



MEMORANDUM

DATE	October 29, 2015
TO	Board Members
FROM	<i>Jacquelin Everhart</i> Jacquelin Everhart CE/Renewals Coordinator
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 15(c) (Licensing Committee): Review and Revision of Business and Professions Code Section 2915: Continuing Education Requirements; Practice Outside Fields of Competence

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Continuing Education Requirements; Practice outside Fields of Competence:](#)

Please find attached the revision of Business and Professions Code Section 2915:
Continuing Education Requirements; Practice outside Fields of Competence.

The proposed changes would impact the proposed Continuing Professional Development (CPD) model.

Action Requested:

Approve revised Business and Professions Code Section 2915 as recommended by the Licensing Committee at their October 29, 2015 meeting.

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE - BPC
DIVISION 2. HEALING ARTS [500 - 4999.129]
(*Division 2 enacted by Stats. 1937, Ch. 399.*)

CHAPTER 6.6. Psychologists [2900 - 2999]
(*Chapter 6.6 repealed and added by Stats. 1967, Ch. 1677.*)

ARTICLE 1. General Provisions [2900 - 2919]
(*Article 1 added by Stats. 1967, Ch. 1677.*)

2915.

(a) Except as provided in this section, ~~on or after January 1, 1996, the Board shall not issue any renewal license unless the applicant submits proof that he or she has completed no less than 18 hours of approved continuing education in the preceding year. On or after January 1, 1997, except as provided in this section, the Board shall issue renewal licenses only to those applicants who have completed 36 hours of approved~~ continuing professional development ~~continuing education~~ in the preceding two years.

(b) Each person applying for renewing renewal or reinstatement of his or her license issued pursuant to this chapter shall certify under penalty of perjury that he or she is in compliance with this section and submit ~~retain~~ proof of compliance with this section for submission to the Board upon request. False statements submitted pursuant to this section shall be a violation of Section 2970.

~~(c) A person applying for re-licensure or for reinstatement to an active license status shall certify under penalty of perjury that he or she is in compliance with this section.~~

~~(d) (1) The continuing education requirement shall include, but shall not be limited to, courses required pursuant to Sections 25 and 28. The requirement may include courses pursuant to Sections 32 and 2914.1~~

(2) (A) The Board shall require a licensed psychologist who began graduate study prior to January 1, 2004, to take a continuing education course during his or her first renewal period after the operative date of this section in spousal or partner abuse assessment, detection, and intervention strategies, including community resources, cultural factors, and same gender abuse dynamics. Equivalent courses in spousal or partner abuse assessment, detection, and intervention strategies taken prior to the operative date of this section or proof of equivalent teaching or practice experience may be submitted to the Board and at its discretion, may be accepted in satisfaction of this requirement.

(B) Continuing education courses taken pursuant to this paragraph shall be applied to the 36 hours of approved continuing professional development ~~continuing education~~ required under subdivision (a).

~~(C) A licensed psychologist whose practice does not include the direct provision of mental health services may apply to the board for an exemption from the requirements of this paragraph~~

~~(3) Continuing professional development~~ Continuing education instruction approved to meet the requirements of this section shall be completed within the State of California, or shall be approved for continuing education credit by the American Psychological Association or its equivalent organizations as approved by the Board.

~~(e) The Board may establish a policy for grant~~ exemptions or extensions exceptions from the continuing professional development education requirement of this section.

~~(f) The Board may recognize continuing education courses that have been approved by one or more private nonprofit organizations that have at least 10 years' experience managing continuing education programs for psychologists on a statewide basis, including, but not limited to:~~

~~(1) Maintaining and managing related records and data.~~

~~(2) Monitoring and approving courses.~~

~~(fg) The Board shall adopt regulations as necessary for implementation of this section.~~

~~(h) A licensed psychologist shall choose continuing education instruction that is related to the assessment, diagnosis, and intervention for the client population being served or to the fields of psychology in which the psychologist intends to provide services, that may include new theoretical approaches, research, and applied techniques. Continuing education instruction shall include required courses specified in subdivision (d).~~

~~(i) A psychologist shall not practice outside his or her particular field or fields of competence as established by his or her education, training, continuing education, and experience.~~

~~(kg) Continuing education~~ professional development credit may be approved for those licensees who serve as a selected participant in any examination development or enforcement-related function for the Board commissioners on any examination pursuant to Section 2947, subject to limitations established by the Board.

~~(jh) The administration of this section may be funded through professional license fees and continuing education provider and course approval fees, or both. The fees related to the administration of this section shall not exceed the costs of administering the corresponding provisions of this section.~~

~~(l) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2004.~~

(Repealed (in Sec. 2) and added by Stats. 2002, Ch. 481, Sec. 3. Effective January 1, 2003. Section operative January 1, 2004, by its own provisions.)