

CHAPTER 42

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS

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The fee schedule was subsequently amended by R.1989 d.467, effective September 5, 1989, and by R.1991 d.312, effective June 17, 1991. See: 21 N.J.R. 1649(a), 21 N.J.R. 2801(b); 23 N.J.R. 980(a), 23 N.J.R. 1960(a). Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 42 expired on October 31, 1993. New rules of the Board of Psychological Examiners were adopted as R.1993 d.547. See: Source and Effective Date.

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SUBCHAPTER 1. SCOPE OF PRACTICE; PERSONS REQUIRING LICENSURE; EXEMPTIONS FROM LICENSURE; UNLICENSED PRACTICE

13:42-1.1 Scope of practice

(a) The scope of practice of a licensed psychologist includes, but is not limited to, the use or advertisement of the use of theories, principles, procedures, techniques or devices of psychology, whether or not for a fee or other recompense. Psychological services include, but are not limited to:

1. Psychological assessment of a person or group including, but not limited to: administration or interpretation of psychological tests and devices for the purpose of educational placement, job placement, job suitability, personality evaluation, intelligence, psychodiagnosis, treatment planning and disposition; career and vocational planning and development; personal development; management development; institutional placements; and assessments in connection with legal proceedings and the actions of governmental agencies including, but not limited to, cases involving education, divorce, child custody, disability issues and criminal matters;

2. Psychological intervention or consultation in the form of verbal, behavioral or written interaction to promote optimal development or growth or to ameliorate personality disturbances or maladjustments of an individual or group. Psychological intervention includes, but is not limited to, individual, couples, group and family psychotherapy, and psychological consultation includes consultation to or for private individuals, groups and organizations and to or for governmental agencies, police and any level of the judicial system;

3. Use of psychological principles, which are operating assumptions derived from the theories of psychology that include, but are not limited to: personality, motivation, learning and behavior systems, psychophysiological psychology including biofeedback, neuropsychology, cognitive psychology and psychological measurement; and

4. Use of psychological procedures, which are applications employing the principles of psychology and associated techniques, instruments and devices. These procedures include, but are not limited to, psychological interviews, counseling, psychotherapy, hypnotherapy, biofeedback, and psychological assessments.

13:42-1.2 Persons requiring licensure

(a) Persons requiring licensure include all those whose conduct is within the scope of practice set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:42-1.1 and whose practice is not otherwise exempt pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6, N.J.S.A. 45:14B-8 and N.J.A.C. 13:42-1.3 through 1.5, including the following:

1. Persons offering services to the public in private practice, in partnership with other licensed health care professionals, in professional service corporations as shareholders or employees, and in or affiliated with all forms of managed health care organizations (for example, HMO, PPO, IPA, etc.);

2. Employees of general business corporations to the extent such practice is permitted pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:42-7.5; and

3. (Reserved)

Amended by R.1995 d.332, effective June 19, 1995.
See: 26 N.J.R. 4738(a), 27 N.J.R. 2422(a).

Case Notes

Psychology; practice without license; person practicing is working as employee at accredited academic institution or a government institution or agency, is working for nonprofit community agency under direct supervision of licensed practicing psychologist, is certified by Department of Education as school psychologist and offers psychological services within the scope of his or her employment but not to the general public, is student of psychology and under supervision and clearly designated as intern or trainee, is comparably licensed psychologist of another state practicing in state for only brief time or has been issued temporary permit. *Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO v. Clymer*, 292 N.J.Super. 138, 678 A.2d 332 (L.1996).

13:42-1.3 Employment by a non-profit bona fide community organization; exemption from licensure

(a) Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3, a psychologist employee of a non-profit organization which is a bona fide community agency supported wholly or in major part by public funds is exempted from licensure provided the employee is under the supervision of a supervisor authorized by law.

(b) For purposes of this section, the term "public funds" shall not mean payments by Medicare or Medicaid or other public or private insurance fund on behalf of an individual client to an individual provider (directly or through a professional service corporation) licensed by the Board.

(c) For purposes of this section, the term "non-profit bona fide community organization" shall mean:

1. An entity which is exempt from taxation pursuant to section 501 of the United States Internal Revenue Code and which meets one of the following definitions. The organization shall be:

- i. A corporate entity or any community chest, fund or foundation organized and operated exclusively for religious or charitable purposes;
- ii. A civic league or organization not organized for profit but operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare; or
- iii. A religious society devoted exclusively to charitable or religious purposes; or

2. An entity which has as its commitment the delivery of mental health services to clients who are amenable to those forms of psychological services customarily provided by the organization and which meets one of the following definitions:

- i. The organization receives 50 percent or more of its funding in the form of public monies from a budget line or grant appropriated on a quarterly, twice-yearly, annual or other regular basis; or
- ii. The organization has publicly and permanently committed itself to accepting, without numerical restriction, clients whose treatment shall be reimbursed either by Medicaid or Medicare or other public insurance program funding.

(d) Examples of organizations which may be considered bona fide non-profit community organizations under the definition set forth in (c)2 above include private or public non-psychiatric hospitals which are licensed by the New Jersey State Department of Health to provide health and medical care to the general public and which have a designated psychiatric unit.

(e) By July 19, 1995 or at the time employment of the unlicensed psychologist employee commences, whichever is later, the exempt entity or exempt practitioner shall submit to the Board a notice specifying the following information:

1. The public commitment of the organization and the basis for exemption under this section;
2. The name of the New Jersey licensed psychologist(s) or psychiatrist(s) or other licensed mental health care practitioner authorized by law to render professional mental health services at the organization's facility; and
3. The name of each unlicensed psychologist employee who does or shall perform psychological services. The unlicensed psychologist employee shall not be an independent contractor.

(f) The exempt entity may submit notice on behalf of the employee(s), and a single annual notice in January of each year shall suffice to retain the exemption for that year. The exempt entity shall update the notice as necessary, and the Board will acknowledge receipt of each notice.

(g) Exemption shall be conditioned upon the employing organization continuing to meet the criteria of this section and N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6 as it may be affected by other applicable law.

New Rule, R.1995 d.332, effective June 19, 1995.
See: 26 N.J.R. 4738(a), 27 N.J.R. 2422(a).

Case Notes

Psychology; practice without license; person practicing is working as employee at accredited academic institution or a government institution or agency, is working for nonprofit community agency under direct supervision of licensed practicing psychologist, is certified by Department of Education as school psychologist and offers psychological services within the scope of his or her employment but not to the general public, is student of psychology and under supervision and clearly designated as intern or trainee, is comparably licensed psychologist of another state practicing in state for only brief time or has been issued temporary permit. *Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO v. Clymer*, 292 N.J.Super. 138, 678 A.2d 332 (L.1996).

13:42-1.4 Student of psychology; exemption from licensure

(a) For purposes of this section, "student of psychology" means a person who is presently registered at a regionally accredited institution and there matriculated into a graduate program of study leading toward a doctoral degree in psychology or an allied field.

(b) A student of psychology may be exempt from licensure under the Act provided that the student is under the supervision of an authorized supervisor as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:42-4.2.

(c) The student's authorized supervisor shall be responsible for ensuring that:

1. The student's participation in the training program is a requirement of the graduate psychology program;
2. The student's transcript (or previous transcripts accepted by the degree-granting college or university as specifically supportive of the present graduate program leading toward the graduate degree) reflects prior academic training specific to the duties assigned to the student; and
3. The student is clearly identified as a student intern or extern prior to engaging in psychological practice.

13:42-1.5 Member of other professional group doing work of psychological nature; exemption from licensure

(a) The following individuals, who do work of a psychological nature consistent with the accepted standards of their respective professions, are exempt from licensure under the Practicing Psychology Licensing Act provided they do not hold themselves out to the public by any title or description stating or implying that such person is a psychologist or is licensed to practice psychology:

1. A licensed allopathic or osteopathic physician;
2. A licensed optometrist;
3. A licensed chiropractor;
4. A member of the clergy or pastoral counselor directly affiliated with a recognized ministry and employed by that ministry to provide psychological services;
5. A licensed attorney at law;
6. A licensed social worker under the supervision of a duly licensed mental health professional;
7. A licensed clinical social worker;
8. A licensed registered nurse certified by the Society of Clinical Specialists in Psychiatric Nursing of the American Nurses Association;
9. A person employed by the Federal government and solely in a Federal installation;
10. An authorized practitioner as designated by a New Jersey court of competent jurisdiction to perform services which may be psychological in nature pursuant to Rule of Court 5:3-3;

11. A school psychologist or guidance counselor who is certified by the New Jersey State Department of Education and who is employed by, and whose services are rendered in or for, a public or private school. No exemption shall be permitted to any school psychologist/counselor not certified by a governmental department of the State of New Jersey and not employed in an exempt setting as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:42-1.3 and N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)1 and (b) unless otherwise authorized by law;

12. A professional counselor or associate counselor licensed pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:8B-1 et seq., as amended by P.L. 1993, c.340;

13. A licensed marriage counselor;

14. A licensed occupational therapist;

15. A licensed physical therapist;

16. A career counselor registered pursuant to N.J.S.A. 34:8-65 et seq.; and

17. Any other category of practitioners specifically authorized by law to perform work of a psychological nature consistent with the accepted standards of their respective professions/occupations.

Amended by R.1995 d.332, effective June 19, 1995.
See: 27 N.J.R. 4738(a), 27 N.J.R. 2422(a).

13:42-1.6 Ineligibility for exemption

A person denied a permit or license for reasons other than clear educational deficiency, or whose permit or license has been suspended, revoked or limited by the Board, shall be deemed ineligible to be employed in an exempt setting as defined in or to qualify for practice under N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6 except by order of the Board.

SUBCHAPTER 2. INITIAL QUALIFICATIONS

13:42-2.1 Application; qualifications to sit for examination

(a) An applicant for licensure shall file with the Board an application together with all supporting material. The application form requests a brief summary of educational and employment experience. Supporting material required to be submitted with the application includes official transcripts; an abstract of the applicant's doctoral dissertation as published in Dissertation Abstracts International; and two certificates of good moral character. Documentation of two years of full time or full time equivalent supervised experience in the practice of psychology is required upon the applicant's completion of such experience.

(b) In order to be eligible to sit for the examination, an applicant shall have two years of full time or full time equivalent supervised experience in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:42-4, and:

1. An earned doctorate, which meets the criteria set forth in (d) through (i) below, in the field of psychology from an educational institution recognized by the Board;
2. An earned doctorate, which meets the criteria set forth in (d) through (i) below, in a field allied to psychology; or

3. Equivalent training as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:42-2.3.

(c) The institution at which the applicant earned his or her doctorate shall have been fully accredited during the entirety of the applicant's attendance by an accrediting body generally recognized within the national academic community. Alternatively, an educational institutional program shall have been granted continuous provisional accreditation by a recognized regional or national entity during the entirety of the applicant's attendance, with full accreditation having been awarded within five years of the candidate's graduation.