

LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY

AB 282 (Aguiar-Curry) Chapter 425, Statutes of 2023 – Psychologists: licensure

Psychologists Licensure Examination Eligibility

Business & Professions Code 2914

Operative Date of Legislation: January 1, 2024

Attention Board of Psychology (Board) stakeholders:

Assembly Bill (AB) 282 (Aguiar-Curry, Chapter 425, Statutes of 2023) was signed by Governor Newsom on October 8, 2023, and amends Business and Professions Code section 2914.

Summary of Changes

Existing law requires that each applicant to the Board of Psychology (Board) for licensure as a psychologist must take and pass any examination required by the Board. Regulations were adopted to effectuate this statutory requirement for licensing examinations, establish eligibility criteria for each examination, and specify parameters for other examination-related processes. The required examinations are the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards' (ASPPB) Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP) and the California Psychology Laws and Ethics Examination (CPLEE).

AB 282 allows an applicant for licensure who has completed all academic coursework required for a qualifying doctoral degree to take either the EPPP or the CPLEE, or both examinations. The bill also requires the Board to implement an additional process to verify eligibility requirements—beyond completion of academic coursework—that may be imposed by a national licensing examination entity, as specified.

AB 282 will change the structure of existing eligibility criteria and other examination-related processes as outlined in regulation. Amendments to existing regulations are necessary to implement these changes, and work on the regulatory package is currently underway.

Implementation

The Board is in the process of developing the regulatory amendments necessary to implement AB 282. As reported in the regulatory update provided at the 2025 November Board meeting, the Board anticipates the regulatory amendments will be completed and become effective **on or after January 1, 2027**, pending approval by the Office of Administrative Law.

This updated implementation timeline does not impact current examination eligibility requirements set forth in existing regulations. Applicants must continue to follow the existing application instructions on the Board's website until the new regulations take effect:

<https://www.psychology.ca.gov/applicants/instructions.shtml>

Updates regarding this regulatory package will be provided during Board meetings. [Subscribe to the Board's email notification list](#) to receive information, such as, meeting agendas and statutory and regulatory changes.