

MEMORANDUM

DATE	January 22, 2019
TO	Board Members
FROM	<i>Stephanie Cheung</i> Stephanie Cheung Licensing Manager
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 22(e) Consideration of Licensing Committee Recommendations Regarding Requests for an Extension of the 72-Month Registration Period Limitation for Registered Psychological Assistant Pursuant to Section 1391.1(b) of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations

Background:

California Code of Regulations, Title 16, section 1391.1 provides in part:

(b) Registration as a psychological assistant shall be limited to a cumulative total of six years (72 months). Each registration shall be subject to annual renewal pursuant to section 1391.12.

For any psychological assistant registered prior to the effective date of this subdivision, subsequent renewals or registrations shall be limited to a cumulative total of six years (72 months) from the date of the psychological assistant's next registration or renewal, whichever occurs first.

Upon showing of good cause as determined by the Board, these specified time limitations may be reasonably modified.

Psychological Assistant (PSB) #1 – Request for a One-Year Extension of the 72-Month Registration Period

PSB #1 was issued a total of two psychological assistant registrations. PSB #1's first registration was issued on December 3, 2012 and expired December 3, 2015. PSB #1's second registration was issued on March 26, 2015 and expired on December 20, 2018 according to the 72-month limitation rule with the genesis date beginning on October 23, 2011.

PSB #1 reported a total of 4,036 hours of Supervised Professional Experience (SPE). The breakdown of the total number of hours of SPE is as follows:

- 1,961 hours of pre-doctoral SPE accrued from June 5, 2014 to May 7, 2015;
- 2,075 hours of post-doctoral SPE accrued from September 29, 2015 to November 29, 2018.

According to the total number of hours verified by the primary supervisor(s), PSB #1 has met the SPE requirement towards licensure.

PSB #1 stated in the request that due to several unexpected life-changing events in the past year and a half, PSB #1 was not able to prepare for the licensure examination and worked with a limited schedule. PSB #1 is requesting a one-year extension to the psychological assistant registration to allow time to prepare for the licensure examination.

The Board's records show that PSB #1 attempted to take the EPPP on July 11, 2016 but has failed to pass the examination.

Attachment:

A: Letter of Request

Action Requested:

Review and consider the Licensing Committee's recommendation to deny the one-year extension request of the 72-month limitation for the psychological assistant registration.

Dr. [REDACTED] PSB [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Attachment A

[REDACTED] Ca
October 31, 2018

Board of Psychology

Attention: [REDACTED]

Subject: Request for Psychological Assistant extension

Dear [REDACTED],

I am writing to request a 12 month extension of my Psychological Assistant registration which expires on December 20, 2018. I have undergone many significant hardships over the past year and a half. I am a very private person who does not like to appear as a victim. Doing so is not in my character, as anyone who knows me can attest.

Circumstance:

In February 2017, my partner of 14 years took [REDACTED] life unexpectedly. Many things came to light following [REDACTED] passing including significant financial choices [REDACTED] had made while [REDACTED] was alive. As a result, all of [REDACTED] (and our) assets had to be liquidated including [REDACTED] business, business dwelling (where my office was located), my car, and our house of the last 14 years. It was not until [REDACTED] passing that I realized just how isolated I had become since moving to the USA from France. I did not have any friends and only a few acquaintances. I reduced my post-doctoral hours serving clients while I stabilized my life.

Over the last 16 months, I was forced to move offices (was subletting from my partner's office building at the time), purchase my own vehicle (my main vehicle was under [REDACTED] name), and secure a new residence. My world was completely turned upside down as more knowledge of [REDACTED] choices began to surface postmortem. Not only had I lost my partner of 14+ years, I lost my car, my home and my office location all within a matter of weeks.

It was my and my supervisor's understanding that I had 6 years post-doctoral to complete my hours. I did not realize the three years prior to my doctorate degree counted towards my 6 year maximum.

Although I realize you may receive multiple requests to extend PA timelines, I am hoping you will grant me 12 months to complete my client hours and pass the EPPP/CPLÉE exams. Prior to today, when I discovered that my PA time limit was up this coming December, I was planning on sitting for the exam by June 2019. It is my hope that I can continue seeing clients to ensure continuity of care during this time.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Dr. [REDACTED]
Psychological Assistant # PSB [REDACTED]