

1 AN ACT relating to psychologists.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 319.053 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) A person holding a credential as a certified psychologist or as a licensed
5 psychological associate may apply for a license to perform certain functions within
6 the practice of psychology without supervision and to use the title of "licensed
7 psychological practitioner" when all of the following conditions are met:
- 8 (a) Submission of three (3) letters of endorsement to the board to sit for the
9 examination;
- 10 1. One (1) of the letters shall be from the applicant's current board-
11 approved supervisor of record and shall include a statement describing
12 the scope of practice demonstrated in the clinical experience of the
13 applicant; and
- 14 2. Two (2) letters shall be from licensed mental health professionals who
15 are acceptable to the board and who are familiar with the clinical work
16 of the applicant;
- 17 (b) Payment of a fee not to exceed two hundred dollars (\$200);
- 18 (c) Documentation of at least sixty (60) semester hours of graduate study in
19 psychology or a related field or its equivalent acceptable to the board; and
- 20 (d) Completion, after credentialing by the board as a certified psychologist,
21 psychological associate, or licensed psychological associate, of the equivalent
22 of two (2)~~five (5)~~ full-time years of professional experience under the
23 supervision of a board-approved licensed psychologist.
- 24 (2) An applicant for licensure under this section shall not have been subject to
25 disciplinary action by the board. An applicant who has been the subject of
26 disciplinary action may appeal to the board for an exception.
- 27 (3) An applicant for licensure under this section shall be required by the board to pass

1 the national objective examination known as the EPPP, with a score equal to or
2 exceeding the score required for passage for a licensed psychologist candidate at the
3 doctoral level at the time the examination is taken. The board shall accept the
4 applicant's previous examination results for the objective EPPP examination if the
5 original test score satisfied the licensure requirement at the doctoral level in effect
6 at the time of that test administration. If the applicant's previous score does not meet
7 this criterion, the applicant may retake the examination until the score obtained
8 equals or exceeds the score required for independent practice at the doctoral level at
9 the time the examination is taken.

10 (4) The board shall require an applicant for licensure under this section to pass an
11 examination on psychological practice, ethical principles, and the law. The
12 examination shall be conducted in accordance with procedures established in
13 administrative regulations promulgated by the board in accordance with KRS
14 Chapter 13A. The examination shall be evaluated using the same criteria as the
15 examination for licensed psychologist candidates.

16 (5) The applicant may continue to function under the supervision of a board-approved
17 licensed psychologist until the applicant successfully completes the requirements
18 for licensure as a licensed psychological practitioner.

19 (6) The board shall grade and keep the examinations and results on file for one (1) year.
20 Upon written request to the board, an applicant may arrange to discuss his or her
21 performance on the examinations.

22 (7) Upon successful completion of all requirements, the board shall issue to the
23 applicant a license to perform certain functions within the practice of psychology
24 without supervision and to use the title "licensed psychological practitioner."

25 (8) The licensee under this section shall not supervise certified psychologists, licensed
26 psychological practitioners, or licensed psychological associates.

27 ➔Section 2. KRS 319.050 is amended to read as follows:

- 1 (1) Before granting a license to practice psychology and to use the title "licensed
2 psychologist" the board shall require the applicant to pass an examination in
3 psychology and to fulfill all requirements for supervised experience.
- 4 (2) The applicant shall:
- 5 (a) Pay a fee not to exceed three hundred dollars (\$300);
- 6 (b) Have received a doctoral degree in psychology that is acceptable to the board
7 from a regionally accredited educational institution; provided, however, the
8 board may grant a license to an individual otherwise qualified under this
9 chapter who has received a doctoral degree in psychology that is acceptable to
10 the board from an educational institution outside the United States, if the
11 educational institution would otherwise be accredited by a regional
12 accrediting body if located in the United States;
- 13 (c) Have passed the national EPPP examination at the doctoral level; and
- 14 (d) Have had at least two (2) years of supervised professional experience
15 satisfactory to the board, one (1) year of which shall be an internship.
- 16 (3) Upon acceptance of the application to sit for the examination in psychology, the
17 applicant may practice psychology under the supervision of a licensed psychologist
18 under conditions of supervision and temporary licensure established by the board.
19 The board shall establish a grace period not to exceed one hundred eighty
20 (180)~~[sixty (60)]~~ days to allow for the employment and supervision of the applicant
21 by an agency from the time the applicant's degree requirements are completed to the
22 submission of the complete application. During this period of supervision, the
23 applicant for licensure may not supervise certified psychologists, licensed
24 psychological associates, other applicants for licensure, or temporarily licensed
25 persons, nor shall he engage in an independent practice, except under the
26 employment of his supervising psychologist. Upon certification to the board of
27 completion of the two (2) years of supervision satisfactory to the board, the

1 applicant shall be examined on psychological practice, ethical principles, and the
2 law.

3 (4) The board shall grade and keep the examinations and results on file for one (1) year.
4 Upon written request to the board, an applicant may arrange to discuss his or her
5 performance on the examination.

6 (5) Upon successful completion of the examination process, the board shall issue a
7 license to practice psychology and the applicant may use the title "licensed
8 psychologist."

9 (6) Licensed psychologists may function independently without supervision. Licensed
10 psychologists who have the designation "health service provider" may retain that
11 designation and may employ and supervise certified psychologists and licensed
12 psychological associates. Licensed psychologists who have the designation "health
13 service provider" may supervise no more than a total of six (6) certified
14 psychologists, licensed psychological associates, or applicants for licensure at one
15 (1) time.

16 (7) ~~{(a) From July 15, 2010, until July 1, 2013, the designation "health service~~
17 ~~provider" shall be made on the license of those licensed psychologists who~~
18 ~~have completed one (1) year of supervised experience under conditions of~~
19 ~~temporary licensure approved by the board or who have completed one (1)~~
20 ~~year of supervised experience acceptable to the board after achieving~~
21 ~~licensure status as a licensed psychologist.~~

22 ~~(b) Beginning July 1, 2013, }~~The designation "health service provider" shall be
23 made on the license of those licensed psychologists who have completed one
24 (1) additional year of supervised experience satisfactory to the board in health
25 care service delivery. This year of supervised experience shall be in addition
26 to the supervised experience requirement for licensure as a licensed
27 psychologist. Health service providers may provide supervision of direct

1 health care services by applicants for licensure, certified psychologists, and
2 licensed psychological associates. Health service providers may supervise no
3 more than a total of six (6) certified psychologists, licensed psychological
4 associates, or applicants for licensure at one (1) time.

5 ➔Section 3. KRS 319.064 is amended to read as follows:

- 6 (1) An individual credentialed as a psychological associate shall use the title "licensed
7 psychological associate" and the board shall issue a license with that title at the time
8 of renewal.
- 9 (2) The board shall issue a license to perform certain functions within the practice of
10 psychology and to use the title "licensed psychological associate" to any applicant
11 who:
- 12 (a) Pays a fee not to exceed three hundred dollars (\$300);
- 13 (b) Has received:
- 14 1. A master's degree in psychology acceptable to the board; or
- 15 2. The equivalent education for a master's degree and has been accepted
16 into a psychology predoctoral internship program in Kentucky that
17 satisfies the criteria for the predoctoral internship established by the
18 board;
- 19 from a regionally accredited educational institution or from an educational
20 institution outside the United States, if such educational institution would
21 otherwise be accredited by a regional accrediting body if located in the United
22 States; and
- 23 (c) Has passed an examination procedure in psychology.
- 24 (3) Upon acceptance of the application to sit for the examination in psychology, the
25 applicant may practice psychology under the supervision of a licensed psychologist
26 under conditions of temporary licensure established by the board. The board shall
27 establish a grace period not to exceed ***one hundred eighty (180)***~~[sixty (60)]~~ days to

1 allow for the employment and supervision of the applicant by an agency from the
2 time the applicant's degree requirements are completed to the submission of the
3 complete application.

4 (4) The board shall grade and keep the examinations and results for one (1) year. Upon
5 written request to the board, an applicant may arrange to discuss his or her
6 performance on the examination.

7 (5) Any psychological associate licensed pursuant to this section may perform certain
8 functions within the practice of psychology only under the supervision of a licensed
9 psychologist approved by the board. The licensed psychological associate shall not
10 practice independently, except under the employment and supervision of the board-
11 approved licensed psychologist. A licensed psychological associate shall not
12 represent himself or herself as a licensed or certified psychologist or as a licensed
13 psychological practitioner. A licensed psychological associate shall not employ or
14 supervise certified psychologists, licensed psychological practitioners, or licensed
15 psychological associates.