assist the AMC and the RANZCP in taking a decision on this matter.

Your application for specialist assessment has been deferred by the AMC, pending receipt and consideration of the requested information or documentation.

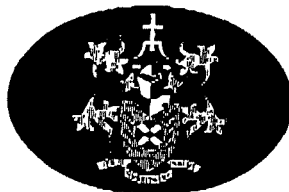
I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely



IAN FRANK
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

cc. The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists
The Medical Board of Queensland



THE ROYAL
AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND
COLLEGE OF PSYCHIATRISTS
ABN 68 000 439 047

16 October 2001

Mr Ian Frank
Executive Officer
Australian Medical Council Inc
PO Box 4810
KINGSTON ACT 2604

Dear Mr Frank

Re: **APPLICATION FOR SPECIALIST ASSESSMENT/ADVANCED STANDING
DR VINCENT BERG
AMC REFERENCE NO.: 2010509**

I write on behalf of the Fellowship Board Training and Examinations Exemptions Sub-committee regarding Dr Berg's application for specialist assessment/advanced standing. The Training and Examinations Exemptions Sub-committee formally considered this matter on the 20 September 2001.

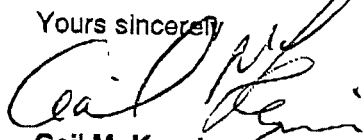
Dr Berg stated in his application to the Australian Medical Council and the RANZCP, that he obtained his primary medical qualification (1975) and his Doctorate of Medicine in Psychiatry (1977) from the Voronezh State University in Russia. Dr Berg's submitted qualifications are in the name of Techkaline Victor Vladimirovich, which Dr Berg states in his Statutory Declaration dated 1 August 2001, he changed to Vincent Victor Berg.

As part of the standard RANZCP assessment process, applicants' overseas psychiatric qualifications are confirmed with the relevant College/University or Authority. The email address of the Voronezh State University in Russia was obtained via the internet and was contacted to confirm Dr Techkaline's qualifications in Psychiatry.

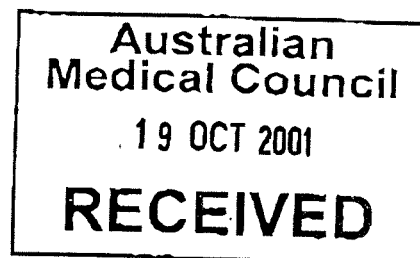
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After review of the faxed qualifications, Sergey Zapriagaev from the Voronezh State University emailed the College stating that the documents were crude forgeries, see attached email dated 11 September 2001. Faxed confirmation of this statement on Voronezh State University letterhead dated 17 September 2001, is also attached.

Yours sincerely


Gail McKenzie
Administrative Officer
Training and Assessment

cc Queensland Medical Board



Rayner, Sharon

From: Sergey A. Zapriagaev [zsa@main.vsu.ru]
Sent: Monday, 10 September 2001 22:44
To: Rayner, Sharon
Subject: Re[2]: Confirmation of Qualifications- Dr Tchekaline

Hello Sharon,

Привет, 7 сентября 2001 г., you wrote:

RS> Dear Sergey Zapriagaev,

RS> Thank you for your email of 6 September 2001.

RS> The number of Dr Tchekaline's "Medical Degree in Psychiatry" is 723438.

RS> Dr Tchekaline also has a degree of "Candidate of Sciences in Psychology",
 RS> dated 15 December 1978 which is number 14211.

Could you please confirm these degrees?

RS> Thank you for your assistance,

RS> Regards,
 RS> Sharon Rayner

>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Sergey A. Zapriagaev [SMTP:zsa@main.vsu.ru]
 >> Sent: Thursday, 6 September 2001 17:08
 >> To: Rayner, Sharon
 >> Subject: Re: Confirmation of Qualifications- Dr Vladirovich

>> Hello Sharon,

>> Привет, 5 сентября 2001 г., you wrote:

>> RS> Dear Rector,

>> RS> We obtained your email address from the Voronezh State University
 > website,

>> RS> and hope that you can help us in confirming this doctor's medical
 > degree, as

>> RS> per the attached letter

>> RS> <<sl0056 (Request for Confirmation of Quals).doc>>

>> RS> Yours sincerely,

>> RS> Sharon Rayner

>> RS> Administrative Assistant (Training)

>> RS> Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatry

>> Sharon Rayner

>> Administrative Assistant (Training)

>> Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatry

>> Dear dr. Sharon Rayner

>> 1. Dr Tchekaline Victor Vladimirovich does not the staff of Voronezh
 >> State University.

>> 2. Voronezh State University did not have the doctor's medical degree
 >> program in 1977.

>> 3. Tchekaline is the family (or surname), Victor is the first name,
>> and
>> Vladimirovich is his second name (or middle name)
>> 4. We need the number of Tchekaline's diplom to get the additional
>> information about this strange case.
>>

>> Best regards,

>> Sergey Zapryagaev,

>> prof., dr. provost, VSU

mailto:zsa@main.vsu.ru

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Dear Sharon Rayner,

1. Voronezh State University did not produce the diploma
"Medical Degree in Psychiatry" number 723438.
Moreover university had not such educational programs in 1977.
2. Are you sure, that the diploma just Voronezh State University?
You have not sent me the full number of diploma, as it contains
also letterings (for example ABC 222222). The best variant to
understand this situation is to send us duplicates of the
diplomas or fax (0732-789755 to my name) or as picture file (by
e-mail). In this case we can see by whom the diploma is signed.
The candidate of sciences diploma is produced by Higher
Certification Commission in Moscow. But by number (more the
letterings need, and the number of figures is incorrectly),
represented by you is not original.
Besides usual time, which is required to protect a candidate
thesis makes about three years after a finishing the university
education.
4. Thus, if in the diplomas the essential elements of Voronezh State
university are really indicated, this diplomas are false.
5. However for the final inference it is desirable to see duplicates of
the diplomas.

Best regards,

Sergey Zapryagaev

mailto:zsa@main.vsu.ru

FROM : VORONEZH STATE UNIVERSITY

PHONE NO. : +7 0732 552836

SEP. 17 2001 01:49PM P.

От: Rayner, Sharon <Sharon.Rayner@cranzcp.org>
Кому: 'Sergey A. Zapriagaev' <zsa@main.vsu.ru>
Написано: 17 сентября 2001 г.
Тема: -----
Панка: Inbox/Sergey A. Zapriagaev

Dear Sergey Zapriagaev,

Thank you for your email and the information that you have found out for us. Could you please fax me an official letter (on your university letterhead) confirming the forgery of the diplomas? Our fax number is: 61 3 9642 5652. (61 is the country code for Australia).

We do not know Tchekalin's address in Russia, as we have not had contact with him there.

Thank you so much for your help with this,

Regards,

Sharon Rayner

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Sergey A. Zapriagaev [SMTP:zsa@main.vsu.ru]

> Sent: Tuesday, 11 September 2001 17:39

> To: Rayner, Sharon

> Subject:

> Dear Rayner Sharon,

> Thank you for your letter (fax).

> I regret, but both represented Tchekaline's diplomas are very rough
> forgery.

> If the official answer is necessary for you, inform me about it
> please.

> We shall be grateful to you if you inform us about the
> Tchekalin's address in Russia.

> Best regards,

> Sergey Zapriagaev

<mailto:zsa@main.vsu.ru>



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The Royal Australian and New Zealand college of Psychiatrists
Sharon Rayner

На Ваш запрос сообщаем, что представленные Вами документы:

1. Диплом о высшем образовании М-И № 723438 от 28.05.1977 г.;
2. Диплом кандидата наук ПС-ХИ № 14211 от 15.12.1978 г. на имя Чекалина Виктора Владимировича, выданные от имени Воронежского государственного университета не являются подлинными (подделка) и не выдавались Воронежским университетом.

On your demand we inform, that documents, represented by you:

1. diploma of higher education M-I № 723438 from 28.05.1977;
2. diploma of candidate of sciences ПС-ХИ № 14211 from 15.12.1978 to a name Tchekaline Victor Vladimirovich, produced on behalf of Voronezh State University, are not original (forgery) and were not produced by Voronezh State University.

Текст письма исполнен на двух языках: русском и английском.

Ректор, профессор

И.И. Борисов

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Robyn Scholl

From: Dr. Vincent Berg [bergvincent@dodo.com.au]**Sent:** 11 November 2001 12:04**To:** medical@healthregboards.qld.gov.au**Subject:** E-mail to the RANZCP

----- Original Message -----

From: Dr. Vincent Berg**To:** ranzcp@ranzcp.org**Cc:** amc@amc.org.au**Sent:** Saturday, November 03, 2001 7:46 PM**Subject:** To my colleagues

Dear Colleagues,

I trust you understand that I have been very upset with the news that you contacted the Russian Federation on my behalf despite my warnings and restraint.

I cannot understand how could you so easily breach the Australian Privacy Act, making inquiries about me without my permission.

I cannot understand how could you so easily breach international agreements about refugees, if even a common sense suggests that it is nonsense to inquire about the victim from the victimiser.

I cannot understand how could you enter the area of intelligence and post cold war without an appropriate knowledge of this.

I cannot understand how you could put at further risk the very life of your colleague for the sake of bureaucratic procedures and paranoid suspicions.

Can you?

Please, think about it.

Yours,

Vincent Berg.

Robyn Scholl

From: Dr. Vincent Berg [bergvincent@myrealbox.com]
Sent: 11 November 2001 12:03
To: medical@healthregboards.qld.gov.au
Subject: My response to the AMC letter

I attach my responses to the AMC letter.
Best regards,
Vincent Berg.

12/11/2001

Dr. Vincent Berg (AMC Reference No. 2010509),

30th of October 2001

Mr. Ian Frank, Executive Officer,
Australian Medical Council,
40 Macquarie Street,
BARTON, ACT, 2600

Copy: The Secretary,
Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists,
309 La Trobe Street,
MELBOURNE, VIC, 3000

Re: Your letter of 25.10.01

Dear Mr. Frank,

Responding to your letter of 25.10.01, I have to stress my fervent protest against:

1. The action of the RANZCP, requesting information about myself from the Russian Federation.
2. Any consideration of any information about myself obtained from the Russian Federation.
3. Any decisions concerning myself on the basis of any information about myself received from the Russian Federation.
4. Any suspicions and accusations regarding myself on the basis of any information about myself received from the Russian Federation.

I base my protest on the following legal points:

1. I have been officially recognised as a political refugee by the Australian federal authorities and granted domestic protection. In my application to the AMC, I have provided certified copies of documents legally proving this. It is a violation of international laws and agreements about refugees as well as Australian laws to make any inquiries about a refugee in a country of his/her origin without the consent of the refugee. I have never been officially asked for permission to contact the Russian Federation on my behalf and under no circumstances given any permission to do this. Moreover, in "Explanatory Notes" submitted with my application, I have clearly stated in special paragraph called "Security concerns, regarding contacts with Russian Federation": "I am not in a position to disclose the direct factors, threatening my life, and this cannot be the matter of the AMC consideration. My purpose is to inform you that I am trying to avoid any contacts with Russian Federation and even with Russian communities and persons of Russian origin in Australia. Thus, *I am not in a position to give permission for any direct or indirect contacts with Russian Federation on my behalf.*" Yet, the RANZCP has contacted the Russian Federation without my permission, against

my will and despite my warnings. I consider this action as illegal, violating Australian and international laws and making considerable damage to myself. You write in your letter that "as part of the RANZCP's standard assessment process, an applicant's overseas psychiatric qualifications are confirmed with the relevant College/University or Authority". It is understandable. However, it is not only understandable, but also determined by the law that there are certain objective legal limitations in refugee's cases derived from a refugee status. In my letter of 19.07.00 to Mr. Peter Lindsay, Federal MP for Herbert, the RANZCP and Medical Board of Queensland (I enclose a copy of that letter), I have called an attention to the unintentional discrimination of refugees because of the limitation derived from their refugee status, for example, "the lack of professional referees reports from a country of origin, inability to make any inquiries to any authorities or persons in a refugee's country of origin, and so forth". I doubt that "the RANZCP's standard assessment process", which you are referring to, should be outside or above international and Australian laws concerned and violate them. Therefore, I consider the RANZCP's action of contacting the Russian Federation without my consent as illegal and fervently protest against it.

2. According to the laws, concerning refugees, the legal recognition of a refugee status means an official acknowledgement by relevant authorities (in my case, Australian federal authorities) that a refugee was or has or could be illegally persecuted by the authorities of a country of origin with a real threat to refugee's life. Consequently, *any inquiries about a refugee from any authorities of a country of origin must not be made without a refugee's consent. No information obtained from these sources can be trusted and have any legal consequences.* Therefore, I am officially stating that *the information concerning myself illegally obtained by the RANZCP from the Voronezh State University must not be trusted and must not have any legal consideration and consequences. This information is false and should be viewed as non-existent within the assessment of my qualifications and experience.* Besides, I would like to see any **legal** reasons officially stated by the AMC and RANZCP, according to which they must trust any Russian authorities widely known by their lies and disinformation, rather than myself. I would like to see any **legal** reasons officially stated by the AMC and RANZCP, according to which they must trust any Russian authorities, which have illegally persecuted me and have a certain interest in discrediting me, rather than myself. Plus, I have to address you again to the "Explanatory Notes" submitted with my application, where I mentioned that "I was selected to undertake an exclusive course, which was designed to prepare highly qualified physician-psychiatrists for a work in some special government departments, such as the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Internal Affairs, and the KGB. This course offered the study of Medicine with major in Psychiatry, combining undergraduate general medical study with postgraduate psychiatric specialist training". I am not in a position to tell you more about this course, but can only stress again that it was a **special** course, and no authority in the Russian Federation would ever disclose any information about this course and its students even within Russia, particularly to a foreign country. For this reason, there are three possibilities why the authorities of the Voronezh State University has provided to the RANZCP disinformation about myself: (1) most likely, they do not have an access to the relevant information, and their disinformation has been sincere; (2) less likely, they have an access to the relevant information and lied intentionally; (3) possibly, they showed the RANZCP's request to the special

services, and they decided to use the opportunity provided by the RANZCP to discredit me.

According to the all above mentioned I insist that:

- ❖ I have not provided false documents in support of my application for specialist assessment/advanced standing – all the documents and information provided are authentic. I am prepared to sign a Statutory Declaration about this, if required.
- ❖ No information from the Russian Federation concerning myself must be requested and considered and has any legal significance and consequence.
- ❖ All the limitation derived from my legal refugee status must be accepted, and the assessment must be made on the basis of documents and information submitted as well as information obtained from my referees and within Australia.
- ❖ The RANZCP's mistake should be quickly corrected that the assessment would be finalised as soon as it is possible.

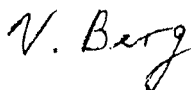
I would like to express hope that the AMC and RANZCP should have more reasons to trust the Australian government, which scrutinised me and accepted as a political refugee under its protection, rather than those Russian authorities against which the Australian government is kindly protecting me.

I would like to express hope that the AMC and RANZCP should have more reasons to trust fellows of the RANZCP Professor Philip Morris and Drs. Diana Hamilton and Ian Wilson as well as my referees Drs. Leon Petchkovsky, Brian Boettcher, and Barend Vorster consultant-psychiatrists, who evaluated my professional knowledge, experience and performance in Australia very positively, and not to make professional idiots of them rather than to trust those unknown to them Russian authorities discredited themselves in many widely known cases by lies and disinformation of the international community.

Finally, I trust that the AMC and RANZCP are parts of the Australian community and realise that their decision in my case will have significant social consequence. They should not step aside or arise above community, letting the government to deal with the life of 50-year-old psychiatrist, who has gone through so many hardships and is now unemployed and facing bankruptcy.

I am looking forward for your urgent help.

Sincerely yours,



Vincent Berg.

Robyn Scholl

From: Dr. Vincent Berg [bergvincent@myrealbox.com]
Sent: 11 November 2001 12:01
To: amc@amc.org.au
Cc: ranzcp@ranzcp.org; medical@healthregboards.qld.gov.au
Subject: Assessment of qualifications and professional experience of Dr. Vincent Berg, AMC Reference No. 2010509

I attach my letter to Mr. Ian Frank, Executive Officer. The original will be mailed tomorrow.
Best regards,
Vincent Berg.

Dr. Vincent Berg (AMC Reference No. 2010509),

E-mail bergvincent@myrealbox.com

11th of November 2001

Mr. Ian Frank, Executive Officer,
Australian Medical Council,
40 Macquarie Street,
BARTON, ACT, 2600

Copy: The Secretary,
Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists,
309 La Trobe Street,
MELBOURNE, VIC, 3000

Re: Addition to my letter of 30.10.01 as a response to your letter of 25.10.01

Dear Mr. Frank,

By my request, three highly qualified and experienced Australian lawyers, specialising in the immigration and refugee laws, have undertaken a special research concerning situation with the assessment and recognition of my professional qualifications and experience. They have studied relevant international and Australian laws, agreements, and experience.

An outcome of their research suggests that:

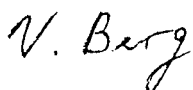
- Making formal inquiries about any person without consent and knowledge of that person and, particularly, against his/her will is a serious violation of the Australian Privacy Act 1988 and, additionally, is a breach of the United Nations Convention on the Status of Refugees of 28 July 1951 modified by the Protocol of 31 January 1967, if concerned person has been legally recognised as a refugee.
- All legal matters, concerning refugees, have been regulated by the United Nations Convention on the Status of Refugees of 28 July 1951 modified by the Protocol of 31 January 1967. All the countries signed this convention are obliged to follow its determinations and rules in their local laws. Australia has signed this Convention in 1982.
- Determining legal meaning of "the refugee", this Convention stresses that the country of origin of such a person is unable or unwilling to protect his/her human rights. This means that **the Convention eliminates the legal credibility of the country of origin towards the refugee.**
- As a result, **the Convention automatically disallows any legal significance of any information regarding the refugee derived or obtained from the country of origin.**
- Accordingly, neither the Convention nor any official documents of The Office of The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) mention making inquiries about the refugee from the country of origin as a recommended or legal practice.

- Moreover, discussing the assessment and recognition of qualifications and professional experience of the refugee, the UNHCR stresses that the approach different from usual should be used, the refugee should not be discriminated because of the reasons associated with the refugee status and the assessment should not be refused "even in cases in which the qualifications obtained in one of the Parties cannot be proven through documentary evidence".
- Concerning the assessment and recognition of qualifications and professional experience of the refugee, the UNHCR refers to the recommendations of the Lisbon 1997, Strasbourg 1999, and Brussels 2000 conferences on refugees' problems as well as to the relevant experience of leading in this area countries such as Canada and European Union (EU).
- In the case of the refugee, the assessment and recognition of qualifications and professional experience is based on the following principles:
 1. An assessment process should be as short as possible (not exceeding 4 months in any case) and made clear and understandable for the refugee with the help of personal interviews (if available) or interviews via phone, fax, mail and e-mail, whatever is available, that to clarify any uncertainty and doubt and to avoid costly court hearings of the refugee's claims.
 2. An assessment of the educational system of the country of origin and of the professional training completed by the refugee uses handbooks provided by independent agencies and offering descriptions of the examined educational system, university and course, but not the information provided by the country of origin.
 3. An assessment of competence is used instead of the assessment of documents.
 4. If documents required are not full or their authenticity cannot be legally confirmed, sworn statements before a legal authority may be accepted in lieu of full and authentic documentation.
 5. Provisional recognition should be used, if required.

In accordance to the above stated legal principles and in addition to my letter of 30.10.01, I respectfully suggest to the Australian Medical Council and Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists:

- To accept my sworn statement before a legal authority that all my documents and information provided by me for the assessment of my qualifications and experience are authentic.
- To accept, also, that my competence as a medical practitioner and specialist-psychiatrist is proved by my successful work in Australian Psychiatry and confirmed by the Medical Board of Queensland in its Certificate of Good Standing; by positive reports of my referees Drs. L. Petchkovsky, B. Boettcher, and B. Vorster – consultant-psychiatrists, as well as of fellows of the RANZCP Prof. Ph. Morris, and Drs. D. Hamilton and I. Wilson; and by the positive letters of my patients and their relatives.

Sincerely yours,



Vincent Berg.

Robyn Scholl

From: Dr. Vincent Berg [bergvincent@myrealbox.com]
Sent: 11 November 2001 12:01
To: amc@amc.org.au
Cc: ranzcp@ranzcp.org; medical@healthregboards.qld.gov.au
Subject: Assessment of qualifications and professional experience of Dr. Vincent Berg, AMC Reference No. 2010509

I attach my letter to Mr. Ian Frank, Executive Officer. The original will be mailed tomorrow.
Best regards,
Vincent Berg.

Dr. Vincent Berg (AMC Reference No. 2010509),

E-mail bergvincent@myrealbox.com

11th of November 2001

Mr. Ian Frank, Executive Officer,
Australian Medical Council,
40 Macquarie Street,
BARTON, ACT, 2600

Copy: The Secretary,
Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists,
309 La Trobe Street,
MELBOURNE, VIC, 3000

Re: Addition to my letter of 30.10.01 as a response to your letter of 25.10.01

Dear Mr. Frank,

By my request, three highly qualified and experienced Australian lawyers, specialising in the immigration and refugee laws, have undertaken a special research concerning situation with the assessment and recognition of my professional qualifications and experience. They have studied relevant international and Australian laws, agreements, and experience.

An outcome of their research suggests that:

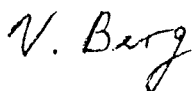
- Making formal inquiries about any person without consent and knowledge of that person and, particularly, against his/her will is a serious violation of the Australian Privacy Act 1988 and, additionally, is a breach of the United Nations Convention on the Status of Refugees of 28 July 1951 modified by the Protocol of 31 January 1967, if concerned person has been legally recognised as a refugee.
- All legal matters, concerning refugees, have been regulated by the United Nations Convention on the Status of Refugees of 28 July 1951 modified by the Protocol of 31 January 1967. All the countries signed this convention are obliged to follow its determinations and rules in their local laws. Australia has signed this Convention in 1982.
- Determining legal meaning of "the refugee", this Convention stresses that the country of origin of such a person is unable or unwilling to protect his/her human rights. This means that **the Convention eliminates the legal credibility of the country of origin towards the refugee.**
- As a result, **the Convention automatically disallows any legal significance of any information regarding the refugee derived or obtained from the country of origin.**
- Accordingly, neither the Convention nor any official documents of The Office of The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) mention making inquiries about the refugee from the country of origin as a recommended or legal practice.

- Moreover, discussing the assessment and recognition of qualifications and professional experience of the refugee, the UNHCR stresses that the approach different from usual should be used, the refugee should not be discriminated because of the reasons associated with the refugee status and the assessment should not be refused "even in cases in which the qualifications obtained in one of the Parties cannot be proven through documentary evidence".
- Concerning the assessment and recognition of qualifications and professional experience of the refugee, the UNHCR refers to the recommendations of the Lisbon 1997, Strasbourg 1999, and Brussels 2000 conferences on refugees' problems as well as to the relevant experience of leading in this area countries such as Canada and European Union (EU).
- In the case of the refugee, the assessment and recognition of qualifications and professional experience is based on the following principles:
 1. An assessment process should be as short as possible (not exceeding 4 months in any case) and made clear and understandable for the refugee with the help of personal interviews (if available) or interviews via phone, fax, mail and e-mail, whatever is available, that to clarify any uncertainty and doubt and to avoid costly court hearings of the refugee's claims.
 2. An assessment of the educational system of the country of origin and of the professional training completed by the refugee uses handbooks provided by independent agencies and offering descriptions of the examined educational system, university and course, but not the information provided by the country of origin.
 3. An assessment of competence is used instead of the assessment of documents.
 4. If documents required are not full or their authenticity cannot be legally confirmed, sworn statements before a legal authority may be accepted in lieu of full and authentic documentation.
 5. Provisional recognition should be used, if required.

In accordance to the above stated legal principles and in addition to my letter of 30.10.01, I respectfully suggest to the Australian Medical Council and Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists:

- To accept my sworn statement before a legal authority that all my documents and information provided by me for the assessment of my qualifications and experience are authentic.
- To accept, also, that my competence as a medical practitioner and specialist-psychiatrist is proved by my successful work in Australian Psychiatry and confirmed by the Medical Board of Queensland in its Certificate of Good Standing; by positive reports of my referees Drs. L. Petchkovsky, B. Boettcher, and B. Vorster – consultant-psychiatrists, as well as of fellows of the RANZCP Prof. Ph. Morris, and Drs. D. Hamilton and I. Wilson; and by the positive letters of my patients and their relatives.

Sincerely yours,



Vincent Berg.

Robyn Scholl

From: Dr. Vincent Berg [bergvincent@myrealbox.com]
Sent: 12 October 2001 11:33
To: medical@healthregboards.qld.gov.au
Cc: SchollR@healthregboards.qld.gov.au
Subject: Change of the e-mail address



Dear Sir/Madam,

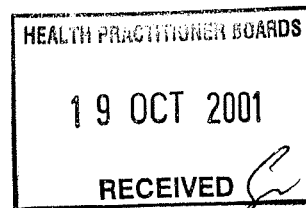
My e-mail address has changed from bergv@runbox.com to bergvincent@myrealbox.com. Please, amend my details.

With the best wishes, faithfully yours

Vincent Berg.



THE ROYAL
AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND
COLLEGE OF PSYCHIATRISTS
ABN 68 000 439 047



16 October 2001

Mr Ian Frank
Executive Officer
Australian Medical Council Inc
PO Box 4810
KINGSTON ACT 2604

Dear Mr Frank

**Re: APPLICATION FOR SPECIALIST ASSESSMENT/ADVANCED STANDING
DR VINCENT BERG
AMC REFERENCE NO.: 2010509**

I write on behalf of the Fellowship Board Training and Examinations Exemptions Sub-committee regarding Dr Berg's application for specialist assessment/advanced standing. The Training and Examinations Exemptions Sub-committee formally considered this matter on the 20 September 2001.

Dr Berg stated in his application to the Australian Medical Council and the RANZCP, that he obtained his primary medical qualification (1975) and his Doctorate of Medicine in Psychiatry (1977) from the Voronezh State University in Russia. Dr Berg's submitted qualifications are in the name of Techkaline Victor Vladimirovich, which Dr Berg states in his Statutory Declaration dated 1 August 2001, he changed to Vincent Victor Berg.

As part of the standard RANZCP assessment process, applicants' overseas psychiatric qualifications are confirmed with the relevant College/University or Authority. The email address of the Voronezh State University in Russia was obtained via the internet and was contacted to confirm Dr Techkaline's qualifications in Psychiatry.

The Voronezh State University replied informing the RANZCP that they did not produce diploma number 723438 "Medical Degree in Psychiatry" and moreover the educational program stated was not in existence in 1977. The Voronezh State University requested faxed copies of Degree M-I No. 723438 "Medical Doctor in Psychiatry" and Degree MC XII No. 14211 "Candidate of Sciences in Psychology" for review, see attached email and facsimile to Sharon Rayner (trainee staff member) dated 10 and 17 September 2001.

After review of the faxed qualifications, Sergey Zapriagaev from the Voronezh State University emailed the College stating that the documents were crude forgeries, see attached email dated 11 September 2001. Faxed confirmation of this statement on Voronezh State University letterhead dated 17 September 2001, is also attached.

Yours sincerely

Gail McKenzie
Administrative Officer
Training and Assessment

cc

Queensland Medical Board

Rayner, Sharon

From: Sergey A. Zapriagaev [zsa@main.vsu.ru]
Sent: Monday, 10 September 2001 22:44
To: Rayner, Sharon
Subject: Re[2]: Confirmation of Qualifications- Dr Tchekaline

Hello Sharon,

Привет, 7 сентября 2001 г., you wrote:

RS> Dear Sergey Zapriagaev,

RS> Thank you for your email of 6 September 2001.

RS> The number of Dr Tchekaline's "Medical Degree in Psychiatry" is 723438.

RS> Dr Tchekaline also has a degree of "Candidate of Sciences in Psychology",
RS> dated 15 December 1978 which is number 14211.

RS> Could you please confirm these degrees?

RS> Thank you for your assistance,

RS> Regards,
RS> Sharon Rayner

>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Sergey A. Zapriagaev [SMTP:zsa@main.vsu.ru]

>> Sent: Thursday, 6 September 2001 17:08

>> To: Rayner, Sharon

>> Subject: Re: Confirmation of Qualifications- Dr Vladimirovich

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>> Hello Sharon,

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>> Привет, 5 сентября 2001 г., you wrote:

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>> RS> Dear Rector,

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>> RS> We obtained your email address from the Voronezh State University

>> website,

>> RS> and hope that you can help us in confirming this doctor's medical

>> degree, as

>> RS> per the attached letter

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>> RS> <<sl0056 (Request for Confirmation of Quals)_.doc>>

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>> RS> Yours sincerely,

>> RS> Sharon Rayner

>> RS> Administrative Assistant (Training)

>> RS> Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatry

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>> Sharon Rayner

>> Administrative Assistant (Training)

>> Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatry

>> Dear dr. Sharon Rayner

>> 1. Dr Tchekaline Victor Vladimirovich does not the staff of Voronezh
>> State University.

>> 2. Voronezh State University did not have the doctor's medical degree
>> program in 1977.

>> 3. Tchekaline is the family (or surname), Victor is the first name,
>> and
>> Vladimirovich is his second name (or middle name)
>> 4. We need the number of Tchekaline's diplom to get the additional
>> information about this strange case.

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>> Best regards,
>> Sergey Zapryagaev,
>> prof., dr. provost, VSU <mailto:zsa@main.vsu.ru>

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Dear Sharon Rayner,

1. Voronezh State University did not produce the diploma
"Medical Degree in Psychiatry" number 723438.
Moreover university had not such educational programs in 1977.
2. Are you sure, that the diploma just Voronezh State University?
You have not sent me the full number of diploma, as it contains
also letterings (for example ABC 222222). The best variant to
understand this situation is to send us duplicates of the
diplomas or fax (0732-789755 to my name) or as picture file (by
e-mail). In this case we can see by whom the diploma is signed.
3. The candidate of sciences diploma is produced by Higher
Certification Commission in Moscow. But by number (more the
letterings need, and the number of figures is incorrectly),
represented by you is not original.
Besides usual time, which is required to protect a candidate
thesis makes about three years after a finishing the university
education.
4. Thus, if in the diplomas the essential elements of Voronezh State
university are really indicated, this diplomas are false.
5. However for the final inference it is desirable to see duplicates of
the diplomas.

Best regards,
Sergey Zapryagaev <mailto:zsa@main.vsu.ru>

От: Rayner, Sharon <Sharon.Rayner@ranzcp.org>
Кому: 'Sergey A. Zapriagaev' <zsa@main.vsu.ru>
Написано: 12 сентября 2001 г.
Тема:
Папка: Inbox/Sergey A. Zapriagaev

Dear Sergey Zapriagaev,

Thank you for your email and the information that you have found out for us. Could you please fax me an official letter (on your university letterhead) confirming the forgery of the diplomas? Our fax number is: 61 3 9642 5652. (61 is the country code for Australia).

We do not know Tchekalin's address in Russia, as we have not had contact with him there.

Thank you so much for your help with this,

Regards,

Sharon Rayner

> -----Original Message-----
> From: Sergey A. Zapriagaev [SMTP:zsa@main.vsu.ru]
> Sent: Tuesday, 11 September 2001 17:39
> To: Rayner, Sharon
> Subject:
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> Dear Rayner Sharon,
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> Thank you for your letter (fax).
> I regret, but both represented Tchekaline's diplomas are very rough
> forgery.
> If the official answer is necessary for you, inform me about it
> please.
> We shall be graterful to you if you inform us about the
> Tchekalin's address in Russia.
>
> Best regards,
> Sergey Zapriagaev <mailto:zsa@main.vsu.ru>
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МИНИСТЕРСТВО ОБРАЗОВАНИЯ РОССИЙСКОЙ ФЕДЕРАЦИИ
ВОРОНЕЖСКИЙ ГОСУДАРСТВЕННЫЙ УНИВЕРСИТЕТ

№ 3001 - 202
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394693, Россия, Воронеж, Университетская пл., 1.
E-mail: office@main.vsu.ru; INTERNET: www.vsu.ru
Телефон: (0732)789-420, (0732)789-674
Факс: (0732)789-755; (0732)552-836

The Royal Australian and New Zealand college of Psychiatrists
Sharon Rayner

На Ваш запрос сообщаем, что представленные Вами документы:

1. Диплом о высшем образовании М-1 № 723438 от 28.05.1977 г.;
2. Диплом кандидата наук ПС-XII № 14211 от 15.12.1978 г. на имя Чекалина Виктора Владимировича, выданные от имени Воронежского государственного университета не являются подлинными (подделка) и не выдавались Воронежским университетом.

On your demand we inform, that documents, represented by you:

1. diploma of higher education M-I № 723438 from 28.05.1977;
2. diploma of candidate of sciences ПС-XII № 14211 from 15.12.1978 to a name Tchekaline Victor Vladimirovich, produced on behalf of Voronezh State University, are not original (forgery) and were not produced by Voronezh State University.

Текст письма исполнен на двух языках: русском и английском.

Ректор, профессор

И.И. Борисов

The Medical Board of Queensland

CERTIFICATE OF STANDING

I HEREBY CERTIFY that Vincent Victor Berg, D.O.B. 19 February 1952, DIP MED VORONEZH 1977, registration number 991357, held conditional registration under Section 17C(1)(a) as a Medical Practitioner, from 4 January 2000 to 3 January 2001 to enable him to undertake postgraduate training in Psychiatry at Townsville General Hospital.

17C(1)(a) Graduates from non-accredited institutions - postgraduate training

•A person who is a graduate of medicine from an institution which is not accredited by the Australian Medical Council may be registered on a temporary basis to enable the person to undertake a period of postgraduate training in medicine approved by the Board.

I further certify that no disciplinary proceedings are in progress against the practitioner named above and that he is not the subject of an investigation by the Medical Board of Queensland.

Dated at Brisbane this 31 day of July 2001



DEPUTY REGISTRAR
MEDICAL BOARD OF QUEENSLAND

FOR THE INFORMATION OF:

The Secretary
Australian Medical Council
PO Box 4810
Kingstone ACT 2604

31 July 2001

Dr VV Berg

Dear Dr VV Berg.

In accordance with your recent request, I wish to advise that I have today forwarded a Certificate of Good Standing to the Australian Medical Council.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. Hill' or similar, written in a cursive style.

for REGISTRAR

Dr. Vincent Berg (file No. 991357),

23rd of July 2001

The Registrar,
The Medical Board of Queensland,
GPO Box 2438,
BRISBANE, QLD, 4001

Re: Your letter of 12.03.2001

Dear Sir/Madam,

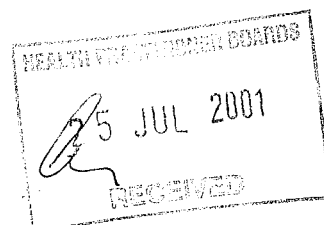
In a letter of 12.03.2001, the Board had advised me "to submit my qualifications and experience to the Australian Medical Council for assessment by the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists". I have followed this advice and am sending you a certified copy of a letter from the AMC, confirming that I have successfully passed the assessment of my medical qualifications by the AMC and been referred to the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists for the recognition as a specialist.

In my e-mail of the 18.07.01, I have asked the Certificate of Good Standing to be sent to my address and hope to receive it shortly.

Sincerely yours,

V. Berg

Vincent Berg.





This is to certify that this a true copy
of the original, which I have sighted.

INCORPORATED

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PLEASE ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO

THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL COUNCIL

Ann Billingsley 19/07/01
PO BOX 430 KINGSFORD ACT 2604 AUSTRALIA
Ann Billingsley, 15683

QUOTE REFERENCE NUMBER

2010509

Dr V Berg



Dear Dr Berg

APPLICATION FOR AMC/SPECIALIST MEDICAL COLLEGE ASSESSMENT

I refer to your application to determine your eligibility to be assessed for recognition as a medical specialist by the AMC/Specialist College procedure. I wish to advise that the AMC has determined you to be eligible to present for assessment on a provisional basis, **subject to the receipt, by this office, of a certified copy of a Certificate of Good Standing from the Medical Board of Queensland.**

The AMC has also determined that the detailed documentation submitted by you with Application Form SB conforms with the requirements of the **Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists** which has been selected to conduct the assessment in the field of specialisation you nominated, **Psychiatry**.

AMC Application Form SB and the documentation you submitted with it have been forwarded to the College. To initiate the assessment by the College, you must complete the enclosed AMC Application Form SC and forward it direct to the College, together with the College's Initial Assessment and Interview Fee. The current fee, as notified to the AMC by the College, is **\$1585**. The fee should be paid by bankdraft in Australian currency and made payable to the College. If you require a receipt from the College, please request this in writing. College fees are subject to variation from time to time, and are inclusive of the GST where this is payable. Further information should be sought direct from the College.

PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY THE DECLARATION MADE IN SIGNING APPLICATION FORM SC.

The College will advise you direct in due course whether you should proceed to interview and will advise the date, time and location of the interview. Subsequently, the AMC will confirm the outcome of the interview.

The Council and College will attempt to assist applicants by responding to telephone calls, between the hours of 2:00pm and 4:00pm on weekdays, but will only be committed to information given in writing.

Your AMC Reference Number is: **2010509**. Please quote this number in all correspondence with the AMC and the Specialist Medical College concerning the assessment.

Correspondence with the Specialist Medical College should be addressed to:

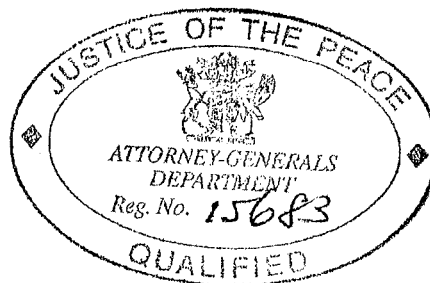
The Secretary
Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists
309 La Trobe Street
MELBOURNE VIC 3000
Phone: 03 9640 0646
Fax: 03 9642 5652
Email: ranzcp@ranzcp.org.au

Yours sincerely

IAN FRANK
IAN FRANK
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

This is to certify that this a true copy
of the original, which I have sighted.

Ann Billingsley 19.07.01
Ann Billingsley, 15683



Robyn Scholl

From: Dr. Vincent Berg [bergvincent@hotmail.com]
Sent: 30 July 2001 19:01
To: medical@healthregboards.qld.gov.au
Subject: Fw: Certificate of Good Standing

----- Original Message -----

From: Dr. Vincent Berg
To: medical@healthregboards.qld.gov.au
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2001 5:27 PM
Subject: Certificate of Good Standing

Dr. Vincent Berg, file 991357,

18th of July 2001

The Medical Board of Queensland,
e-mail medical@healthregboards.qld.gov.au

Re: Request to issue Certificate of Good Standing

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please, could you issue Certificate of Good Standing and forward it to my address shown at the top of this letter. Please, charge my Visa credit card [REDACTED] [REDACTED] with expiry date 10/02.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

V. Berg

Vincent Berg.

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Robyn Scholl

To: Dr. Vincent Berg

Subject: RE: Certificate of Good Standing

Dear Dr Berg

I confirm that your e-mails and correspondence requesting a Certificate of Good Standing have been received and apologise that you have not received a response.

It is advised that your request is currently being processed. It is Board policy that Certificates of Good Standing are sent directly to the authority requiring the Certificate. The original will therefore be forwarded to the Australian Medical Council on your behalf.

Yours sincerely

Robyn Scholl
Assistant Registrar

-----Original Message-----

From: Dr. Vincent Berg [mailto:bergvincent@hotmail.com]

Sent: 30 July 2001 19:13

To: medical@healthregboards.qld.gov.au

Subject: Certificate of Good Standing

Dear Sir/Madam,

On the 18.07.01, I had sent you e-mail with my credit card details, requesting Certificate of Good Standing to be sent to my address. On the 24.07.01, I had repeated my request as it was no response from the Board at all. Also, I repeated this request in a letter posted on the 23.07.01. Yet, I have not received the requested Certificate of Good Standing, and no one from the Board has ever contacted me. I cannot understand why my requests are just being silently ignored and how could it happen.

I do hope to have a comprehensive response.

Sincerely yours,

Vincent Berg.

The Medical Board of Queensland

CERTIFICATE OF STANDING

I HEREBY CERTIFY that Vincent Victor Berg, D.O.B. 19 February 1952, DIP MED VORONEZH 1977, registration number 991357, held conditional registration under Section 17C(1)(a) as a Medical Practitioner, from 4 January 2000 to 3 January 2001.

- 17C(1)(a) Graduates from non accredited institutions - postgraduate training
- *"A person who is a graduate of medicine from an institution which is not accredited by the Australian Medical Council may be registered on a temporary basis to enable the person to undertake a period of postgraduate training in medicine approved by the Board."*

I further certify that no disciplinary proceedings are in progress against the practitioner named above and that he is not the subject of an Inquiry by the Medical Board of Queensland.

Dated at Brisbane this day of 27 March 2001

DEPUTY REGISTRAR
MEDICAL BOARD OF QUEENSLAND

FOR THE INFORMATION OF:

Medical Board of Northern Territory
GPO Box 4221
DARWIN NT 0801

Office: Level 19, Forestry House, 160 Mary Street, Brisbane Q4000
Correspondence address: GPO Box 2438, Brisbane Q4001
e-mail: medical@healthregboards.qld.gov.au

OFFICE OF HEALTH PRACTITIONER REGISTRATION BOARDS

***The Medical Board of Queensland
OFFICIAL RECEIPT***

Receipt Number: 1139986

Dr VV Berg

27-MAR-2001
Received the sum of
\$15.00

Number: 991357

PAYMENT DETAILS FOR THIS RECEIPT (GST is not applicable):

Medical Practitioners Register

Certificate of Good Standing

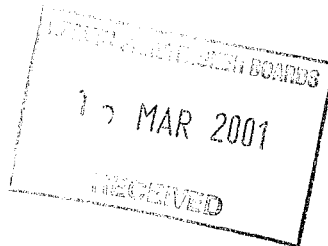
15.00

Please keep this receipt in a safe place.

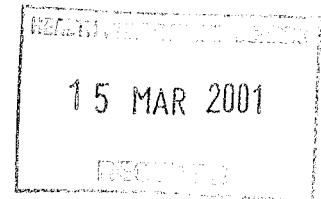
A duplicate receipt will not be issued, however a statement of fees paid may be provided upon payment of a fee.

Dr. Vincent Berg (file 991357)

15th of March 2001



The Registrar,
Medical Board of Queensland
Fax 07 3225 2527



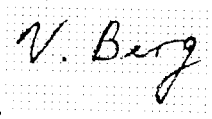
Dear Sir/Madam,

1139986

Please, could you issue Certificate of Good Standing and forward it to the Medical Board of Northern Territory as soon as it is possible. Its address: GPO Box 4221, DARWIN, NT, 0801.

Please, charge my Visa credit card [REDACTED] expires 04/02.

Faithfully yours,


Vincent Berg.

\$15.00.

Statement of
Standing.

March 12, 2001

Dr V Berg

Dear Dr Berg

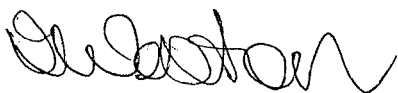
I refer to your recent application for specialist registration. At its meeting of 27 February 2001 the Medical Board of Queensland held an inquiry pursuant to Section 25A of the *Medical Act 1939*.

The Board reviewed the documents submitted in support of your application and the further material provided by you. The Board however remained unsatisfied as to your eligibility for specialist registration and reaffirmed its previous decision to decline your application for conditional registration under Section 17C(1)(e) as you do not hold a recognised specialty qualification.

The Board has also suggested that you might wish to submit your qualifications and experience to the Australian Medical Council for assessment by the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists.

Your attention is also drawn to Section 21.(1) of the *Medical Act 1939* (copy attached) which provides for an appeal to the Health Practitioner Tribunal against determinations of the Board. The Tribunal is an independent judicial body presided over by a District Court Judge who is assisted by two members from the professional panel of the registrant's profession and one member from the public panel as chosen by the registrar of the Tribunal. The Tribunal's hearing are conducted in public unless it otherwise determines.

Yours sincerely



for REGISTRAR

EXTRACT OF MINUTES, ORDINARY MEETING OF THE MEDICAL BOARD OF
QUEENSLAND HELD ON TUESDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2001

991357 **BERG, VINCENT VICTOR**

The Board **NOTED** that at its meeting of 9 January 2001 the Medical Board declined Dr Berg's application for specialist registration as he does not hold recognised specialist qualifications.

Dr Berg submitted further correspondence in relation to his registration which did not provide any further evidence of recognised qualifications.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) the Board reaffirm its previous decision that Dr Berg be declined conditional registration under Section 17C(1)(e) to practice within the specialty of psychiatry as he does not hold a recognised specialty qualification;
 - (ii) Dr Berg be advised he should submit his qualifications and experience to the Australian Medical Council for assessment by the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists.
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Present: Dr L Toft, Dr Cohn, Ms Frampton, Dr Mahoney, Ms Penny (from 5.50pm), Dr Waller, Dr Wilkey

EXTRACT OF MINUTES, ORDINARY MEETING OF THE MEDICAL BOARD OF QUEENSLAND
HELD ON TUESDAY 9 JANUARY 2001

SECTION 17C(e)

991357 **BERG, VINCENT - DIP MED VORONEZH**
1977 - PSYCHIATRY

The Board **NOTED** that the degree certificate provided by Dr Berg is in the name of Tchekaline Victor Vladimirovich. It was also **NOTED** that verbal advice from the Department of Immigration was that when confirming whether Dr Berg and Tchekaline Vladimirovich were one and the same person, that department would not have made any enquiries relating to any qualifications held.

RESOLVED that:-

- (i) Dr Berg's application for specialist registration be declined as he does not hold recognised specialist qualifications;
- (ii) An inquiry pursuant to Section 25A of the *Medical Act 1939* be held on 13 February 2001;
- (iii) The Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs be requested to make enquiries through their Moscow office as to whether a "Tchekaline Victor Vladimirovich" graduated from Voronezh State University in 1977.

Present: Professor C B Campbell, Dr M Cohn, Ms P Frampton, Professor L Geffen, Dr J Waller, Dr I S Wilkey

FILE NOTE

Re: Vincent Victor Berg

I received a phone call from Shaun Hill of the NZ Medical Council at 9.45 today to advise me that Vincent Berg had sought medical registration in New Zealand.

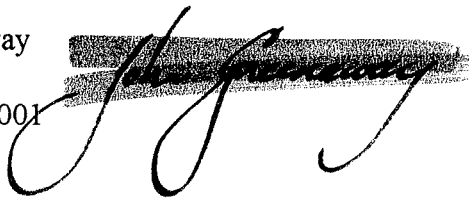
The Council had concerns about his application and sought his approval to check with the Russian authorities as to the legitimacy of his qualifications. Berg had declined to provide the authority on the grounds that the KGB would find out where he was and would pursue him.

The New Zealand Council is likely to decline granting of registration.

John Greenaway

REGISTRAR

23 February 2001

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'John Greenaway', is written over a dark, rectangular redacted area.

991357.

SCHOLL Robyn

From: bergvincent@hotmail.com[SMTP:bergvincent@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 28, 2000 12:34 PM
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Townsville Health Services District
ph 61 7 4781 9522

>>> Vincent Berg 12/27/00 01:43pm >>>

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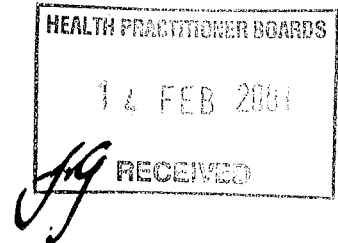
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Dr. Vincent Berg,

E-mail bergvincent@myrealbox.com

12th of February 2001

The Registrar
Medical Board of Queensland
GPO Box 2438
BRISBANE, QLD, 4001
Fax 07 32252527



Re: Yours 991357

Dear Sir/Madam,

This is my response to your letter of 05th of February 2001 confirmed that my application for the registration under Section 17C(e) of the *Medical Act 1939* to practise within the speciality of Psychiatry has been declined by the Board as I "do not appear to have Fellowship with the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists".

I disagree with this Board's decision and am satisfied that, as your letter informs, "an Inquiry will be held on 27 February 2001 into [my] eligibility to be registered" under Section 17C(e) of the *Medical Act 1939* to practise within the speciality of Psychiatry. I am asking the Inquiry to recommend to annul Board's recent decision and to grant me the registration requested in my application.

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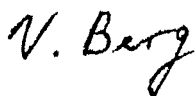
any area of public life as an alternative to healthy competition is socially and professionally harmful. Such a monopoly might be illegal under Australian law and could be a subject for investigation and actions by the Antimonopoly Committee headed by Prof. Phels. Therefore, Board's referral to the proposed monopoly of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists to have only its fellows registered in Queensland as specialists in Psychiatry looks inadequate. The practice to send an application for registration to 3 nominated specialists seems to be more reasonable. This possibility is present in the application form for registration; yet, my application has never been forwarded to the nominated specialists. Also, the Board could contact the Institute of Australasian Psychiatrists, which has elected me as its associate member in November 2000.

- I know quite a number of doctors registered in Queensland as specialists in Psychiatry and working as such who are not fellows of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists. Accordingly, to reject my application because I "do not appear to have Fellowship with the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists" means to discriminate me.

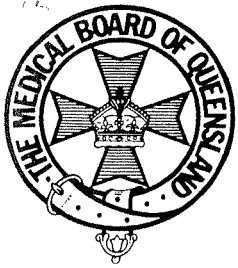
My Curriculum Vitae and the reports of my Australian referees evidently show that I am highly qualified and experienced psychiatrist who proved to be able to work efficiently in Australian health system. My referees recommend me for a work on the specialist level and support my application for the registration as such. I cannot see any reasons why the Medical Board of Queensland should not trust my referees whom it itself recognises as specialists in Psychiatry and who know me the best professionally and personally.

I do hope that the Board will consider all these and the other reasons outlined in my application and will grant me the registration under Section 17C(e) of the *Medical Act 1939* to practise within the speciality of Psychiatry.

Faithfully yours,



Vincent Berg.



The Medical Board of Queensland

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12 February 2001

FACSIMILE NO: 7 09 5956 6162

Principal Migration Office
Australian Embassy
MOSCOW

Dear Sir/Madam

The Medical Board of Queensland has received the attached copy of a degree certificate from a practitioner who has applied for registration as a specialist psychiatrist.

The Brisbane office of the Department of Immigration has indicated it does not check authenticity of qualifications claimed when a person applies for Australian Citizenship. As the name on the degree certificate is different to that of the applicant, the Board has requested that enquiries be made with your office as to the document's authenticity. Attached is a copy of the degree and its translation. It would be appreciated if you could advise via return facsimile whether "Tchekaline Victor Vladimirovich" graduated from Voronezh State University in 1977. The fax no. is +61 7 3225 2527.

It should be noted that the Department of Immigration has recognised the applicant as a refugee for political reasons and he was granted domestic protection in 1993.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Robyn Scholl
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

M-1 № 723438

Настоящий диплом выдан ЧЕКАЛИНУ
ВИКТОРУ ВЛАДИМИРОВИЧУ

в том, что он в 1962 году поступил

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Город Воронеж 28 мая 1977 г.

Регистрационный № 58769

Пересдан типографией Госзнак 1976

What this is a copy of the original medical
psychiatry from Voronezh State University
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as V Bez. I have signed the
degree.

Yours sincerely,

Philip H P Morris
FRANZIS

DEGREE

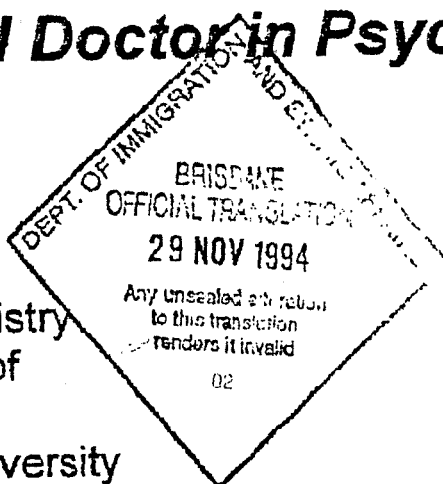
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certified that,
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The Seal of the Ministry
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Chairman
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12/6/99.

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Gemma Somerville. Philip L. Morris

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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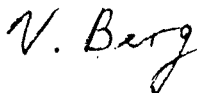
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Michael Demy-Geroe

To: bergvincent@hotmail.com
Subject: CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

6 February 2001

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Upon receipt of the \$15.00 fee a Certificate of Standing will be forwarded to the Board or Jurisdiction you nominate.

I also wish to advise that correspondence has been forwarded to you in relation to your application for registration as a specialist within the specialty of psychiatry.

Please note that Dr Darken is no longer working for the Medical Board of Queensland.

Yours sincerely

Ilana Weston
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05 February 2001

Dr V Berg

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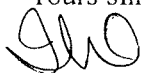
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The Board considered your application at its recent meeting and has declined approval of registration to practice within the specialty of psychiatry, as you do not appear to have Fellowship with the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists.

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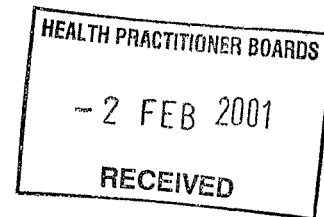
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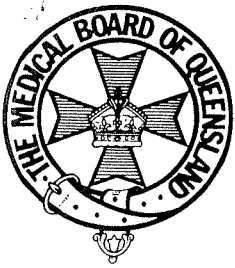
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EXTRACT OF MINUTES, ORDINARY MEETING OF THE MEDICAL BOARD OF QUEENSLAND
HELD ON TUESDAY 9 JANUARY 2001

SECTION 17C(e)

991357 **BERG, VINCENT - DIP MED VORONEZH**
1977 - PSYCHIATRY

The Board **NOTED** that the degree certificate provided by Dr Berg is in the name of Tchekaline Victor Vladimirovich. It was also **NOTED** that verbal advice from the Department of Immigration was that when confirming whether Dr Berg and Tchekaline Vladimirovich were one and the same person, that department would not have made any enquiries relating to any qualifications held.

RESOLVED that:-

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Present: Professor C B Campbell, Dr M Cohn, Ms P Frampton, Professor L Geffen, Dr J Waller, Dr I S Wilkey

OFFICE OF HEALTH PRACTITIONER REGISTRATION BOARDS

***The Medical Board of Queensland
OFFICIAL RECEIPT***

Receipt Number: 1125149

Dr VV Berg

07-DEC-2000

Received the sum of
\$110.00

Number: 991357

PAYMENT DETAILS FOR THIS RECEIPT (GST is not applicable):

Medical Specialists Register

Application Fee Non-Refundable

110.00

Please keep this receipt in a safe place.

A duplicate receipt will not be issued, however a statement of fees paid may be provided upon payment of a fee.

SPECIALIST ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHECKLIST

Registration Number 991357
Full Name Dr Vincent Victor Berg
Address _____

Date of Registration _____
Qualifications Registered _____
Additional Qualifications Requested _____
Additional Qualifications Fee Received _____
Application as Specialist in Specialty _____
Specialist Registration Fee Received \$110.00 1125149 07-DEC-2000
Qualifications/s Based Upon For Registration _____
DATE APPLICATION COMPLETED _____

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Training incorporated in qualification/s ..... YES / NO

If not incorporated -

- a) Supported by Certificate of Higher Trainer ..... YES / NO
- b) Documentary evidence of approval of training  
programme attached ..... YES / NO
- c) To be referred to college for advice ..... YES / NO

Qualification obtained before cut-off advice ..... YES / NO

### RECOMMENDATION

1. Additional Qualifications \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Specialist Registration \_\_\_\_\_  
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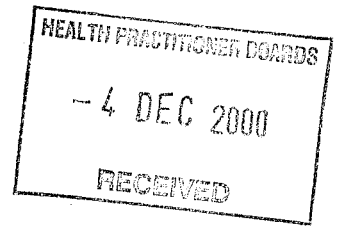
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**THE MEDICAL  
BOARD OF QUEENSLAND**

**APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION**

**AS A**

**MEDICAL SPECIALIST**

**IN QUEENSLAND**

*MEDICAL ACT 1939*

**Please Note:** Only a person who is registered as a medical practitioner in Queensland may be registered as a medical specialist. Applications for general or conditional registration must be lodged simultaneously with this application by any person not already registered in Queensland.

Complete Form and Return with Accompanying Documents to:

The Registrar  
Medical Board  
GPO Box 2438  
BRISBANE QLD 4001

or deliver to

Office of Health  
Practitioner Registration Boards  
19th Level  
Forestry House  
160 Mary Street  
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Telephone (07) 3225 2515  
Facsimile (07) 3225 2527  
E-mail [medical@healthregboards.qld.gov.au](mailto:medical@healthregboards.qld.gov.au)

## APPLICATION DETAILS - Please use BLOCK LETTERS to complete details

TITLE: MR MRS MS MISS **DR** OTHER \_\_\_\_\_ (please specify)  
 (circle preferred title) **BERG**  
 SURNAME \_\_\_\_\_ GIVEN NAMES (in full) **VINCENT VICTOR**  
 PREVIOUS NAME(S) **VICTOR TCHEKALINE**  
 (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
 POSTAL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Telephone Numbers: Day \_\_\_\_\_ After Hours \_\_\_\_\_

## REGISTRATION:

Do you currently hold specialist registration in South Australia? YES ☐ NO ☒  
 Specialist registers are only maintained in Queensland and South Australia  
 If yes, in which specialty are you registered? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Do you currently hold conditional registration with an Australian YES ☒  
 Medical Board/Council to practise within a specialty field? NO ☐  
**QUEENSLAND, no. 9913-**  
 If yes, indicate which State or Territory \_\_\_\_\_  
 Have you previously been registered as a medical specialist in Queensland? YES ☐ NO ☒  
 Note that recognition as a medical specialist for the purposes of the *Health Insurance Act 1973* does not automatically entitle a medical practitioner to registration as a medical specialist.

## CATEGORY OF REGISTRATION AND SPECIALTY APPLIED FOR:

Specialist Registration under Section 18  
 (Section 18 of the *Medical Act 1939* provides that a medical practitioner may be registered as a specialist upon satisfying the Board that a recognised specialist qualification is held in a prescribed specialty)  
**PSYCHIATRY**  
 Conditional Specialist Registration under Section 17C(e)  
 (Section 17C(e) of the *Medical Act 1939* provides that a medical practitioner who would not be registrable as a medical practitioner on the basis of the primary medical degree held, but who holds a specialist qualification conferred or recognised by the relevant Australian college, may be granted conditional registration for practice limited to that specialty field)

## QUALIFICATIONS ON WHICH APPLICATION IS BASED: (include primary qualification)

| Degree/Diploma/Certificate | University/College/Examining Body | Year Conferred |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Doctor of Medicine         | Voronezh State                    | 1977           |
| in <i>Psychiatry</i>       | University (USSR)                 |                |
| Philosophy Doctor          | Voronezh State                    | 1978           |
| in <i>Psychology</i>       | University (USSR)                 |                |

Questions to be answered by applicant for registration as a Specialist

## Question 1

Have any of the qualifications listed in your application been withdrawn by the conferring authority? YES ☐ NO ☒

## Question 2

Give the names and addresses of three specialists to whom application may be made for the assessment of your capacity in your nominated specialty:- (see my CV and referees' reports)

Dr. Leon Petchkovsky, ph. (07) 5571 8911, GOLD COAST

IMHS,

Dr. Brian Boettcher, ph. (07) 4727 0211, TOWNSVILLE IMHS

Dr. Barend Vorster, ph. (07) 4727 0211, Townsville IMHS.

### Question 3

Give details of academic appointments you hold or have held, and their relationship to your nominated specialty:-

- 1) Lecturer and Senior Lecturer in Abnormal Psychology at the Medical Faculty of the Voronezh State University (USSR): January 1978 - April 1982
- 2) Associate member of the Institute of Australian Psychiatrists: November 2000 - present

### Question 4

Give details of all HOSPITAL appointments and other clinical positions held since graduation in chronological order:-

| NO | FROM |    |    | TO      |    |    | HOSPITAL           | POSITION              | FIELD OF WORK AND EXPERIENCE GAINED                         |
|----|------|----|----|---------|----|----|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
|    | D    | M  | Y  | D       | M  | Y  |                    |                       |                                                             |
| 1  | 03   | 01 | 78 | 01      | 01 | 81 | Voronezh Regional  | Junior Psychiatrist   | Psychiatry. Experience of the treatment of mental illnesses |
| 2  | 01   | 01 | 81 | 28      | 08 | 86 | Voronezh Regional  | Psychiatrist          | Psychiatry. Experience of the treatment of mental illnesses |
| 3  | 12   | 01 | 88 | 20      | 09 | 92 | private practice   | Psychiatrist          | Psychiatry. Experience of the treatment of mental illnesses |
| 4  | 10   | 01 | 00 | present |    |    | Townsville General | Psychiatric Registrar | Psychiatry. Experience of the treatment of mental illnesses |
| 5  |      |    |    |         |    |    |                    |                       |                                                             |
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### Question 5

Nominate, by using the number in question 4, which experience you rely on for training in the subject specialty :-

1, 2, 3, 4 all this experience of the treatment of mental illnesses



Question 6

Give any further information relevant to your application: *There is shortage of psychiatrists in North Queensland. For example, waiting time to see a private psychiatrist in Townsville is over 6 (six) months. Thus, I believe, my registration as a specialist in Psychiatry is in public interest as I intend to practise in North Queensland.*

I consent to the Medical Board of Queensland making enquiries of, and exchanging information with, the authorities of any Australian States or Territories regarding my practice as a medical practitioner or otherwise regarding matters relevant to this application.

*V. Berg*

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

1. Please check that you have completed all sections of this form.
2. Please attach payment of the prescribed fee of \$110.00 (for each Specialty).
3. A separate application must be made for each specialty.
4. Please indicate the other instrument(s) of qualification held by you which is/are recognised in respect of the speciality(ies) to which this application relates:- *PhD*
5. Original or copies of academic qualifications which have been certified to be a true copy by a justice of the peace, a solicitor or notary, must be attached to the application form

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
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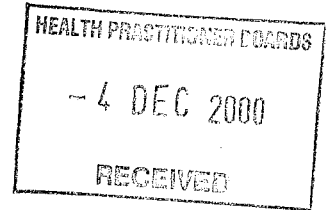
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| <i>PRESCRIBED NAME OF SPECIALTY</i>                                                                             | <i>PRESCRIBED TITLE OF SPECIALIST</i> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Anaesthetics                                                                                                    | Anaesthetist                          |
| Anatomical Pathology                                                                                            | Anatomical Pathologist                |
| Cardiology                                                                                                      | Cardiologist                          |
| Cardio-Thoracic Surgery                                                                                         | Cardio-Thoracic Surgeon               |
| Clinical Chemistry                                                                                              | Clinical Chemist                      |
| Clinical Haematology                                                                                            | Clinical Haematologist                |
| Clinical Immunology                                                                                             | Clinical Immunologist                 |
| Clinical Pharmacology                                                                                           | Clinical Pharmacologist               |
| Cytopathology                                                                                                   | Cytopathologist                       |
| Dermatology                                                                                                     | Dermatologist                         |
| Diagnostic Radiology                                                                                            | Diagnostic Radiologist                |
| Emergency Medicine                                                                                              | Specialist in Emergency Medicine      |
| Endocrinology                                                                                                   | Endocrinologist                       |
| Forensic Pathology                                                                                              | Forensic Pathologist                  |
| Gastroenterology                                                                                                | Gastroenterologist                    |
| General Surgery                                                                                                 | Surgeon                               |
| Geriatrics                                                                                                      | Geriatrician                          |
| Gynaecological Oncology                                                                                         | Gynaecological Oncologist             |
| Haematology                                                                                                     | Haematologist                         |
| Immunology                                                                                                      | Immunologist                          |
| Infectious Diseases                                                                                             | Infectious Diseases Physician         |
| Intensive Care-Anaesthetics                                                                                     | Anaesthetist                          |
| Intensive Care-Internal Medicine                                                                                | Physician                             |
| Internal Medicine                                                                                               | Physician                             |
| Medical Administration                                                                                          | Specialist in Medical Administration  |
| Medical Oncology                                                                                                | Medical Oncologist                    |
| More information overleaf  |                                       |

| <i><b>PRESCRIBED NAME OF SPECIALTY (cont)</b></i> | <i><b>PRESCRIBED TITLE OF SPECIALIST (cont)</b></i> |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Microbiology                                      | Microbiologist                                      |
| Neurology                                         | Neurologist                                         |
| Neurosurgery                                      | Neurosurgeon                                        |
| Nuclear Medicine                                  | Nuclear Physician<br>Specialist in Nuclear Medicine |
| Obstetrics and Gynaecology                        | Obstetrician and Gynaecologist                      |
| Occupational Medicine                             | Specialist in Occupational Medicine                 |
| Ophthalmology                                     | Ophthalmologist                                     |
| Orthopaedics                                      | Orthopaedic Surgeon                                 |
| Otorhinolaryngology                               | Otorhinolaryngologist                               |
| Paediatrics                                       | Paediatrician                                       |
| Paediatric Surgery                                | Paediatric Surgeon                                  |
| Pathology                                         | Pathologist                                         |
| Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery                | Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon                  |
| Psychiatry                                        | Psychiatrist                                        |
| Public Health                                     | Specialist in Public Health                         |
| Radiation Oncology                                | Radiation Oncologist                                |
| Rehabilitation Medicine                           | Specialist in Rehabilitation Medicine               |
| Renal Medicine                                    | Renal Physician                                     |
| Rheumatology                                      | Rheumatologist                                      |
| Thoracic Medicine                                 | Thoracic Physician                                  |
| Urology                                           | Urologist                                           |
| Vascular Surgery                                  | Vascular Surgeon                                    |



Dr. Vincent Berg,

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1<sup>st</sup> of December 2000

The Registrar  
Medical Board of Queensland

Re: Application for registration as a medical specialist in  
Psychiatry in Queensland

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to apply for registration as a medical specialist in Psychiatry in Queensland.

As I am registered with the Medical Board, you already have all the necessary documents to support my application.

Additionally, I am sending you filled-in application form, updated Curriculum Vitae, and certified copies of three referees' reports.

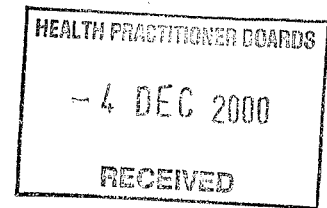
Please, let me know if you require any additional documents or/and information.

I hope to have your favourable response.

Sincerely yours,

*V. Berg*

Vincent Berg.



# Curriculum Vitae of Dr. Vincent V. Berg

8 Mount Elliott Drive,

e-mail Vincent [Berg@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:Berg@health.qld.gov.au)

I was born on the 19 February 1952 in the USSR.

After the completion of high school, in September 1969, I entered medical faculty of the Voronezh State University as a full-time student in Medicine with major in Psychiatry. Its combined graduate and postgraduate course had been fully completed by myself. I also fully completed the medical-psychiatric internship and submitted research thesis on the topic "Schizophrenia as A Cause of the Alienation of Personality from Society and of the Antisocial Behaviour". In May 1977, I had been awarded the degree of Doctor of Medicine in Psychiatry. Continuing my postgraduate study, from May 1977 to December 1978, I had undertaken a research in Psychology on the topic "The Alienation of Personality From Society as A Cause of Antisocial Behaviour". After the completion of this research, I had been awarded the research Degree of the Candidate of Sciences in Psychology, which is equal to Australian PhD.

Since January 1978 until April 1982, I had been working as a full-time lecturer and senior lecturer in Abnormal Psychology at the medical faculty of the Voronezh State University. Also, since January 1978 until August 1986, I had been working as a part-time psychiatrist in the psychiatric clinic of the State Department of Health. In April 1982, I had been ordained a deacon in the Russian Orthodox Church. In June 1982, I had been ordained a priest. In June 1986, I had been consecrated as a bishop. In August 1986, the KGB illegally arrested me for my political and religious beliefs. In January 1988, I had been released from the KGB prison. However, I was not allowed to practice officially as psychiatrist and priest. I had been working as a priest in the underground Church and practising privately and secretly as a psychiatrist.

The communist authorities tried to stop my activities. The

persecutions forced me to leave the country of my birth. In December 1992, I arrived in Australia.

All my circumstances and documents were checked and approved by the Australian Federal authorities. In October 1993, I was recognised by the Australian Federal Government as a refugee for political reasons and gained domestic protection. By that time, I rejected Russian citizenship. In June 1994, I was granted permanent residence in Australia, and, on the 30<sup>th</sup> of October 1996, --Australian citizenship.

I arrived in Australia with my son. As a sole parent, I was granted pension by the government. For the last 6 years, I dedicated my time to my son, looking after him, and to a private research on suicide.

From August 1999 to November 1999, I had been practising as a Clinical Observer in Psychiatry in the Gold Coast Hospital. In October same year, I had been granted conditional registration with the Medical Board of Queensland. Since the 10th of January 2000, I have been working as a Registrar in Psychiatry (non-training position) in the Community Mental Health Services, Townsville. In November 2000, I have been elected an associate member of the Institute of Australasian Psychiatrists.

My referees are:

Dr. Barend Vorster, immediate supervisor, Consultant Psychiatrist, Community Mental Health Services, Townsville, phone 61 7 4727 0211, e-mail [Barend\\_Vorster@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:Barend_Vorster@health.qld.gov.au);

Dr. Brian Boettcher, associate supervisor, Director of Forensic Psychiatry in North Queensland, phone 61 7 4727 0211, e-mail [Brian\\_Boettcher@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:Brian_Boettcher@health.qld.gov.au);

Dr. Leon Petchkovsky, Senior Specialist Psychiatrist, Director of Psychotherapy, Integrated Mental Health Services, Gold Coast, Senior Lecturer in Psychiatry, University of Queensland, phone 61 7 5571 8911, e-mail [Leon\\_Petchkovsky@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:Leon_Petchkovsky@health.qld.gov.au).

*V. Berg*

Vincent Berg.

## Detailed Curriculum Vitae of Dr. Vincent Victor Berg

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| <b><u>Medical Faculty of the Voronezh State University:</u></b>           |                                                                |
| Dates of rotation                                                         | 01.09.1969 – 21.05.1977                                        |
| Classification                                                            | Full-time student in Medicine with major in Psychiatry         |
| Number of studied subjects                                                | 58 (fifty eight)                                               |
| Total hours of studied subjects                                           | 6,180 (six thousand one hundred and eighty) hours              |
| Studied subjects (names and hours)                                        | See the Supplement to Degree                                   |
| Practical training in subjects                                            | One half of a total time per a subject                         |
| Course research works                                                     | Neurology (20,000 words) and General Psychiatry (25,000 words) |
| Course work                                                               | Organisation and planning of health care (15,000 words)        |
| Total medical practice time at the university (not including internship): | 1203 (one thousand two hundred and three) hours                |
| General medical practice in the Voronezh Regional General Hospital        | 348 (three hundred and forty eight) hours                      |
| General                                                                   | 102 (one hundred and two) hours                                |
| Nursing                                                                   | 43 (forty three) hours                                         |
| Surgical                                                                  | 203 (two hundred and three) hours                              |
| Specialised medical practice in the Voronezh Regional General Hospital    | 534 (five hundred and thirty four) hours                       |
| Anatomical                                                                | 144 (one hundred and forty four) hours                         |
| Anaesthesiology                                                           | 17 (seventeen) hours                                           |
| Dermatology                                                               | 19 (nineteen) hours                                            |
| Infectious Diseases                                                       | 77 (seventy seven) hours                                       |
| Neurology                                                                 | 97 (ninety seven) hours                                        |
| Neurological Surgery                                                      | 32 (thirty two) hours                                          |
| Oncology                                                                  | 17 (seventeen) hours                                           |
| Otolaryngology                                                            | 22 (twenty two) hours                                          |
| Paediatrics                                                               | 23 (twenty three) hours                                        |
| Radiology                                                                 | 17 (seventeen) hours                                           |
| Heart Diseases                                                            | 30 (thirty) hours                                              |
| Physiotherapy                                                             | 39 (thirty nine) hours                                         |

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| Psychiatric practice in the Voronezh Regional Psychiatric Hospital           | 321 (three hundred and twenty one) hours                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| General Psychiatry                                                           | 142 (one hundred and forty two) hours                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Psychotherapy                                                                | 61 (sixty one) hours                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Child and Adolescent Psychiatry                                              | 58 (fifty eight) hours                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Forensic Psychiatry                                                          | 60 (sixty) hours                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Medical-psychiatric internship in the Voronezh Regional Psychiatric Hospital | 01.09.1975 – 01.05.1977                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Dates of rotation                                                            | Full-time psychiatrist (supervised) – 40                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Classification                                                               | (forty) hours per week, 01.09.75 – 31.08.76                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|                                                                              | Part-time psychiatrist (supervised) – 20                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|                                                                              | (twenty) hours per week, 01.09.76 – 01.05.77                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Supervisor (individual)                                                      | Professor of Psychiatry M. Shumsky (Doctor of Medicine in Psychiatry)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Training experience                                                          | Two thirds of time spent treating inpatients (adults and children) with various diseases, mostly with acute forms of schizophrenia and bipolar disorder. One third of time spent in hospital's clinic treating outpatients (adults and children) with anxiety and personality disorders, depressions, paranoias, hysterias, addictions to substances, etc. |
| Case histories (> 5,000 words)                                               | Three (one adult patient with acute schizophrenia, one 14-year-old patient with anorexia nervosa, and one elderly patient with Parkinson's disease)                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Qualifying research in Psychiatry                                            | Research and thesis (60,000 words)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Form                                                                         | "Schizophrenia as a Cause of the Alienation of Personality From Society and of the Antisocial Behaviour"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Topic                                                                        | 01.09.1975 – 01.05.1977                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Dates of rotation                                                            | Professor of Psychiatry M. Shumsky (Doctor of Medicine in Psychiatry)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Supervisor                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Degree awarded                                                               | Doctor of Medicine in Psychiatry                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b><u>Medical Faculty of the Voronezh State University:</u></b>              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Dates of rotation                                                            | January 1978 – April 1982                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Classification                                                               | Lecturer and Senior Lecturer in Abnormal Psychology                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Appointment                                                                  | Full-time, 38 (thirty eight) hours per                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

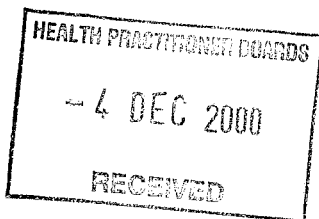


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| Location                                                                                                                              | week<br>Voronezh-city (USSR)                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Supervision                                                                                                                           | Without supervision                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b><u>Voronezh Regional Psycho-neurological clinic:</u></b>                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Dates of rotation                                                                                                                     | January 1978 – August 1986                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Classification                                                                                                                        | Psychiatrist                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Appointment                                                                                                                           | Part-time, 20 (twenty) hours per week                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Location                                                                                                                              | Voronezh-city (USSR)                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Supervision                                                                                                                           | By senior staff in the forms of consultations when requested, ward rounds, and professional meetings                                                                                                   |
| Patients treated                                                                                                                      | Outpatients (adults and children) with various psychiatric diseases. Inpatients of the Voronezh Regional Psychiatric Hospital, when visiting patients sent by myself, or when invited for consultation |
| Total duration of the postgraduate on-job psychiatric training                                                                        | 5 (five) years: 2 (two) years of medical-psychiatric internship and 3 (three) years as a junior psychiatrist                                                                                           |
| <b><u>Awarded the Research Degree of the Candidate of Sciences in Psychology</u></b><br>(equivalent of Australian PhD in Psychology): |                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Date                                                                                                                                  | 15.12.1978                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Form                                                                                                                                  | Research, thesis (85,000 words), and publications                                                                                                                                                      |
| Topic                                                                                                                                 | “The Alienation of Personality From Society as A Cause of Antisocial Behaviour”                                                                                                                        |
| <b><u>Private Practice as Psychiatrist:</u></b>                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Dates of rotation                                                                                                                     | January 1988 – September 1992                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Classification                                                                                                                        | Psychiatrist                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Location                                                                                                                              | Tula-city (Russia)                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Average hours per week                                                                                                                | 10 (ten) hours                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Patients (adults only)                                                                                                                | Mostly, with anxiety and depressive disorders. Some – with schizophrenia, bipolar disorders, etc.                                                                                                      |

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| Treatment methods                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Psychotherapy including hypnosis                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Total medical practice time in General Hospital                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1 (one) year                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Experience in Psychiatry equivalent to Australian junior registrar (1974 – 1977)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 3 (three) years                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Experience in Psychiatry equivalent to Australian senior registrar (1978 – 1980)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 3 (three) years                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Experience in Psychiatry equivalent to Australian consultant and senior psychiatrist experience (1981 – 1992)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 11 (eleven) years                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Teaching experience in Psychiatry                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 4.5 (four and a half) years as a Lecturer and Senior Lecturer at the Voronezh State University                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Number of articles published (1974 – 1986)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | About 60 (sixty)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b><u>Australia:</u></b><br>Arrival as a tourist<br>Political and religious refugee under Australian government protection<br>Pensioner<br>Permanent residence in Australia<br>Full-time clinical observer in Psychiatry in the Gold Coast Hospital<br>Conditional registration with the Medical Board of Queensland<br>Registrar in Psychiatry in the Community Mental Health Services, Townsville<br>Associate Member of the Institute of Australasian Psychiatrists | 19 <sup>th</sup> of December 1992<br>Granted in August 1993<br><br>September 1993 – 9 <sup>th</sup> of January 2000<br>Granted in June 1994<br>August 1999 – November 1999<br><br>Since October 1999, No. 991357<br><br>10 <sup>th</sup> of January 2000 – present time<br><br>November 2000 |



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## **GOLD COAST DISTRICT HEALTH SERVICE**

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### **TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

- I have known Dr Vincent Berg for over a year, since his placement at our Gold Coast Hospital Department of Psychiatry. He is an experienced and trusted colleague and I have no hesitation in recommending him for any Consultant level posting he might apply for.
- He is **well-qualified** and very **experienced**. Vincent trained as a specialist in psychiatry in the former Soviet Union. In addition, he wrote an excellent Doctoral Thesis ("Aspects of Suicide") to the theme of suicidality in adolescents, a copy of which I have in my library. Thus, in comparable terms of qualifications, he has the equivalent of a Medical Degree with a postgraduate qualification in Psychiatry to the fellowship level, and a PhD to an important and topical psychiatric subject as well.
- Dr Berg has much to teach us from a European Psychiatric perspective. He has also had a chance over the last 12 months to catch up with current developments in best psychiatric practice in Australia.
- It should be said that he is a man of the highest possible standards of **integrity**, tried in the fires of life. After his psychiatric training, he entered the Russian Orthodox priesthood in the "pre-Glasnost" period, and suffered political persecution. He has my highest respect and admiration.
- Finally, and not inconsiderably, in recent discussions with my Russian-speaking Sydney friend and colleague, the Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist Dr Milorad Sokolovski, I learnt that the psychiatric needs of our large Russian speaking migrant group were not being met because there were so few **Russian speaking psychiatrists** in practice.

For all the above reasons and more, I value Dr Berg and the contributions he is bringing to Australian psychiatry.

He will be a strong asset to any service he joins.

Dr Leon Petchkovsky

**Townsville Health Service District**  
**Forensic Mental Health Service**  
*Northern Zone*

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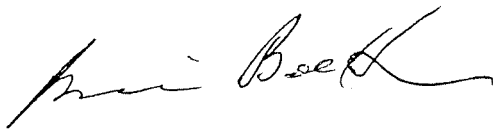
I have worked with Vincent Berg for several months since starting work in Townsville as the Director of Forensic Mental Health Services, Northern Zone. He has been sharing the same rooms as myself and I have been supervising him from time to time and discussing patients with him.

He clearly has considerable experience in Psychiatry and I have examined his original Russian credentials together with certified copies in English of these credentials and they all seem perfectly in order to me. He also showed several papers that he has written together with a paper that he had done on suicide, which I would believe, is at PhD standard and is about 85,000 words long. The work itself is extremely good and it is an excellent review of suicide together with some original thoughts on this subject.

He has a degree in Russia which would qualify him in Australia I believe, as a Consultant Psychiatrist as well as having medical and psychiatric qualifications, he has also obtained a PhD in Russia. His English is good and he relates well to patients. I believe he should be working in Australia as a Consultant Psychiatrist level.

Added to all this, is the incredible hardship that he suffered in Russia after he was persecuted for political reasons and was eventually accepted in Australia as a Political Refugee. I believe he has much to teach us about Psychiatry as performed in Europe and it would be a considerable loss if people such as him are not recognised as specialist Psychiatrists in Australia with his very considerable experience.

Yours sincerely



**DR. B. BOETTCHER**  
Consultant Psychiatrist and  
Director  
Forensic Mental Health Service  
Northern Zone  
Queensland

November 13, 2000.

*Dr Barend J Vorster*  
*BA(Hon); MB.ChB; M.Med(Psych)*

*Psychiatrist*

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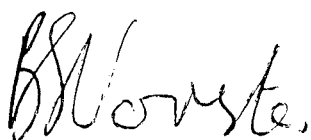
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***RE : DR VINCENT BERG***

*Dr. Vincent Berg qualified as a psychiatrist in Russia. After a period of seven years of not practicing as a medical doctor, he started working in the Department of Psychiatry at Townsville General Hospital. During those seven years of not practicing medicine, Dr. Berg did research on suicide and suicide prevention.*

*Although Dr. Berg worked under very difficult circumstances with very little support, he was diligent and dutiful. In the short time that I know him, I found him to be caring and empathetic towards his clients. Dr. Berg is appreciated for his experience as well as for his general knowledge.*

*I respect Dr. Berg's loyalty and trustworthiness while working with me and I recommend him for any application he would make in the future.*



*BAREND VORSTER - reg under 17C(d)*

25 July 2000

Dr Vincent Berg  
C/- Townsville General Hospital  
Eyre Street  
NORTH WARD  
TOWNSVILLE QLD 4810

Dear Dr Berg

I acknowledge your letter of 21 July 2000 directed, amongst others, to the Medical Board of Queensland.

You have pointed to alleged inconsistencies in your circumstances compared with those of another unnamed overseas trained psychiatrist. It would not be possible to respond further to your assertions in this respect without knowledge of the full details.

From those details of your grievances and particular circumstances which you have provided, it is however clear that the issues raised may concern the relevant college and the employer, but not the Medical Board of Queensland.

According to the Board's records, you were offered a training position as a registrar in psychiatry with a one year posting at Townsville General Hospital, subject to obtaining appropriate conditional registration to undertake the offered training activity. Registration was subsequently approved by the Board, effective from 4 January 2000.

The Medical Board of Queensland administers the legislation which regulates the practice of medicine in this state. The Board must pursue its obligations under the legislation in an open and fair manner. Refusal of an application for registration is always notified to the applicant together with full reasons for the decision. Review and appeal processes are also available to unsuccessful applicants.

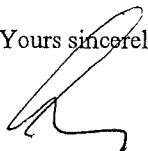
The Board is not able to exercise discretion regarding applicants such as on the basis of citizenship or refugee status. Indeed any such preference would be inequitable, and no doubt unlawful.

( Unfortunately, your primary and specialist qualifications obtained in the former USSR do not entitle you to any form of registration in this State. ) Only conditional registration for a specific purpose such as, in this case, to undertake training approved by the Board is available to you.

The Board has a significant responsibility to ensure that applicants have met the legislative, training and entry standards necessary for registration. Applications are carefully scrutinised under open and fair processes. Your application was carefully considered and the category in which you are currently registered is that which is appropriate in your circumstances.

I trust that the above clarifies the position for you.

Yours sincerely



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