

Ohio Psychologist Licensing Law Amended in HB64:
“Institutional Accreditation” Restored as Basis for Doctoral Degree Eligibility
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Amendments to ORC 4732.10 in HB64 have resulted in an immediate resumption of license eligibility for all individuals with doctoral degrees in psychology or school psychology from institutions accredited or recognized by a national or regional accrediting agency without a requirement for academic program accreditation. Enrollment and graduation deadlines in the previous “grandfather” provision have been eliminated from the law.

The definition of "national or regional accrediting agency" remains unchanged and means one of the following: Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools - Commission on Higher Education; New England Association of Schools and Colleges; North Central Association of Colleges and Schools; Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges; Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; Western Association of Schools and Colleges - Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges.

The definition of “academic program accreditation” remains unchanged and means that the doctoral degree granting program holds "accreditation," "designation," or "approval" by one or more of the following entities: (i) The American Psychological Association, Office of Program Consultation and Accreditation; (ii) The Accreditation Office of the Canadian Psychological Association; (iii) A program listed by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards/National Register Designation Committee; or (iv) The National Association of School Psychologists.

Graduates of programs that do not hold academic program accreditation are still required to complete a minimum of 3,600 hours of qualifying supervised training, including no fewer than 1,800 hours of supervised post-doctoral experience [see OAC 4732-9-01 (A)]. The legislative changes do not affect the pre-doctoral and post-doctoral training options available to graduates of programs with academic program accreditation [see OAC 4732-9-01 (B)] or the license eligibility requirements for “senior psychologists” [see OAC 4732-9-01 (C)].

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