

Agenda Item 16(c):

Regulations Update,  
Review and Action, as  
Necessary

Proposed Amendments re:  
Examinations

Hand carry; to be given out  
at the meeting

**Department of Consumer Affairs**  
**Board of Psychology**

February 20-21, 2014 Board Meeting  
Sacramento, CA

**Hand-Carry**  
**Agenda Item**

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Consider Proposed Amendments to Examination Regulations, Title 16, CCR  
Sections 1388, 1388.6, 1389 and 1392

Article 4. Examinations

**§ 1388. Examinations.**

(a) The ~~B~~board recognizes the expertise of the Department of Consumer Affairs' (DCA) Office of Professional Examination Resources Services (OPERS). The ~~b~~Board shall utilize the services of the OPERS in licensing examination development and validation through an interagency agreement.

(b) ~~Prior to licensure, a~~An applicant shall successfully take and pass the licensing examinations ~~prior to being licensed~~. The licensing examinations shall consist of the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards' (ASPPB) Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP), and the California Psychology Laws and Ethics Supplemental Examination (CPSE/CPLÉE) except that the EPPP ~~and the CPSE~~ shall be waived for those applicants who meet the criteria in section 1388.6 of this chapter. Such applicants shall be required to take and pass the ~~California Psychology Law and Ethics Examination (CPLÉE)~~.

(c) An applicant is eligible to take the EPPP upon completion of a qualifying doctorate degree and 1500 hours of qualifying professional experience. An applicant shall pass the EPPP and complete all 3000 hours of supervised professional experience prior to being eligible for ~~the CPSE or the CPLÉE~~, whichever is applicable, pursuant to section 1388.6.

(d) Upon application, the board will notify applicants of their eligibility to take the EPPP. Applicants are responsible for completing any administrative requirements for taking the EPPP established by ASPPB or its agent, including paying any fees. This subsection applies to those re-taking the EPPP as well as to those taking it for the first time.

(e) For forms of the EPPP taken prior to September 1, 2001, the passing score is the score that was recognized by the ~~B~~board at that time. For computer administered forms of the EPPP, the ~~B~~board shall apply a scaled score of 500 as recommended by ASPPB.

~~(f) Qualified applicants desiring to take the CPSE or the CPLÉE, for those applications who qualify for a waiver of the CPSE pursuant to section 1388.6, shall submit to the board the fee set forth in section 1392 of this chapter. Applicants shall comply with all instructions established by the DCA examination vendor for taking the CPSE or the CPLÉE.~~

~~(g)~~ The passing score on the ~~CPSE and the CPLÉE~~ shall be determined for each form of the examination by a criterion-referenced procedure performed by OPERS.

**§ 1388.6. License Requirements and Waiver of Examination.**

(a) When a California-licensed psychologist has been licensed for at least five years and has allowed his/her license to ~~expire~~ cancel by not renewing the license for at least three years, the psychologist shall not be required to take the EPPP ~~or the CPSE~~.

(b) If an applicant for licensure as a psychologist has been licensed in another state, Canadian province, or U.S. territory, for at least five (5) years the applicant shall not be required to take the EPPP ~~or the CPSE~~.

(c) An applicant for licensure as a psychologist who holds a Certificate of Professional Qualification (CPQ) issued by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB), shall not be required to take the EPPP or the CPSE. Such an applicant shall be deemed to have met the educational and experience requirements of subdivisions (b) and (c) of Code section 2914.

(d) An applicant for licensure as a psychologist who is credentialed as a Health Service Provider in Psychology by the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology (NRHSPP) and has been licensed based on a doctoral degree in another state, Canadian province, or U.S. territory for a minimum of five (5) years shall not be required to take the EPPP or the CPSE. Such an applicant shall be deemed to have met the educational and experience requirements of subdivisions (b) and (c) of Code section 2914.

(e) An applicant for licensure as a psychologist who is certified by the American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP) and has been licensed based on a doctoral degree in another state, Canadian province, or U.S. territory for a minimum of five (5) years shall not be required to take the EPPP or the CPSE. Such an applicant shall be deemed to have met the educational and experience requirements of subdivisions (b) and (c) of Code section 2914.

(f) Although the EPPP is and the CPSE are waived under this section, an applicant must file a complete application and meet all current licensing requirements not addressed above, including payment of any fees, take and pass the California Psychology Law and Ethics Examination (CPLEE), and not been subject to discipline.

#### **§ 1389. Reconsideration of Examinations.**

(a) There shall be no reconsideration of the grade received on the EPPP or on the CPSE/CPLEE.

(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to deprive an applicant of his or her rights of appeal as afforded by other provisions of law.

#### **§ 1392. Psychologist Fees.**

(a) The application fee for a psychologist is \$40.00.

(b) ~~The fee for the California Psychology Supplemental Examination (CPSE) is \$129.00.~~

(b) ~~(c)~~ The fee for the California Psychology Law and Ethics Examination (CPLEE) is \$129.00.

(c) ~~(d)~~ An applicant taking or repeating either licensing examination shall pay the full fee for that examination.

(d) ~~(e)~~ The initial license fee and the biennial renewal fee for a psychologist are \$400.00, except that if an initial license will expire less than one year after its issuance, then the initial license fee is an amount equal to 50 percent of the renewal fee in effect on the last regular renewal date before the date on which the license is issued.

(e) ~~(f)~~ The biennial renewal fee for an inactive license is \$40.00.