

RECIPROCITY APPLICANTS

Psychologists or school psychologists licensed by other jurisdictions may be eligible for licensure in West Virginia, if the license was obtained under standards equal to or greater than that of West Virginia. An oral examination is required. The materials required include an application, transcripts, fees, and other documents. Additional materials include a letter of good standing from all jurisdictions under which the applicants are licensed and their EPPP score. See the appropriate checklist in the application packet. Please contact the Board office for an application packet. psychbd@wv.gov

TEMPORARY LICENSE

Reciprocity applicants may apply for a temporary license. Proof of licensure in another jurisdiction must be provided directly from that jurisdiction's licensure Board. If granted, the temporary is in effect for 90 days.

ORAL EXAMINATION

Upon completion of all pre-oral examination requirements, an applicant is scheduled for an oral examination. It is the candidate's responsibility to declare domains in which they are competent to practice psychology or school psychology. Further, candidates must demonstrate that they possess these competencies. Oral examination materials must be submitted at least 15 days prior to the oral examination date. Materials include an oral examination form, demonstrable competency form and at least three work sample reports of psychological evaluations and/or treatment. During the oral examination, the Board interviews the applicant in regard to scope of proposed practice, quality of work samples, demonstrable competencies, and ethics. A critical review of presented competencies is conducted to determine if they are possessed by the applicant. This determination is made by Board consensus. Upon a satisfactory review of all relevant materials and topics, the Board may grant a license to an applicant to independently perform those psychological practice competencies presented during the oral examination.

RENEWALS

Licenses are renewed every two years for psychology and every three years for school psychology. Psychology licensees shall submit documentation of 20 hours of continuing education credits earned during the 2-year period. School Psychology licensees must earn 30 hours of continuing education during the 3-year period. All licensees must obtain 3 hours in ethics to renew their respective licenses. Continuing Education Audit forms and CE certificates will be required before licenses are renewed by the Board. Please see the CE Guidelines for additional information on continuing education.

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

To practice psychology in West Virginia individuals must be licensed by the West Virginia Board of Examiners of Psychologists.