

Guideline of the State Board of Psychology Persons Licensed In Other States

Section 41.52(a) of the State Board of Psychology's regulations, 49 Pa. Code 41.52(a), permits the Board to issue a license to an applicant licensed in another state without retaking the national portion of the examination where that state's licensure requirements are deemed equivalent to those of the Commonwealth.

Currently there are two credentialing bodies which review applicants education, training and experience in order to determine equivalencies: the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Board (ASPPB), through its Certificate of Professional Qualification program (CPQ), and the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology (National Register).

The Board has reviewed the requirements to obtain a CPQ and a National Register and has determined that these requirements are equivalent to the education and pre- and post-doctoral experience requirements in Sections 41.1(relating to definitions of doctoral degree in psychology), 41.31 (relating to qualifications for taking licensing examination) and 41.41(relating to examinations) of the Board's regulations, 49 Pa. Code 41.1, 41.31 and 41.41. As such, the Board shall not require a person licensed in another state who holds either a CPQ or an official verification letter from the National Register to retake the national portion of the examination. All applicants, regardless of whether they hold a current license in another state, must pass the state portion of the examination.

Information about CPQ may be obtained from ASPPB's web site at

cpq@asppb.org. Information about the National Register may be obtained from the National Register's web site at nationalregister.org.

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