

# STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY of OHIO

## POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL

### SECTION 3: MANDATORY CONTINUING EDUCATION

#### POLICY 3.1: WAIVERS/EXCUSE FROM MCE

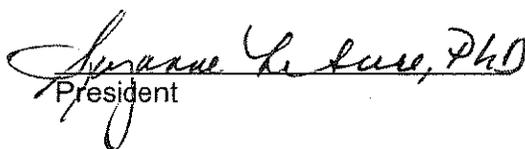
PRIOR DATE EFFECTIVE: DECEMBER 12, 2005

EFFECTIVE: APRIL 29, 2013

Reference: ORC 4732.141 (F); OAC 4732-2-01 (C) (10)

Pursuant to law and rule, the Board is authorized to excuse any licensee or group of licensees from the Mandatory Continuing Education (MCE) requirements required for biennial registration of the license.

#### REVIEWED AND APPROVED:

 President	4/17/13 Date	 Executive Director	5/9/13 Date
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### POLICY STATEMENTS AND STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

- 1) By Board vote on December 12, 2005, the Board determined that laws and rules require all licensees wishing to renew the license to evidence compliance with the Ohio MCE requirements in place, except for unusual circumstances, emergency, or special hardship. The Board thereby voted and rescinded all language in Policy 3.1 as effective June 24, 2003.
- 2) The Board terminated the previous category of licensees granted waivers by virtue of not practicing in Ohio.
- 3) The Board agreed, in issuing a policy update in the State Board ALERT! 2004, that the following criteria shall be employed by the Board when reviewing a petition for a waiver from the MCE requirements, which must be received before august 1 of the relevant renewal year:
  - 1) Active Duty in the U.S. Armed Forces: automatic waiver under law, upon request
  - 2) Documented major medical problems substantially impacting the ability to participate in CE activities for a substantial portion of the biennium. If one is able to practice psychology, it is generally understood that once can complete the 23 hours of MCE required for biennial renewal.
  - 3) Documented emergencies and special hardships consuming a substantial portion of the biennium and impacting the ability to participate in MCE activities.
  - 4) Other significant unusual circumstances, hardships, or emergencies.
  - 5) Basing a petition on the fact that one no longer practices psychology in Ohio is not a convincing or compelling reason for excuse from the MCE required to maintain the Ohio license.
  - 6) The Executive Director is granted authority to issue or deny a request for waiver from the MCE requirements.