



**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY**

***PLEASE SHARE THIS NOTICE WITH COLLEAGUES, EMPLOYERS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES.***

**\*\*\* New CE requirements- LGBTQ and Public Health CEs are now mandatory. \*\*\***

**Read below for:**

**COVID-19 Update**

**Licensing and Renewal Information**

**CE Changes**

**Invitation for DC residents to join the board and help make a difference!**

***Licensees should monitor the Board's webpage for the most up to date information: [Board of Psychology](#) Those with additional questions should contact the Board, at [dcbopsych@dc.gov](mailto:dcbopsych@dc.gov)***

## COVID-19

In response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, DC Health remains operational. We continue to provide essential services; however, there are changes to how some services are provided. For the latest information, please continue to review and monitor [coronavirus.dc.gov](https://coronavirus.dc.gov) or the Board's webpage: [Board of Psychology](#).

The Health Regulation and Licensing Administration (HRLA) Processing Center will be open to the public by appointment only on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The online appointment scheduler is [appts.dcvsim.com](https://appts.dcvsim.com).

DC COVID Alert Notice (DC CAN) is an alert notification system that allows iPhone and Android mobile device users to receive an alert when they may have been exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19. For more information about DC CAN, visit [coronavirus.dc.gov/dccan](https://coronavirus.dc.gov/dccan).

For questions related to the District of Columbia's COVID-19 vaccination plan, please see [coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine](https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine) or send inquiries to [covid-19.vaccine@dc.gov](mailto:covid-19.vaccine@dc.gov)

## **LICENSURE/REGISTRATION INFORMATION:**

- The Board of Psychology regulates the following **two (2) professional groups**:
  - Psychologist
  - Psychology Associate
- **Predoctoral Candidates/Students** who perform a practicum or internship in the District of Columbia as part of their predoctoral **academic requirements** are **not required** to be licensed and should not notify the board of the practicum or internship assignment. Students must work under supervision of a District of Columbia licensed psychologist.
  - An individual **no longer in a student/intern/practicum status** preparing to enter the workforce, must remember that **a license is required before an individual is authorized to practice**.
- **Postdoctoral Candidates** must **have an active psychology associate registration** prior to starting postdoctoral program.
  - The Board has determined that **all persons seeking to accrue Psychological Practice Experience (PPE)** will be required to register as psychology associates **unless** the PPE is being obtained in an APA-approved or APPIC-approved internship or postdoctoral program.
    - For additional information, please read the [Policy Statement on the Psychology Associates Registration and Accrual of Practice Experience](#) which became effective on April 6, 2017.

- **A filed application is not a license and does not authorize the provision of services.**
- Applicants are encouraged to apply 3-4 months in advance prior to their anticipated start date.
- Verify a license by visiting [doh.force.com/ver/s](https://doh.force.com/ver/s).
- **Applicant with a pending application:**
  - **Supervised Practice Form Approval for NEW Applicants** (*per applicant's request*)  
A Board approved status which allows an individual with a complete\* licensure application and negative criminal background check (CBC) results the opportunity to work, while the application is in the processing phase. A request for Supervised Practice Form must be submitted to the Board and approved by the Board before any provision of services can begin.  
**\*A complete application means, all required forms and documents have been received, meet the requirements, and there is no positive criminal background result.**
  - **Updating Your Contact Information:** If your information (name, mailing address, email address, phone number, etc.) has changed since your last renewal, please send your new contact information to [dcbopsych@dc.gov](mailto:dcbopsych@dc.gov). For **name changes**, please include copy of a govt. issued ID and one of the following name change documents (marriage certificate, divorce decree, etc.).

#### **BOARD POLICY STATEMENTS:**

- **Guidance on Tele-Psychology and Remote Supervision Policy Statement:** In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board has issued a [policy statement regarding Tele-Psychology and Remote Supervision](#).
  - For additional information, please visit [Board of Psychology](#) and view under the "Board Policy Statements" section.
- **EPPP Policy Statement Policy Statement:** The DC Board of Psychology are early adopters of the EPPP Part 2 examination.
  - For additional information, please visit [Board of Psychology](#) and view under the "Board Policy Statements" section.

#### **UPDATED CONTINUING EDUCATION INFORMATION:**

- An application for renewal of a license expiring on December 31, 2021 shall complete, **thirty (30)** APA-approved continuing education credits (CEs); including **three (3) hours in ethics, two (2) hours in LGBTQ and ten percent (10%) in public health priorities.** **The CEs must be obtained between January 1, 2020- December 31, 2021.**

- At least fifteen (15) CEUs of the required thirty (30) shall be completed in **live programs**.
  - **Live Program** is defined as “*continuing education activities that provide for direct, real-time interaction between presenter(s) and participants and may include, inter alia, lectures, symposia, live teleconferences, live webinars, and workshops.*”
- **Additional Information on CEs:**
  - LGBTQ CEs are required in cultural competence and appropriate clinical treatment specifically for individuals who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender non-conforming, queer, or questioning their sexual orientation or gender identity and expression. LGBTQ CEs are separate from the Public Health Priorities requirement.
  - All licensed health care providers in the District of Columbia are now required to complete **10% or three (3) CEUs** of the required total of continuing education **in the public health priorities** of the District as determined by the Director and published every five (5) years or less frequently as deemed appropriate. Please follow the link and refer to the identified subjects areas for the public health considerations:  
[dchealth.dc.gov/page/policy-statement-identifying-public-health-issues-continuing-education](https://dchealth.dc.gov/page/policy-statement-identifying-public-health-issues-continuing-education)
- All CEs must be approved by *American Psychology Association (APA)*. The CE certificates must include the approval information.
- Proof of successful completion shall be submitted within thirty (30) days after it is requested by the Board.
- The ethics, LGBTQ and the public health priorities CEUs are also required for a reactivation and reinstatement application.

#### **BOARD INFORMATION:**

- If you are interested in joining the Board, please contact the Mayor’s Office of Talent and Appointments: [motaboards.theresumator.com/apply/](https://motaboards.theresumator.com/apply/).
- The public is invited to attend the Open Session of Board meetings, which are held the second Tuesday every two (2) months (except August) at 2:30 p.m. virtually due to the public health emergency. View the Board’s web page [Board of Psychology](#) for agendas and the meeting schedule.

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