

COMMISSION OF INQUIRY NO. 1 OF 2005
MEDICAL BOARD OF QUEENSLAND

Affidavit of:

Name: MICHAEL STEVEN DEMY-GEROE

Address: C/- Medical Board of Queensland, Level 19, 160 Mary Street,
Brisbane, Queensland,


Deputy Registrar, Medical Board of Queensland


Telephone No.: (W): 3225 2500

Mobile:


States on oath:


1. This statement is made without prior knowledge of any evidence or information held by the Inquiry which is potentially adverse to the Board or its members, the Executive Officer of Office of Health Practitioner Registration Boards or its employees and in the expectation that any of the aforementioned will be afforded procedural fairness upon timely receipt of any notice of adverse allegation, or notification of evidence or information requiring the response of any of the aforementioned.
2. My full name is MICHAEL STEVEN DEMY-GEROE and I am a Deputy Registrar of the Office of the Health Practitioner Registration Boards ("OHPRB"). I have held this position since approximately May 1988. As Deputy Registrar I have been assigned responsibility for the management of administrative support to the Medical Board of Queensland ("the Board"), since around mid-1992.
3. On 4 December 2002 a Ministerial Brief was prepared outlining the issues involved in the registration of Vincent Victor Berg. Annexed hereto and marked "MDG-1" is a copy of the Ministerial Brief. A copy of this information was also provided to Dr Andrew Johnson on 5 December 2002.

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4. Berg first applied to the Board for conditional registration on 14 July 1999. The Board subsequently resolved to decline the registration on 24 August 1999. Annexed hereto and marked "MDG-2" is a true copy of the Minutes of the Board meeting.
5. In mid October 1999 Townsville Health Service District notified the Board that Berg had been appointed to a Psychiatry Registrar position at Townsville General Hospital on 29 September 1999, subject to him obtaining registration with the Board. The Hospital sought urgent consideration of conditional registration for Berg for this purpose. At the October 1999 Registration Advisory Committee ("RAC") meeting, it was recommended that Berg be approved registration for 12 months to undertake postgraduate training upon completion of registration requirements which included completion of documentation and interview. Approval was given by the Board in accordance with the RAC recommendation at its meeting on 26 October 1999. Berg personally lodged his application for registration at the Board's office on 13 December 1999 and he was interviewed thereafter by the Deputy Director of Medical Services, Townsville General Hospital on behalf of the Board on 4 January 2000. The "in principle" approval of Berg's registration became absolute from that date. Annexed hereto and marked "MDG-3" is a true copy of the Application for Registration as Medical Practitioner. Annexed hereto and marked "MDG-4" is a true copy of an extract of Minutes of the meeting of the Board.
6. On 16 February 2000 the Registrar of the Board requested Berg to explain the difference in his name, Vincent Victor Berg, under which he applied for registration, and Tchekaline Victor Vladimirovich, the name on his primary medical certificate from the Voronezh State University in Russia. Berg responded in a letter dated 22 February 2000 that he had changed his name through the Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs ("the Immigration Department") for security reasons. On 7 March 2000 Dr Barry Hodges of Townsville Health Service District wrote to the Registrar of the Board enclosing a Statutory Declaration of Berg and a letter from the Immigration Department, explaining the name change. Annexed hereto and marked "MDG-5," is a true copy of the letter from the Registrar to Berg; annexed

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enclosing a Statutory Declaration of Berg and a letter from the Immigration Department, explaining the name change. Annexed hereto and marked "MDG-5," is a true copy of the letter from the Registrar to Berg; annexed hereto and marked "MDG-6" is a true copy of letter from Berg to the Board; and annexed hereto and marked "MDG-7" is a true copy of the letter from the Dr Hodges to the Board.

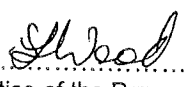
8. In a letter dated 4 May 2000 Dr Barry Hodges advised the Board of the details of Berg's post graduate training program.
9. On 4 December 2000 the OHPRB received an application from Berg for registration as a specialist in Psychiatry. The Board resolved at its meeting on 9 January 2001 not to approve the specialist registration as Berg did not hold a qualification upon which such registration could be based. The Board also resolved to request the Immigration Department to enquire as to whether Tchekaline Victor Vladimirovich graduated from Voronezh State University. Annexed hereto and marked "MDG-8" is a true copy of the Minutes of the Board.
10. On 12 February 2001 the Assistant Registrar of the Board wrote to the Australian Embassy in Moscow enclosing copies of the degree provided by Berg and its translation with a request that the Embassy make enquiries to determine the authenticity of the degree. Annexed hereto and marked "MDG-9" is a true copy of this letter. As far as I am aware the Board never received a response to the request that the Embassy enquire as to the authenticity of these qualifications.
11. The Board resolved at its meeting on 27 February 2001 that it reaffirm the decision not to grant Berg conditional registration and to advise Berg that he could forward his qualifications to the Australian Medical Council ("the AMC") for assessment by RANZCP. A letter advising Berg of these decisions was sent to Berg on or about 12 March 2001. Annexed hereto and marked "MDG-10" and "MDG-11" respectively are true copies of the Minutes of the meeting of the Board and the letter from the Registrar to Berg.

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12. On 31 July 2001 the Board forwarded a Certificate of Standing to the Australian Medical Council which stated that Berg held conditional registration from 4 January 2000 to 3 January 2001. Annexed hereto and marked "MDG-12" is a true copy of this Certificate.
13. On 19 October 2001 the OHPRB received a copy of a letter from Gail McKenzie, Administrative Officer Training and Assessment RANZCP, to Mr Ian Frank of the Australian Medical Council dated 16 October 2001. This letter advised that RANZCP confirmed overseas psychiatric qualifications with the relevant University. RANZCP were informed that Voronezh State University did not produce the relevant diploma number and the particular educational program did not exist in the year Berg claimed to have graduated. RANZCP were then informed that the diplomas were forgeries and not produced by the University. This was the first time that the Board were made aware of this information. Annexed hereto and marked "MDG-13" is a true copy of this letter.
14. On 25 October 2001 the AMC sent to the Board a faxed copy of a letter addressed to Berg. This letter advised Berg of the penalties for supplying false information and invited Berg to respond to their letter. Annexed hereto and marked "MDG-14" is a true copy of the facsimile received from the AMC.
15. Berg then sent two letters dated 30 October 2001 and 11 November 2001 to Ian Frank of the Australian Medical Council. Annexed hereto and marked "MDG-15" and "MDG-16" are true copies of these letters.
16. On 10 January 2002 the Board issued a Certificate of Good Standing directly to Berg, noting that the Board had been unable to verify Berg's qualifications. Annexed hereto and marked "MDG-17" is a true copy of the Certificate.
17. On 22 January 2002 the Board noted the concerns in relation to the authenticity of the documentation supplied by Dr Berg. Annexed hereto and marked "MDG-18" is a true copy of the Minutes of the Board.
18. On 1 February 2002 the OHPRB received a letter from Mr Craig Glenroy Patterson of RANZCP advising that RANZCP could not proceed with Dr Berg's specialist assessment because of concerns with his documentation

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after information was obtained from Russia. The Board noted the correspondence received from RANZCP at its meeting on 26 February 2002. Annexed hereto and marked "MDG-19" and "MDG-20" are true copies of the letter from RANZCP and the Minutes of the Board.

19. On 13 December 2002 the OHPRB received a letter from Ken Whelan, District Manager of the Townsville Health Service District dated 6 December 2002. The letter was copied to Dr Lloyd Toft, then President of the Medical Board of Queensland and Dr Steve Buckland, then General Manager, Health Services, Queensland Health. Mr Whelan requested information as to the reason Queensland Health was not notified that there was an issue regarding the authenticity of Berg's qualifications. Mr Whelan requested that the Board report the matter to the police. Annexed hereto and marked "MDG-21" is a true copy of this letter.
20. The Board noted the correspondence received from Mr Whelan at its meeting on 14 January 2003. In relation to the last sentence of the third paragraph of Mr Whelan's letter, I note that Queensland Health had already approved Berg's employment in September 1999. The Board resolved to respond to Mr Whelan's correspondence. Annexed hereto and marked "MDG-22" is a true copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Board.
21. On 28 January 2003 Dr Lloyd Toft wrote to Mr Whelan, regretting that the Townsville Health Service District had not been advised that Berg did not hold relevant qualifications which would have allowed him to undertake postgraduate training when this had been discovered. The letter also advised that a process had been put in place to ensure that an employer is notified if it is discovered that a registered practitioner does not hold the relevant qualifications. A true copy of this letter is annexed hereto and marked "MDG-23".
22. It is now regarded as a matter of administrative procedure that employers and others with a legitimate interest should be notified of any such cases of forgery.

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23. My recollection is that the Board decided that as the practitioner was no longer registered in Queensland there was little which could be done in contacting the police, other than to ensure procedures that such situations did not arise again.
24. I am aware that Dr Buckland was to receive a copy of the letter exhibited as "MDG-21." I have not discussed this matter with Dr Buckland and do not know *Dr*, whether or not any member of the Board discussed this matter with Dr Buckland.
25. I recall having discussions with representatives of the Northern Territory Medical Board, Darwin or Alice Springs Hospital in relation to Berg. I believed I informed the caller of our experience with Berg and the concerns regarding his credentials. In relation to inquiries on behalf of the Western Australian Medical Board on 11 February 2002, I note that similar concerns were raised with the representative and the Board was later advised of the cancellation of Berg's registration in that State on 28 February 2002.
26. Under the current more stringent registration procedures for assessment of Special Purpose applicants, the verification of all documentation is now checked by a senior assessment officer who would then brief myself and the Registration Advisory Committee of any concerns.

Affidavit sworn on 30 . day of August 2005

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This is the annexure marked "**MDG-1**" mentioned and referred to in the Statement of **MICHAEL STEVEN DEMY-GEROE** dated this 3rd day of August 2005.

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.

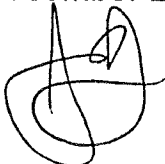
On 16 October 2001, the College wrote to the Australian Medical Council and the Boards advising that it had directly contacted Voronezh State University in an attempt to confirm Berg's qualifications. The University denied that the Certificates related to a graduate of that institution and stated that 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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This is the annexure marked "**MDG-2**" mentioned and referred to in the Statement of **MICHAEL STEVEN DEMY-GEROE** dated this 3rd day of August 2005.

EXTRACT OF MINUTES, ORDINARY MEETING OF THE MEDICAL BOARD OF
QUEENSLAND HELD ON TUESDAY 24 AUGUST 1999

SECTION 17C(a)

991357 **BERG, VINCENT VICTOR - MD VORONESH**
1977

RESOLVED that Dr Berg be declined conditional registration under Section 17C(a) to work as a clinical observer in the psychiatric department at Gold Coast Hospital as the Board considers such an activity to be the equivalent of a medical student, for which there is no suitable registration category.

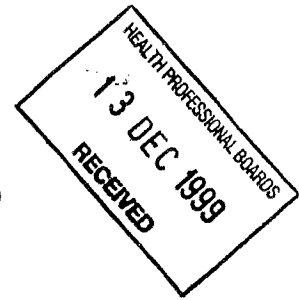
Present: Dr L Toft, Professor C B Campbell, Dr M Cohn, Ms P Frampton, Dr F K Fry, Dr D Lange,
Dr G J Powell

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This is the annexure marked "**MDG-3**" mentioned and referred to in the Statement of **MICHAEL STEVEN DEMY-GEROE** dated this 3rd day of August 2005.

Form No. M 02

THE MEDICAL
BOARD OF QUEENSLAND



APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION
AS A
MEDICAL PRACTITIONER
IN QUEENSLAND

MEDICAL ACT 1939

Please Read the Accompanying Guidelines Before Completing this Form

Complete Form and Return with Accompanying Documents to:

The Registrar
Medical Board
GPO Box 2438
BRISBANE QLD 4001

or deliver to

Office of the Health
Professional 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

APPLICATION DETAILS - Please ✓ Appropriate Box And Print Complete Information Requested as per Accompanying Guidelines

TITLE: MR MRS MS MISS **DR** OTHER

(circle preferred title)

(please specify)

SURNAME

BERG

GIVEN NAMES (in full)

VINCENT VICTOR

PREVIOUS NAME(S) (if applicable)

VICTOR TCHEKALINE

LANGUAGES SPOKEN (other than English)

RUSSIAN, GERMAN

DEGREE OF FLUENCY

FUNCTIONAL ☒

NATIVE SPEAKING ☒

Date of Birth

Country of Birth

Sex Male ☒ Female ☐

POSTAL ADDRESS
(For Inclusion in Public Register)

Department of
Psychiatry Townsville
General Hospital

Postcode

PROFESSIONAL ADDRESS

same

Postcode

RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

same

Postcode

CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBERS: DAY () AFTER HOURS ()

REGISTRATION:

State/territory/country first registered

USSR

and year 1977

Are you currently registered elsewhere? YES ☐ NO ☐ If yes, give State/Territory/Country

Have you previously been registered in another State or Territory of Australia? YES ☐ NO ☒

If yes, give State/Territory/Country

Have you previously been registered in Queensland? YES ☐ NO ☒

YEAR

A CURRENT CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING FROM YOUR PRESENT REGISTERING AUTHORITY IS REQUIRED BEFORE COMMENCEMENT OF PRACTISE.

CATEGORY OF REGISTRATION APPLIED FOR:

GENERAL (UNCONDITIONAL) ☐

CONDITIONAL (State Conditions) ☒

SPECIALIST (See Back Page) ☐

QUALIFICATIONS ON WHICH APPLICATION IS BASED: (earliest qualification first)

Degree/Diploma/Certificate

University/College/Examining Body

Year Conferred

Doctor of

Voronezh State

Medicine in

University (USSR)

1977

Psychiatry

SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE AS A MEDICAL PRACTITIONER SINCE QUALIFYING
(If insufficient space set out on separate page)

Practice Name/Employer

Address

Period of Practice

Psychiatrist,

Voronezh-city

1977 - 1986

Voronezh Regional

(Russia)

Psychiatric Clinic

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES: If "Yes" to any of the following, please provide full details on a separate sheet.
Have you any disability affecting your capacity to practise?

YES ☐ NO ☒

Are you the subject of disciplinary proceedings in any State, Territory, Country or any preliminary investigations or actions that may lead to disciplinary proceedings in relation to your practice as a medical practitioner?

YES ☐ NO ☒

Is your registration cancelled or currently suspended as a result of disciplinary action in any State, Territory or Country?

YES ☐ NO ☒

Are you otherwise personally prohibited from carrying out practice as a Medical Practitioner in any State, Territory or Country other than for non-payment of fees?

YES ☐ NO ☒

Are you subject to any special conditions in carrying out practice as a Medical Practitioner as a result of criminal, civil or disciplinary proceedings in any State, Territory or Country?

YES ☐ NO ☒

Have you ever been refused registration in any State, Territory or Country?

YES ☐ NO ☒

Have you been found guilty, pleaded guilty to, or at any time been convicted of any indictable offence in the last 10 years?

YES ☐ NO ☒

Are you an Australian Citizen or have Permanent Resident Status?

YES ☐ NO ☒

REFEREES: Give name, address, occupation and telephone number of two persons practising in your profession who have known you for at least the past twelve months.

Name Dr. Leon Belshokovsky

Name Dr. Diana Hamilton

Address Gold Coast Hospital

Address Gold Coast Hospital

Department of Psychiatry

Department of Psychiatry

Occupation Senior Psychiatrist

Occupation Consultant psychiatrist

Telephone _____ Postcode

Telephone _____ Postcode

I do solemnly and sincerely declare that the above statements are true and correct, that I am the person named in the attached documents and that I am the person in the attached photograph/s which bears my signature and is a recent likeness as certified on the back by.....; that I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true.

VINCENT BERG

Printed Name of Applicant

V. Berg

Signature of Applicant

D. COHRAN

Printed Name of Witness

Shahen

Signature of Witness

Date: 13th day of DECEMBER 1999

ACCOMPANYING ITEMS: The following should be attached:

ALL PHOTOCOPIES MUST BE CERTIFIED AS TRUE COPIES BY A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE OR A COMMISSIONER FOR DECLARATIONS

APPLICATION AND REGISTRATION FEE: ~~\$210.00~~ **\$260.00**

PROOF OF IDENTITY:

- drivers licence, birth certificate, passport or Certificate of Australian Citizenship
- marriage certificate (if applicable)
- statutory declaration for any name changes
- recent passport type photograph/s with signature on the back

TRANSLATIONS:

Where applicable translation of any documents must be by a certified translator

PROOF OF QUALIFICATIONS: Original or certified copies of relevant documents:

- original or copy of qualifications including specialist qualifications
- current registration/practising certificate
- recent reference relating to employment within the past five years

CURRICULUM VITAE

INSTRUCTION FOR COMPLETION OF APPLICATION:

ALL SECTIONS OF THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED

• **SPECIALIST REGISTRATION:**

Application for registration as a specialist requires a separate form available on request from the Medical Board.

• **PRACTICE NAME:**

Practitioners who wish to practice under a name other than the name specified on their Registration certificate must obtain written approval of the Medical Board.

• **ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:**

Registrable qualifications other than those listed as primary qualifications may be listed by the Medical Board on application.

• **FEE EXEMPTIONS:**

Applications for fee exemption may be considered by the Medical Board from practitioners over the age of 70 years.

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR INFORMATION FROM APPLICANT IN SUPPORT OF
REQUEST FOR REGISTRATION AS A MEDICAL PRACTITIONER (if insufficient space set out on separate page)**

Credit Card Payments (Visa, Mastercard or Bankcard through mail or over counter only; not by fax or phone)

For this payment to be accepted you must complete all sections below.

VISA

☐

MASTERCARD

☐

BANKCARD

☐

CARD NUMBER

EXPIRY DATE

CARD HOLDER'S NAME (Print)

CARD HOLDER'S SIGNATURE

AMOUNT \$ 260.00

REFEREES: Give name, address, occupation and telephone number of two persons practising in your profession who have known you for at least the past twelve months.

FOLLOW THIS GUIDE WHILE COMPLETING THE REGISTRATION APPLICATION FORM

These guidelines are to assist you in the completion of your application and to prevent delays in processing by the Board.

1. All sections of the form **MUST** be completed.
2. Applicant's declaration **MUST** be witnessed.

Failure to complete the declaration may delay processing of your application.

3. Certified copies of academic qualifications must be attached to the application form.
4. A current and original Certificate of Good Standing from your present registering authority is required - this certificate must have been issued within a period of three months prior to the date of commencing practise in Queensland. If you are not currently registered or if you are registered in more than one jurisdiction, a certificate from the registration authority where you most recently practised must be provided.
5. Certified copies of documents evidencing any name change must be provided.
6. Prior to forwarding your application please complete the **checklist** on the opposite page of this brochure.
7. Original documents or certified copies must be submitted before registration can be confirmed. Facsimile applications cannot be accepted.
8. A Curriculum Vitae must be provided.
9. Evidence of Internship must be provided if you graduated within the last three years.

APPLICANT CHECK LIST

- Have you completed the form in full? ☐
- Has the declaration been witnessed ? ☐
- Is relevant documentary evidence of qualifications and experience in Medicine attached ? ☐
- Have you attached the prescribed fees payment of ~~\$210.00~~ \$260.00 ☐
- Have you attached two recent passport size photographs signed and verified on the reverse side to be a true likeness? ☐
- Have you attached your Curriculum Vitae ☐

If you do not follow these guidelines and provide all of the requested supporting documentation, delays may occur in processing your application.

All applications for registration must be approved by the full Medical Board, and applicants must be personally interviewed on behalf of the Board by the President or an authorised member of the Board before registration is authorised.

You should ensure that you allow sufficient time for completion of all registration requirements before any intended date of commencement of practise to which you are committed. **(AT LEAST 6 WEEKS)**

Should you need further information please contact a staff member of the Medical Board by telephone on : (07) 3225 2528 or e-mail: medical@healthregboards.qld.gov.au

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This is the annexure marked **"MDG-4"** mentioned and referred to in the Statement of **MICHAEL STEVEN DEMY-GEROE** dated this 3rd day of August 2005.

EXTRACT OF MINUTES, ORDINARY MEETING OF THE MEDICAL BOARD OF QUEENSLAND
HELD ON TUESDAY 26 OCTOBER 1999

SECTION 17C(a)

29137 BERG, VINCENT VICTOR - MD VORONESH 1977

RESOLVED that Dr Berg be approved conditional registration under Section 17C(a) to undertake postgraduate training in psychiatry at Townsville General Hospital for a period of 12 months upon completion of registration requirements.

Present: Dr L Toft, Professor C B Campbell (from 6.05pm), Dr M Cohn, Professor TRO Cramond (until 7.25pm), Ms P Frampton, Dr D Lange, Dr G J Powell, Ms R Penny

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This is the annexure marked "**MDG-5**" mentioned and referred to in the Statement of **MICHAEL STEVEN DEMY-GEROE** dated this 3rd day of August 2005.

16 February 2000

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

Dear Dr Berg

An examination of the documentation on your file has revealed that all relevant certificates and identifying material, with the exception of a certificate of Australian citizenship, is in fact in a name other than that in which you applied for registration. The name "Victor Tchekaline" appears on all documents, but has been manually altered to "Berg Vincent" or "Berg, Vincent Victor" on an Australian entry permit and on a Soviet Union passport.

The position is therefore that there is no acceptable evidence before the Board that the qualifications of Dr Victor Tchekaline which were submitted relate to Dr Vincent Berg.

Unless satisfactory evidence can be provided of a legal name change, or otherwise that you are one and the same person as Dr Victor Tchekaline within 14 days of this letter, the matter will be placed before the Medical Board for further consideration.

In this respect your attention is drawn to SS. 30 & 30A of the Medical Act 1939, a copy of which is attached.

Yours sincerely



for REGISTRAR

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This is the annexure marked "**MDG-6**" mentioned and referred to in the Statement of **MICHAEL STEVEN DEMY-GEROE** dated this 3rd day of August 2005.

change of
address

Dr. Vincent Victor Berg
7/2 Howitt Str.,
NORTH WARD, QLD, 4810
Phone (07) 4721-0412

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28/2/00 - an2³ FEB 2000

22nd of February 2000

The Medical Board of Queensland
Fax (07) 3225 2527

Re: record No 991357

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your letter of 16.02.2000 (which I have received today) requesting a documented evidence about changing my name from Victor Tchekaline to Vincent Victor Berg. I do understand your concern.

As I have been accepted by the Australian Federal Government as a refugee for political reasons under domestic protection, in 1996, before to become Australian citizen, I had changed my name not through Deed Poll (which is not required by Australian law) but, for security reasons, through the Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs.

Today, I have contacted Cairns office of the Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs (there is no such office in Townsville) regarding your request. This office has advised me that the official information regarding your request can be disclosed only with my official permission by signing certain documents. Such documents will be sent to me for signing tomorrow. The Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs has advised me that I can receive official document about changing my name in 10 - 14 days.

As soon as I receive such a document, I will send a certified copy of it to your office. I believe that there is no need to state that the information about changing of my name must not be disclosed to any third side.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please, contact Cairns office of the Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs.

With the best wishes, faithfully yours

Vincent Berg.

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This is the annexure marked "**MDG-7**" mentioned and referred to in the Statement of **MICHAEL STEVEN DEMY-GEROE** dated this 3rd day of August 2005.



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Facsimile No: 32252527.

From: Dr Barry Hodges
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Dr Vincent Berg

It looks as though this is all we are going to get. It's not altogether satisfactory, but it does appear that 'Tchekaline' and 'Berg' are one and the same person. No further action.

Mr. 30/3/00

**TOWNSVILLE HEALTH SERVICE DISTRICT**

Enquiries to: Medical Administration
Telephone: 07 4781 9480
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File Number:
Our Ref:
Your Ref:

7th March, 2000

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

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Dr Vincent Berg

In reference to your correspondence dated 16th February, 2000 regarding documentary evidence to support Dr Vincent Berg's legal name change. I enclose a copy of correspondence forwarded from the Department of Immigration and a Statutory Declaration signed before a Prescribed Public Servant forwarded from the Department of Immigration today.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

Dr Barry Hodges
Deputy Director of Medical Services

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STATUTORY DECLARATION

(1) Here insert name, address and occupation of person making the declaration.

(2) Here insert matter declared to, where the matter is long, add the words "as follows" and then put the matter out in numbered paragraphs.

I, Vincent Victor Berg, prisoner - 4/8 Angie
Mermaid Waters, 42
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do solemnly and sincerely declare

that I am not able to get my
 birth certificate from Russia because I have
 any contacts with Russia for security
 reasons being a refugee.

I declare that I have changed my
 name from Victor Tchikaline to
 Vincent Victor Berg for security reasons
 and I've changed the name of my
 child from Andrei Popov to Andrean
 Victor Berg for the same reason.
 I am no longer using my previous
 name.

I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959* as amended and subject to the penalties provided by that Act for the making of false statements in statutory declarations, conscientiously believing the statements contained in this declaration to be true in every particular.

(3) Signature of person making the declaration.

Declared at Southport

(4) V. Berg

on 25th of July, 1996

before me,

(5) Signature of person before whom the declaration is made.

(6) [Signature]

(7) Here insert title of person before whom the declaration is made.

(8) PRESIDENT PUBLIC SERVANT

NOTE 1.—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 for which is a fine not exceeding \$500 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or both if the offence is prosecuted summarily, or imprisonment for a term not exceeding four years if the offence is prosecuted upon indictment.

NOTE 2.—A statutory declaration under the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959* as amended may be made only before a Chief, Police, Resident or Special Magistrate, Stipendiary Magistrate or any Magistrate in respect of whose office an annual salary is payable; a Justice of the Peace; a person authorised under any law in force in Australia or its Territories to take affidavits; a person appointed under the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959* as amended or under a State Act to be a Commissioner for Declarations; a person appointed as a Commissioner for Declarations under the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959*; a Notary Public; a person before whom a statutory declaration may be made under the law of the State in which a declaration is made; or a person appointed to hold, or act in, the office in a country or place outside Australia of Australian Consul-General, Consul, Vice-Consul, Trade Commissioner, Consular Agent, Ambassador, High Commissioner, Minister, Head of Mission, Commissioner, Charge d'Affaires, or Counsellor, Secretary or Attaché at an Embassy, High Commissioner's office, Legation or other post.

**Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs**

Dr Vincent Victor Berg
7/2 Howitt Street
NORTHWARD QLD 4810

FOI Request Number: FA30009

I refer to your request received on 29/02/2000 in which you sought access under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 (the FOI Act) to documents submitted in Canberra.

Your request has been given the FOI Request Number at the top of this letter. You should quote the FOI Request Number whenever you contact the Department about this request.

Your request for a copy of your documents was transferred to the Department's office at Canberra today for that office to make a decision on your request for access to these documents. If you want to make any enquiries related to this part of your request please contact that office on (02) 62642365.

Should you proceed with your request, you may have to pay some processing additional charges. You may be charged for:

- photocopies
- time spent searching for and retrieving relevant documents
- time spent making a decision on your request

If charges are found to apply to the processing of your request, you will be notified of the preliminary assessment of the charges and you will have full opportunity to say why the charge should not be imposed or should be reduced.

The Department can consider the non-imposition of charges for a number of reasons including:

- payment would cause financial hardship to the applicant or person on whose behalf the application was made
- the giving of access is in the general public interest, or in the interest of a substantial section of public, or
- any other relevant reason, including the fact that the documents contain your personal information



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If you think charges should not apply to your request for any reason, you should provide supporting evidence to show clearly why you should not pay the charges.

Yours sincerely

K. Kennard

Karen Kennard
FOI/Ministerials Section
1 March, 2000

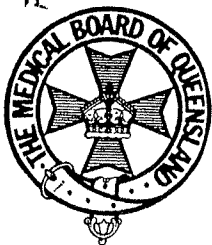
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This is the annexure marked **"MDG-8"** mentioned and referred to in the Statement of **MICHAEL STEVEN DEMY-GEROE** dated this 3rd day of August 2005.

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

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This is the annexure marked "**MDG-9**" mentioned and referred to in the Statement of **MICHAEL STEVEN DEMY-GEROE** dated this 3rd day of August 2005.



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

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This is the annexure marked "**MDG-10**" mentioned and referred to in the Statement of **MICHAEL STEVEN DEMY-GEROE** dated this 3rd day of August 2005.

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

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This is the annexure marked "**MDG-11**" mentioned and referred to in the Statement of **MICHAEL STEVEN DEMY-GEROE** dated this 3rd day of August 2005.

March 12, 2001

Dr V Berg

Dear Dr Berg

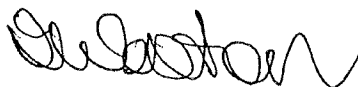
I refer to your recent application for specialist registration. At its meeting of 27 February 2001 the Medical Board of Queensland held an inquiry pursuant to Section 25A of the *Medical Act 1939*.

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



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COMMISSION OF INQUIRY NO. 1 OF 2005
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This is the annexure marked "**MDG-12**" mentioned and referred to in the Statement of **MICHAEL STEVEN DEMY-GEROE** dated this 3rd day of August 2005.

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:

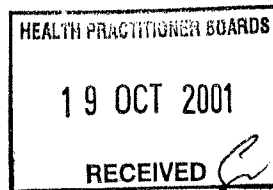
The Secretary
Australian Medical Council
PO Box 4810
Kingstone ACT 2604

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This is the annexure marked "**MDG-13**" mentioned and referred to in the Statement of **MICHAEL STEVEN DEMY-GEROE** dated this 3rd day of August 2005.



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.

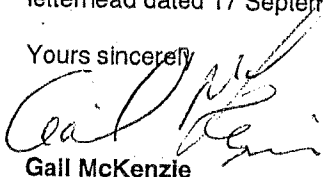
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As part of the standard RANZCP assessment process, applicants' overseas psychiatric qualifications are confirmed with the relevant College/University or Authority. The email address of the Voronezh State University in Russia was obtained via the internet 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>
>>

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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no sorry
T. Rayner

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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-І № 723438 от 28.05.1977 г.;
2. Диплом кандидата наук ПС-ХІІ № 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 PS-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

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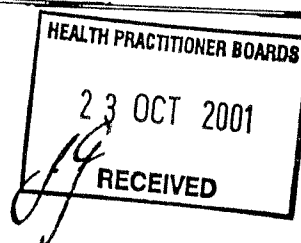
TO: MR JOHN GREENAWAY
REGISTRAR
THE QUEENSLAND MEDICAL BOARD

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
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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

AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL COUNCIL

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PLEASE ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO

THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL COUNCIL PO BOX 4810 KINGSTON ACT 2604 AUSTRALIA

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 Techkaine 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 Techkaine).

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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

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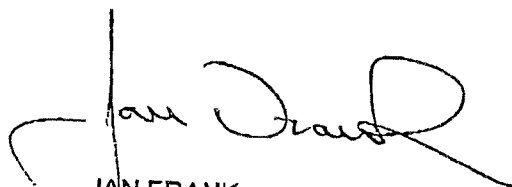
D29 An applicant for specialist assessment who wilfully makes a false statement or provides false information in his/her Application Forms or in the documents attached may forfeit his or her eligibility to present for assessment or be accorded recognition by an Australian or Australasian Specialist Medical 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
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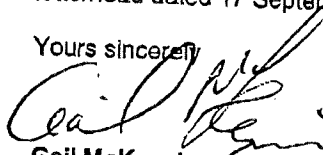
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As part of the standard RANZCP assessment process, applicants' overseas psychiatric qualifications are confirmed with the relevant College/University or Authority. The email address of the Voronezh State University in Russia was obtained via the internet 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

Australian
Medical Council
19 OCT 2001
RECEIVED

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,

10.09.2001, 7.09.2001 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 Vladimirovich

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>> Hello Sharon,

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>> 05.09.2001, 5.09.2001 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.
>>

>> Best regards,
>> Sergey Zapryagaev,
>> prof., dr. provost, VSU
>>

mailto:zsa@main.vsu.ru

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

25/10 '01 16:46 FAX

+7 0732 552836

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FROM: VORONEZH STATE UNIVERSITY

PHONE NO. : +7 0732 552836

SEP. 17 2001 01:49PM P:

От: Rayner, Sharon <Sharon.Rayner@canzcp.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 grateful to you if you inform us about the
> Tchekalin's address in Russia.

>

> Best regards,

> Sergey Zapriagaev

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mailto:zsa@main.vsu.ru

МИНИСТЕРСТВО ОБРАЗОВАНИЯ РОССИЙСКОЙ ФЕДЕРАЦИИ
ВОРОНЕЖСКИЙ ГОСУДАРСТВЕННЫЙ УНИВЕРСИТЕТ№ 3001 - 20214 09 2001 г.

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-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

COMMISSION OF INQUIRY NO. 1 OF 2005
MEDICAL BOARD OF QUEENSLAND

This is the annexure marked "**MDG-15**" mentioned and referred to in the Statement of **MICHAEL STEVEN DEMY-GEROE** dated this 3rd day of August 2005.

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 inquires 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 inquires 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,

V. Berg

Vincent Berg.

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This is the annexure marked "**MDG-16**" mentioned and referred to in the Statement of **MICHAEL STEVEN DEMY-GEROE** dated this 3rd day of August 2005.

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.

12/11/2001

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,

V. Berg

Vincent Berg.

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This is the annexure marked "**MDG-17**" mentioned and referred to in the Statement of **MICHAEL STEVEN DEMY-GEROE** dated this 3rd day of August 2005.

The Medical Board of Queensland

CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

VINCENT VICTOR BERG

D.O.B.

19 FEBRUARY 1952

QUALIFICATIONS

DIP MED VERONHEZH 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

COMMISSION OF INQUIRY NO. 1 OF 2005
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This is the annexure marked "**MDG-18**" mentioned and referred to in the Statement of **MICHAEL STEVEN DEMY-GEROE** dated this 3rd day of August 2005.

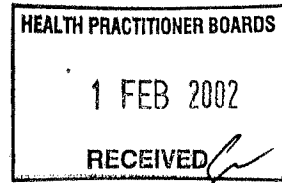
991357 **BERG**, VINCENT VICTOR - DIP MED
VORONEZH 1977

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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This is the annexure marked "**MDG-19**" mentioned and referred to in the Statement of **MICHAEL STEVEN DEMY-GEROE** dated this 3rd day of August 2005.



THE ROYAL
AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND
COLLEGE OF PSYCHIATRISTS
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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Craig Glenroy Patterson'.

Craig Glenroy Patterson
Executive Director

cc Australian Medical Council

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This is the annexure marked "**MDG-20**" mentioned and referred to in the Statement of **MICHAEL STEVEN DEMY-GEROE** dated this 3rd day of August 2005.

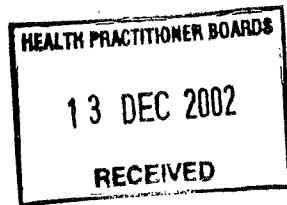
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BERG, VICTOR VINCENT – DIP MED
VORONEZH 1977

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.

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This is the annexure marked "**MDG-21**" mentioned and referred to in the Statement of **MICHAEL STEVEN DEMY-GEROE** dated this 3rd day of August 2005.



"A"



Enquiries to: Queensland Health
Executive Office
Telephone: 07 4796 1035
Facsimile: 07 4796 1021
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. *first*

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.

Office:
Executive Office
The Townsville Hospital
100 Angus Smith Drive, Douglas 4814

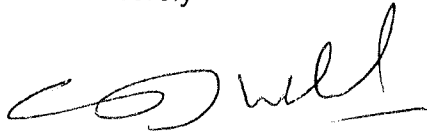
Postal:
PO Box 670
Townsville Q 4810

Telephone:
07 4796 1035

Facsimile:
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



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

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This is the annexure marked "**MDG-22**" mentioned and referred to in the Statement of **MICHAEL STEVEN DEMY-GEROE** dated this 3rd day of August 2005.

**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.

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This is the annexure marked "**MDG-23**" mentioned and referred to in the Statement of **MICHAEL STEVEN DEMY-GEROE** dated this 3rd day of August 2005.

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