

TITLE 16. BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Psychology (hereinafter "Board") is proposing to take the action described in the Informative Digest. Any person interested may present statements or arguments orally or in writing relevant to the action proposed at a hearing to be held:

Thursday, May 19, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.
Board of Psychology Meeting
Sheraton Universal Hotel
333 Universal Hollywood Drive
Los Angeles, CA 91608

Written comments, including those sent by mail, facsimile, or e-mail to the addresses listed under Contact Person in this Notice, must be received by the Board at its office no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 16, 2016, or must be received by the Board at the hearing. The Board, upon its own motion or at the instance of any interested party, may thereafter adopt the proposals substantially as described below or may modify such proposals if such modifications are sufficiently related to the original text. With the exception of technical or grammatical changes, the full text of any modified proposal will be available for 15 days prior to its adoption from the person designated in this Notice as contact person and will be mailed to those persons who submit written or oral testimony related to this proposal or who have requested notification of any changes to the proposal.

Authority and Reference: Pursuant to the authority vested by section 2930 of the Business and Professions Code, and to implement, interpret or make specific sections 12.5, 27, 136, 2914 and 2948 of said Code, the Board is considering changes to Division 13.1 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations as follows:

INFORMATIVE DIGEST

The Board proposes to amend Sections 1387 and 1387.1 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations. Currently these regulations require psychological assistants in a private practice setting to have a plan for supervision pre-approved by the Board before supervision begins, and requires the supervisor to submit to the Board the verification of experience and supervision agreement forms.

The Board proposes to amend these regulations to provide specific criteria for the submission of verification of experience and supervision agreement forms. Currently, these forms must be maintained by the primary supervisor and submitted directly to the Board of Psychology (Board). The problem is that the primary supervisors are submitting these forms prior to the trainees submitting their applications for licensure. The Board has developed an extensive backlog of these documents. Oftentimes, the Board receives these forms when applications for licensure are never submitted by the trainees. The Board is maintaining these forms indefinitely, as the Board is unable to

determine when or if an application will be submitted. Presently, the task of locating forms already received when an application is submitted can take a significant amount of time due to the volume of forms the Board has on file. Accordingly, the first change is to require that the supervision agreements be submitted to the Board only at the time of application for registration.

The second change is to modify the language to no longer require a training plan be submitted and pre-approved by the Board when a psychological assistant is in a private practice setting. Currently, a plan for supervised professional experience (SPE) between the primary supervisor and psychological assistant must be submitted and approved by the Board prior to the commencement of the SPE. If a training plan is not pre-approved by the Board before the commencement of the SPE, any hours accrued by the psychological assistant are not accepted as qualifying SPE required for psychology licensure.

A. Objectives/Anticipated Benefits of Proposal

The objectives of this proposal will allow the primary supervisor to provide the supervisee with a completed verification of experience and supervision agreement form in a sealed envelope for the trainee to submit to the Board at the time of application, thus rectifying the issue of maintaining these forms in anticipation of the receipt of an application for licensure. Additionally, the discontinuation of the requirement that the supervision plan described in the supervision agreement form be pre-approved will allow the trainee to maintain the documents until the submission of an application for licensure, and unify the requirements for all supervised training locations, i.e. exempt settings, non-profit, and registration to an agency. This proposal furthers the goal of the Board which is the protection of the public in exercising its licensing, regulatory and disciplinary functions.

B. Consistency and Compatibility with Existing State Regulations

During the process of developing these regulations and amendments, the Board has conducted a search of any similar regulations on this topic and has concluded that these regulations are neither inconsistent nor incompatible with existing state regulations.

FISCAL IMPACT ESTIMATES

Fiscal Impact on Public Agencies Including Costs or Savings to State Agencies or Costs/Savings in Federal Funding to the State: None

Nondiscretionary Costs/Savings to Local Agencies: None

Local Mandate: None

Cost to any local agency or school district which must be reimbursed in accordance with Government Code Sections 17500 – 17630: None

Business Impact:

The Board has made an initial determination that the proposed regulatory action would have no significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

The following studies/relevant data were relied upon in making the above determination:

- None

Cost Impact on Representative Private Person or Business:

The Board is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

Effect on Housing Costs: None

EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESS

The Board has determined that the proposed regulations would not affect small businesses. This is because the proposal relates solely to the method and timeframe for submission of documentation to the Board.

RESULTS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT/ANALYSIS:

Impact on Jobs/Businesses:

The Board has determined that this regulatory proposal will not have any impact on the creation of jobs or new businesses or the elimination of jobs or existing businesses or the expansion of businesses in the State of California.

Benefits of Regulation:

The Board has determined that this regulatory proposal will benefit the health and welfare of California residents, worker safety and state's environment because it streamlines the application process, prevents qualifying experience from being denied due to a lack of a pre-approved plan, and because it reduces the amount of duplicative mailings per applicant. All documentation will be required to be submitted together at the time of application thus reducing the amount of paper waste affecting the State's environment.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

The Board must determine that no reasonable alternative it considered to the regulation or that has otherwise been identified and brought to its attention would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed, would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposal described in this Notice, or would be more cost effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law.

Any interested person may present statements or arguments orally or in writing relevant to the above determinations at the above-mentioned hearing.

INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS AND INFORMATION

The Board has prepared an initial statement of the reasons for the proposed action and has available all the information upon which the proposal is based.

TEXT OF PROPOSAL

Copies of the exact language of the proposed regulations and of the initial statement of reasons, and all of the information upon which the proposal is based, may be obtained at the hearing or prior to the hearing upon request from the person designated in the Notice under Contact Person or by accessing the Board's website, www.psychology.ca.gov

AVAILABILITY AND LOCATION OF THE FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS AND RULEMAKING FILE

All the information upon which the proposed regulations are based is contained in the rulemaking file which is available for public inspection by contacting the person named below. You may obtain a copy of the final statement of reasons once it has been prepared, by making a written request to the contact person named below or by accessing the website listed below.

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Materials regarding this proposal can be found here under "Proposed Regulations":
http://www.psychology.ca.gov/laws_regs/index.shtml