BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
Board of Examiners of Psychology
(Amended at ARRS Committee)

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

RELATES TO: KRS ***Chapter 319*** ~~***[319.050]***~~
STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 319.032(1)(a), (c)
CERTIFICATION STATEMENT:
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) After the requirements established in KRS 319.050(2) are met, an application for a credential as a licensed psychologist or a temporarily licensed psychologist may be submitted to the board, ***through*** ~~***[to]***~~ an online application management system contracted by the board for the purposes of application screening ***at https://psy.ky.gov/newstatic_Info.aspx?static_ID=415&menuid=114***, or as the board directs.

(2) The application made to the board or to the online application management system shall include:

(a) A certification by the applicant that the:

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

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

(b) Payment of the application fee established in 201 KAR 26:160, Section 1, which shall be:

1. Made payable to the Kentucky State Treasurer if the application is processed through the board; or

2. Made to the online application management system as directed by the board***;*** ~~***[.]***~~[;]

(c) 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

(d) An official transcript for all levels of education required for licensure. Transcripts shall be received in sealed envelopes or electronically directly from the school or a third-party clearinghouse.

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 with health service provider certification 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 Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (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 Kentucky examinations as outlined in 201 KAR 26:230, Section 1(2), within one (1) year of the date of the notice of approval by the board for a temporary license.

(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.

1. Exceptional circumstances include unforeseen events beyond the control of the temporary licensee that have a significant impact upon the temporary licensee's ability to complete the requirements in subsection (5)(b) of this section.

2. Some examples of exceptional circumstances include instances such as natural disasters, or illness or disability of the temporary licensee, or that of a family member of the temporary licensee.

(b) If a temporary licensee requires an extension after one (1) year, the licensee may request a six (6) month extension.

(c) After the six (6) months, a second extension may be requested for an additional six (6) months.

(d) After a total of two (2) years of temporary licensure, the licensee may request a second temporary license.

(e) If after two (2) years on the second temporary license another extension is requested, the licensee may request a third temporary license following the steps in this section.

(f) Licensees shall not exceed a total of six (6) years of extensions for all temporary licenses nor hold a temporary license for longer than six (6) years.

(g) A licensee shall submit a completed Request for Extension of Temporary Licensure as a Psychologist to request an extension~~[under this subsection]~~.

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 psychology regulatory board that approved the applicant to take the EPPP; or

(b) A request to the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (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 the ASPPB to the board within thirty (30) days of taking the examination.

Section 4. Grace Period for Submission of Credentials. To allow for processing of the candidate's materials by the board, there shall be a grace period not to exceed ninety (90) 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. For purposes of this section, an agency is any employer within the state of

Kentucky ***that[~~which~~]*** also employs or has otherwise arranged for supervision by a qualified supervisor.

(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) The grace period shall not be extended beyond ninety (90) 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 determined to be expired one (1) year from the date of filing[~~,~~] and may be destroyed.

Section 6. Incorporation by Reference.

(1) The following material is incorporated by reference:

(a) "Application for Licensure as a Psychologist", August 2026[~~October 2025~~];

(b) "Recommendation Form for Licensure as a Psychologist", August 2026[~~October2025~~]; and

(c) "Request for Extension of Temporary Licensure as a Psychologist", August 2026[~~October2025~~].

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