

201 KAR 26:155. Licensed psychologist: application procedures and temporary license.

RELATES TO: KRS 319.050

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 319.032(1)(a), (c)

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 319.032(1)(a) and (c) require the board to promulgate administrative regulations establishing the requirements for an applicant for licensure as a psychologist. This administrative regulation establishes the requirements for applicants for licensure, and the conditions for a temporary license.

Section 1. Application. (1) An application for a credential as a licensed psychologist and for temporary licensure may be submitted after the requirements established in KRS 319.050(2) are met.

(2) The application shall be made by submitting a completed Application for Licensure as a Psychologist to the board. The application shall:

(a) Include a certification by the applicant that the:

1. Information in the application is true, correct, and complete to the best of his or her knowledge and belief; and

2. Applicant is aware that the board may take disciplinary action if the application contains a misrepresentation or falsification; and

(b) Be accompanied by:

1. A check or money order payable to the Kentucky State Treasurer for the application fee as required by 201 KAR 26:160;

2. Three (3) recommendations from persons qualified to evaluate the applicant's professional ability within five (5) years from the date of application, including two (2) persons who have received a doctorate in psychology (Ph.D., PsyD., Ed.D.). The recommendations shall be submitted on the Recommendation Form for Licensure as a Psychologist; and

3. An official transcript for all levels of education required for licensure.

Section 2. Temporary Licensure. (1) Pending successful completion of required examinations, an applicant may request permission to practice psychology at the doctoral level on a temporary basis pursuant to KRS 319.050(3). The request for a temporary credential shall be cosigned by the candidate and the proposed supervisor, who shall be a licensed psychologist approved by the board.

(2) Supervision during the period of temporary licensure shall be a minimum of one (1) hour of individual, face-to-face supervision on a weekly basis.

(3) A report of supervision shall be submitted on a regular basis as required by 201 KAR 26:171, Section 6.

(4) The candidate shall take the national EPPP within one (1) year of the board's written approval of temporary licensure.

(5)(a) A temporary license shall be valid for one (1) year from the date of the notice of approval by the board.

(b) During the period of temporary licensure, a candidate shall:

1. Successfully complete all credentials and examination procedures;

2. Pass the EPPP; and

3. Pass the examinations on psychological practice, ethical principles, and the law within one (1) year of the date of the notice of approval by the board for a temporary license.

(c)1. A candidate shall score at least an eighty (80) percent to pass the structured examination of Kentucky mental health law.

2. A candidate shall score a 100 percent to pass the oral examination on ethical principles and professional practice.

(6)(a) Under exceptional circumstances and upon written request cosigned by the board approved supervisor, the board may approve an extension of the period of temporary licensure.

(b) A licensee shall submit a completed Request for Extension of Temporary Licensure as a Psychologist to request an extension.

Section 3. (1) An individual who submits an Application for Licensure as a Psychologist and has been approved by another state to take the EPPP shall submit:

(a) The official notice of the results of the EPPP from the state board that approved the applicant to take the EPPP; or

(b) A request to ASPPB to release the results of the EPPP to the board and notify the board of the submission of the request.

(2) The applicant shall submit the official notice or notification of the request to ASPPB to the board within thirty (30) days of taking the examination.

Section 4. Grace Period for Submission of Credentials. In order to allow for processing of the candidate's materials by the board, there shall be a grace period not to exceed sixty (60) days within which candidates who have completed their degree requirements may begin to practice psychology under supervision of a board-approved supervisor, as established in 201 KAR 26:190.

(1) Upon acceptance of employment or the beginning of the required period of supervision, the candidate and the licensed psychologist who shall serve as his or her supervisor shall immediately submit a letter of notice to the board indicating that he or she has begun to practice in Kentucky and that application materials are forthcoming. Failure to submit this notice shall be deemed as grounds for disciplinary action against the candidate and the supervisor.

(2) The candidate shall ensure that all materials are forwarded to the board within thirty (30) days from the date of employment or supervision. Once the application is complete, the board shall review the material at its next scheduled meeting and, if appropriate, issue either a temporary or permanent credential. If the candidate does not meet the requirements for the credential, or if the application material is insufficient to take any action, he or she shall be notified by the board and directed to cease practice until the requirements are met or the necessary documentation has been submitted.

(3) Under no circumstances shall the grace period be extended beyond sixty (60) days. Candidates who fail to achieve approval within this timeframe shall not practice psychology until credentialed by the board.

(4) Upon filing the notice set forth in Section 3(1) of this administrative regulation, the candidate is deemed to be practicing psychology under the jurisdiction of the board, and shall comply with KRS Chapter 319 and 201 KAR Chapter 26.

Section 5. Incomplete Application. An incomplete application shall be denied two (2) years from the date of filing.

Section 6. Incorporation by Reference. (1) The following material is incorporated by reference:

(a) "Application for Licensure as a Psychologist", February 2017;

(b) "Recommendation Form for Licensure as a Psychologist", February 2017; and

(c) "Request for Extension of Temporary Licensure as a Psychologist", February 2017.

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