

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
HEALTH REGULATION AND LICENSING ADMINISTRATION**

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY  
AUTHORITY FOR GUIDANCE

July 14, 2020  
DATE OF POLICY<sup>1</sup>

20-001  
POLICY NO.

**POLICY STATEMENT**

**LICENSURE REQUIREMENT:  
PASSAGE OF THE EXAMINATION FOR PROFESSIONAL  
PRACTICE OF PSYCHOLOGY (EPPP – PARTS 1 AND 2)**

To qualify for a license to practice psychology in the District, an applicant is required, in addition to the education and training necessary, to have taken and passed the Examination for Professional Practice of Psychology (EPPP), offered by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB). 17 DCMR § 6904.1(a).

On October 21, 2017, ASPPB announced that the EPPP will include a skills-based test, administered as EPPP Part 2. According to the organization, “the integrity and legal defensibility of the EPPP depend[s] on treating Part 2 as an essential and integral part of the assessment of competence to practice.” The initial launch date for EPPP Part 2 was expected to be January 1, 2019 but has been delayed. The current implementation date is expected to be on November 1, 2020. Accordingly, all applicants by examination or re-examination who submit their application on or after November 1, 2020 will be required to take both parts of EPPP.

Since ASPPB has determined that EPPP Part 2 is an essential and integral part of the competency assessment, the Board now interprets section 6904.1(a) as encompassing both parts of EPPP. Accordingly, when ASPPB begins to implement EPPP Part 2, the national examination requirement for the District’s psychology license will include both parts of the EPPP. This requirement will not be applicable to current licensees or expired licensees who seek to reinstate a DC license.

With regard to applicants seeking DC license by endorsement, the EPPP Part 2 will be required based on the date the applicants obtained the qualifying doctoral degree. Accordingly, an endorsement applicant who obtained their degree on or after the date of the EPPP Part 2 implementation and did not take both parts of the EPPP, will be required to take and pass the

---

<sup>1</sup> This policy was initially adopted on May 12, 2020. It was revised based on further review at the Board’s meeting on July 14, 2020 to clarify the effect of the policy on endorsement applicants.

Board of Psychology  
Policy Statement 17-001: Psychology Associate Registration and Accrual of Practice  
Experience  
July 14, 2020

EPPP Part 2. However, an applicant who obtained their degree before the implementation date of the EPPP Part 2, will qualify for DC license based on passage of EPPP Part 1, although they may not have taken EPPP Part 2.

The Board is currently engaged in an extensive effort to update its regulations, which, when completed, will clearly reflect the position taken in this policy guidance.

All inquiries pertaining to the practice of psychology, including the continuing education requirements, may be directed to the Board at [dcbopsych@dc.gov](mailto:dcbopsych@dc.gov).