



OHIO'S NEW LAW FOR PSYCHOLOGIST LICENSING

INSTRUCTIONS FOR DOCUMENTING SUPERVISED TRAINING EXPERIENCES IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE NEW LAW [OAC 4732-9-01 (I)] AND GRANDFATHER/OLD LAW [OAC 4732-9-01 (H)]

The State Board of Psychology's new licensure law, Amended House Bill 503, was signed by Governor Strickland on January 6, 2009, and became effective on April 6, 2009. Please find the amended statute, ORC 4732.10 (B) at: <http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/4732.10>.

"NEW LAW" CANDIDATES

Candidates with qualifying degrees and internships have a choice of applying for admission to examination under the new law, if desiring to use any qualifying pre-internship supervised experiences toward the 3,600 hour requirement. The new law provides an optional pathway to psychologist license eligibility without requiring, under certain circumstances, post-doctoral training. Candidates applying under the new law shall have: 1) an earned doctoral degree in psychology or school psychology from a program that holds accreditation, designation, or approval by the APA Commission on Accreditation, the CPA Accreditation Office, Designation by the ASPPB/NR, or approval by NASP (for school psychology doctoral degrees only); and, 2) a qualifying pre-doctoral internship- no less than 1,500 hours and no greater than 2000 hours accrued in a period of no less than nine months (school psychology doctorates) and no more than 24 months. Internship supervision/training criteria must be met for non-accredited/non-APPIC member internships. Also, certain pre-internship supervised experiences may be included as part of the required 3,600 hours, if they meet specific criteria in the Board's regulations. Post-internship, including post-doctoral supervised experiences, may be included as part of the required 3,600 hours if they meet specific criteria.

The new law, and rules effective January 8, 2010, provide specific criteria for qualifying supervised training experiences, including a MANDATORY PRE-DOCTORAL INTERNSHIP, POST-INTERNSHIP (including post-doctoral) supervised experiences, and PRE-INTERNSHIP supervised experiences. The forms to be used to document psychological training will be completed by internship and post-doctoral residency directors, and others will involve collaboration among the doctoral program's Director of Clinical Training or Coordinator, the placement/externship site supervisors, and the candidate. Because of the numerous options that the new law affords licensure candidates, there are a total of seven forms. Candidates select only the appropriate forms to account for the required 3,600 hours. All of the forms are available via hyperlink by clicking on the name below:

INTERNSHIP TRAINING VERIFICATION FORMS:

- FORM A:** This form is titled [VERIFICATION OF APA-ACCREDITED, CPA-ACCREDITED, OR APPIC-MEMBER PRE-DOCTORAL INTERNSHIP](#). This form exists for accredited/APPIC member internship sites to verify completion of the internship, which shall be automatically accepted by rule to satisfy the internship requirement.
- FORM B:** This form is titled [DCT VERIFICATION OF PRE-APPROVED NON-ACCREDITED, NON-APPIC MEMBER INTERNSHIP](#). This form must be completed by the doctoral program DCT or Coordinator or designee as evidence that a non-accredited, non-APPIC member internship was pre-approved by the program.
- FORM C:** This form is titled [VERIFICATION OF NON-ACCREDITED, NON-APPIC MEMBER PRE-DOCTORAL INTERNSHIP](#) and must be completed by the Internship Director of non-accredited/non-APPIC member internships.

POST-INTERNSHIP (INCLUDING POST-DOCTORAL) TRAINING VERIFICATION FORMS:

- FORM D:** This form is titled [VERIFICATION OF ACCREDITED OR APPIC-MEMBER POST-DOCTORAL TRAINING](#). Form D will only be required when the candidate has **completed** an accredited or APPIC-member post-doctoral residency. Post-doctoral residents who are, for example, one year into a two-year post-doctoral program should use Form E if wishing to become licensed prior to the completion of the post-doctoral program.
- FORM E:** This form is titled [VERIFICATION OF POST-INTERNSHIP \(INCLUDING POST-DOCTORAL\) TRAINING](#). This form is to be completed by the director(s) of post-internship training experiences other than **completed** APA-accredited or APPIC member postdoctoral residencies. For example, any candidate completing non-accredited/non-APPIC member post-doctoral training experiences will be required to have this form completed.

PRE-INTERNSHIP TRAINING VERIFICATION FORMS:

FORM F: This form is titled [DCT VERIFICATION OF ALL PRE-INTERNSHIP TRAINING](#), and is to be completed by the DCT or program Coordinator. This form serves to provide the Board with a list **every** pre-internship doctoral program placement and an evaluation by the DCT/Coordinator.

FORM G: This form is titled [SUPERVISOR VERIFICATION OF PRE-INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE](#), and must be completed by the primary supervisor of each pre-internship placement/experience being put forward for consideration by the Board in partial fulfillment of the 3,600 hours of required training.

GRANDFATHER (“OLD LAW”) CANDIDATES

There is a grandfather provision in the law, which retains license eligibility for any person enrolled by June 6, 2009 in a regionally accredited academic institution and who is awarded a doctorate in psychology or school psychology from said institution before April 6, 2017. Students currently anticipating graduating from a program that is not accredited, designated, or approved should pay careful attention to this provision and the deadline to graduate. **Said persons will be license eligible under the “old law” which will include the requirement of completing two years (3,600 hours) of satisfactory experience under OAC 4732-9-01 (H), at least 1,800 hours of which must be post-doctoral.** Note, too, that the new rules hold that graduates of doctoral programs accredited, designated, or approved by APA, CPA, ASPPB/NR, or NASP during the student’s tenure or within two years of when the applicant was awarded the doctoral degree shall be considered graduates of an accredited or designated program. Under these circumstances, graduates may apply for admission to examination under the new law and rule OAC 4732-9-01 (I).

Candidates with qualifying degrees and internships under the new law also have a choice of applying under the old law and OAC 4732-9-01 (H) by proceeding to complete a post-doctoral year of supervised experience of a minimum of 1,800 hours over no less than 12 months and no more than 36 months. This option under rule 4732-9-01 (H) ends April 6, 2017, after which all candidates will be required to comply with the new degree, internship, and training requirements in OAC 4732-9-01 (I).

SUPERVISED EXPERIENCE VERIFICATION FORM FOR “OLD LAW” CANDIDATES:

[PSYCHOLOGICAL TRAINING SUPERVISION DOCUMENTATION FORM](#)