

TRACK YOUR RENEWAL STATUS ON-LINE!

The Board's licensing database gives you easy access to information about the status of your license during renewal. Simply click on "License Verification" on the Board's homepage at www.psychology.ohio.gov. First, select "Psychology Board" under "Division." Next, enter your name or license number (in the center box) to view your public screen. Once you locate your name, click on it to display your information. Please note the following definitions of terms that will be listed under the STATUS column:

"ACTIVE IN RENEWAL" All active licenses automatically revert to this status when renewal materials are mailed to you at the outset of the renewal period. This indicates that the renewal materials were mailed to you, although the Board has not yet received your form, coupon, and/or fee.

"ACTIVE IN RENEWAL—PAID" This indicates only that your \$350 fee and Mandatory Fee Card were processed.

"ACTIVE IN RENEWAL—HOLD" This indicates that your fee has been processed but there is pending action prior to successfully renewing your license (e.g., required MCE has not been verified; renewal form incomplete)

"ACTIVE" This indicates that you have successfully renewed your license. Your 2006-2008 license card has been printed and mailed to you.

"EXPIRED" This indicates that your license has been suspended. This includes licensees who choose not to renew and those licensees who attempt to renew but miss the MCE deadline or evidence problems regarding the form or fee.

LICENSING RULE UPDATE: "EQUIVALENT" DEGREE PHASE OUT

A rule change became effective in May 2007 specific to degree requirements for Ohio psychologist license candidates. Pursuant to administrative rules OAC 4732-9-01, 9-01.1 and 9-01.2, applicants without a doctoral degree in psychology or school psychology and desiring a review of a degree for determination of "equivalence" to a doctoral degree in psychology or school psychology, must submit an application with evidence of the award of the degree on or before May 1, 2010. This is a hard deadline for the award of a degree to be reviewed and for the Board receipt of the application. After May 1, 2010, all applicants will be required to present evidence of an earned doctoral degree in psychology or school psychology from a regionally accredited institution.

GOT MCE QUESTIONS?

ASK EARLY AND ASK THE RIGHT OFFICE

OPA-MCE registrant? Contact the OPA-MCE Office via

OSPA-MCE registrant? Contact OSPA-MCE at
(614) 414-5980

BOARD SNAPSHOT

Number of licensees as of April 1, 2008	3,707
➤ Psychologists	3,378
➤ School Psychologists	329
New licenses issued in 2007	
➤ Psychologists	118
➤ School Psychologists	13
Formal written complaints received in 2007	71
Investigations closed in 2007	58
➤ Closed <i>without</i> formal Board action	50 (86% of 2007 closures)
➤ Closed <i>with</i> formal Board action	8 (14% of 2007 closures)
Reprimand plus remedial CE/restriction	4
Revocation or Surrender	2
Reprimand	1
Individual Remedial Tutorial	1
Cease and Desist Letters Issued	5

NEW MULTIPLE RELATIONSHIP RULES IN EFFECT

24-MONTH RULE EXTENDED TO NON-SEXUAL RELATIONSHIPS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES

Due to an appellate court ruling, the Board, in conjunction with the Ohio Psychological Association, promulgated a new rule that clarifies prohibited multiple relationships in the practice of psychology and school psychology in OAC 4732-17-01 (E). In addition to the 24-month post-professional role prohibition against sexual relationships, certain non-sexual relationships are also prohibited for 24-months in circumstances in which the former client is exploited and/or the licensee's judgment, objectivity or competence is impaired. The new rule text is included in this issue of *ALERT! 2008*.

RULE UPDATES CLARIFY SUPERVISION RULES

SPOUSAL EXCEPTION FOR WORK SUPERVISION ELIMINATED

Rule changes effective in November 2007 include updated definitions, welfare of the client and multiple relationship rule modifications, and updated supervision rules. The rules now clarify that the supervision relationship is a professional psychological role and, therefore, requires maximal objectivity for the protection of client welfare. There are no longer any exceptions that allow sexual or familial relationships between supervisors and supervisees in Psychological Work Supervision. Historically, rules allowed married couples to be in a Psychological Work Supervision relationship, and other rules did not specifically address non-spousal family members entering into a supervisory relationship. The Board staff reviewed its supervision records in November and December 2007 and began making telephone notifications to those known to be affected. Couples and other family members who are in a Psychological Work Supervision relationship should immediately begin to make alternate arrangements so that the supervision is transferred or dissolved as quickly as feasible, with client welfare central to decision-making. The Board will work with people as needed to afford a transition period. Questions may be directed to Ron Ross at the Board office.

BEFORE YOU CALL THE BOARD: REMINDERS ABOUT ETHICS QUESTIONS AND AVAILABLE OPTIONS

Licensees are expected to have a reasonable working knowledge of the laws and rules governing psychologists and school psychologists and of relevant professional standards and guidelines. Licensees have options when faced with ethical dilemmas or questions about applying the laws and rules to professional practice:

Professional Associations (e.g., OPA and APA) provide ethics consultations as a member benefit

Knowledgeable Colleagues might offer valuable experience and direction relative to professional issues

Liability insurance carriers might provide advice and direction on professional practice issues (e.g., APAIT)

Attorneys with expertise in mental health practice are a critical source for actual legal advice

The Board web site offers reminders and alerts on various issues

The Board office staff can provide references to laws, rules, and Board policy. Before you call the Board please be reminded that:

- Neither the Board's Executive Director nor other staff members can offer Board "positions" on issues raised. Callers must understand that the Board and its staff cannot offer legal advice or advice on how to handle a specific professional situation.
- We have determined that answers to most callers' questions posed to staff could have been answered by reviewing the Rules of Professional Conduct in OAC 4732-17-01.
- Written summaries of callers' questions and discussions with staff are typically prepared after each call and placed on record and may become subject to disclosure as "public records" under the Ohio Sunshine Laws.
- The Board cannot provide referrals to specific attorneys.
- Licensees are welcome to call the Board office with questions, keeping this summary in mind.

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Dear State Board of Psychology Licensee:

This serves to advise you that the biennial license registration ("Renewal") process for 2008-2010 is underway. As a reminder, by statute your license is set to expire on September 30, 2008 unless you register your license in compliance with registration and MCE deadlines established in law. As with prior renewal periods, our goal is to get your license card in the mail to you as rapidly as possible after receiving your completed renewal form, your fee and Mandatory Fee Card, and evidence of your MCE compliance from OPA-MCE or OSPA-MCE. The enclosed license registration materials are being mailed to your address on file in accord with the Board's responsibility to provide registration materials to each licensee biannually. Please treat your license with the care it deserves by not waiting to renew your license. We pledge to do the same. Please note the following reminders:

- **The deadline to complete MCE requirements is August 31, 2008.** Failure to complete your MCE before this deadline (and ensure that OPA-MCE or OSPA-MCE has the necessary certificates in hand) requires payment of a \$50 penalty by law (ORC 4732.14) and might require an application for reinstatement.
- **The final deadline for mailing your renewal form, fee and Mandatory Fee Card is September 30, 2008.** Missing this deadline results in an automatic suspension of the license by operation of law. If your license expires, you will be required to file an application for reinstatement, \$350 renewal fee, and \$50 penalty fee. Remember that an application for reinstatement, submitted at any point after the expiration of a license, must be accompanied by an MCE report certifying compliance with MCE requirements.
- **Please give us 30 days to get your card in the mail from the time we receive your renewal form, Mandatory Fee Card and fee, and certification of MCE compliance from either OPA-MCE or OSPA-MCE.** For early responders, this process will take just days. The longer you wait, the longer it will take to process your form and fee. If you have not done so, complete your MCE requirements immediately, and renew early to avoid delays and meet the deadlines.
- **Please refrain from calling the Board office to check on the status of your renewal form.** The Board staff must continue to attend to our day-to-day responsibilities in addition to processing nearly 4,000 renewal forms. As you can imagine, dozens of additional telephone calls per day only serve to decrease the efficiency that you and the Board seek. Please consider including your email address on your renewal form for easy contact. If we can email you, it can save considerable time for you and the Board staff.
- **Track the status of your renewal on-line.** The Board's website gives you easy access to information about the status of your license during renewal. Go to www.license.ohio.gov or access this site by clicking "License Verification" on the Board's homepage at www.psychology.ohio.gov. See inside for more information.

On behalf of the Board and its staff, accept my thanks for your careful attention to these details and to the enclosed instructions for license renewal and MCE registration for next biennium.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald R. Ross".

Ronald R. Ross, Ph.D.
Executive Director

ALERT! RECENT RULE UPDATES

Amendments to the Rules Governing Psychologists and School Psychologists became effective November 30, 2007. Unless noted by text that is stricken (deleted) or underlined (new text), the respective rules bodies cited below were not amended. Text not subject to amendment has been omitted unless otherwise included for clarity. Please review the entire rules in context and do not rely on this courtesy summary in isolation. Please note that a new rule governing Multiple Relationships applies the 24-month prohibition to both sexual relationships and to non-sexual relationships under certain circumstances.

4732-17-01 Rules of Professional Conduct

(C) Welfare of the client:

(4) Dependency. Due to inherently influential position, a psychologist or school psychologist shall not exploit the trust or dependency of any ~~clients client, supervisee, evaluatee or other person with whom there is a professional psychological role, as that term is defined in paragraph (Q) of rule 4732-3-01.~~

(7) Stereotypes. A psychologist or school psychologist shall not impose on a client any stereotypes of behavior, values, or roles related to age, gender, religion, race, disability, nationality, or sexual ~~preference-orientation~~ that would interfere with the objective provision of psychological services to the client.

(12) Practicing while impaired. A psychologist or school psychologist shall not undertake or continue a professional psychological role when the judgment, competence, and/or objectivity of the psychologist or school psychologist is impaired due to mental, emotional, physiological, pharmacological, or substances abuse conditions. If impaired judgment, competence, and/or objectivity develops after a professional role has been initiated, the psychologist or school psychologist shall terminate the professional role in an appropriate manner, shall notify the client or other relevant parties of the termination in writing, and shall assist the client, supervisee, or evaluatee in obtaining appropriate services from another appropriate professional.

(13) Unforeseen multiple relationships. If a psychologist or school psychologist determines that, due to unforeseen factors, a prohibited multiple relationship has developed, he or she shall take reasonable steps to resolve it with due regard for the welfare of the person(s) with whom there is or was a professional psychological role.

(E) Multiple relationships. A multiple relationship exists when a psychologist or school psychologist is in a professional psychological role pursuant to paragraph (Q) of rule 4732-3-01 and is in another relationship with the same person or entity or with an individual closely associated with the person or entity. Depending on the timing and nature of one's interactions before or after the establishment of a professional psychological role, multiple relationships can result in exploitation of others, impaired judgment by clients, supervisees and evaluatees, and/or impaired judgment, competence and objectivity of the psychologist or school psychologist. Psychologists and school psychologists actively identify and manage interpersonal boundaries to ensure that there is no exploitation of others and that professional judgment, competence, and objectivity within one's professional psychological roles are not compromised.

(1) In some communities and situations, unavoidable interpersonal contacts can occur due to cultural, linguistic, or geographical considerations. For purposes of this rule, incidental contacts in the personal life of a psychologist or school psychologist with persons with whom there is or was a professional psychological role are not relationships. Nothing in this rule shall be construed to mean that a psychologist or school psychologist is prohibited from undertaking a professional psychological role in an emergency situation, including effecting an appropriate referral when necessary to foster the welfare of others.

(2) Prohibited multiple relationships. The board prescribes that certain multiple relationships are expressly prohibited due to inherent risks of exploitation, impaired judgment by clients, supervisees and evaluatees, and/or impaired judgment, competence or objectivity of the psychologist or school psychologist.

(a) A psychologist or school psychologist shall not:

(i) Undertake a professional psychological role with persons with whom he/she has engaged in sexual intercourse or other sexual in nature or

ii) Undertake a professional psychological role with persons with whom he/she has had a familial, personal, social, supervisory, employment, or other relationship, and the professional psychological role results in: exploitation of the person; or, impaired judgment, competence, and/or objectivity in the performance of one's functions as a psychologist or school psychologist.

b) A psychologist or school psychologist shall not:

(i) Engage in sexual intercourse or other sexual intimacies; or, verbal or nonverbal conduct that is sexual in nature with any current client, supervisee, evaluatee, or with any person closely associated with a current client, supervisee, or evaluatee; or

(ii) Establish any personal, financial, employment, or other relationship with any current client, supervisee, or evaluatee, or with any individual closely associated with a current client, supervisee, or evaluatee and the non-professional role results in: exploitation of the person; or, impaired judgment, competence, and/or objectivity in the performance of one's functions as a psychologist or school psychologist.

(c) A psychologist or school psychologist shall not:

(i) Engage in sexual intercourse or other sexual intimacies; or, verbal or nonverbal conduct that is sexual in nature with any person with whom there has been a professional psychological role at any time within the previous twenty-four months; or

(ii) Enter into any personal, financial, employment or other relationship (other than reestablishing a professional psychological role) with any person with whom there has been a professional psychological role at any time within the previous twenty-four months and the non-professional role results in: exploitation of the person; or, impaired judgment, competence, and/or objectivity in the performance of one's functions as a psychologist or school psychologist.

(d) A psychologist or school psychologist shall not terminate or interrupt a professional role with any person for the purpose, expressed or implied, of entering into a sexual, personal, or financial relationship with that person or any individual closely associated with that person.

(e) The prohibitions established in paragraphs 2 (b) and (c) of this rule extend indefinitely beyond twenty-four months after termination of the professional role if the person, secondary to emotional, mental, or cognitive impairment, remains vulnerable to exploitative influence.

4732-13-04 Requirements pertaining to supervision

(B) Supervisor responsibilities

(3) Pursuant to division (E) of rule 4732-17-01, ~~there shall be no direct family relationship between a licensed psychologist or licensed school psychologist supervisor and a supervisee. if the supervisee's experience is to be accepted toward fulfillment of the experience requirements for licensure in psychology or school psychology.~~

(18) A supervisor shall not ~~sexually harass or have sexual contact with a non-spousal supervisee or use his/her supervisory position to exploit the supervisee engage in sexual intercourse or other sexual intimacies with any supervisee; or, engage in sexual harassment or any verbal or nonverbal conduct that is sexual in nature with any supervisee.~~

4732-3-01 Definitions

(L) "Client," as used in agency-level 4732 of the Administrative Code, means a patient or that person's legal guardian or any other receiver of psychological services, including individuals, groups, and organizations.

(P) "Evaluatee," as used in agency-level 4732 of the Administrative Code, means a person evaluated by a psychologist or school psychologist pursuant to a third party referral from a court, other adjudicative body, or other agency or organization where the referring party might serve as the client for the purpose of receiving a report of services specific to the person(s) evaluated.

(Q) A "professional psychological role," as used in agency-level 4732 of the Administrative Code, exists when a psychologist renders directly or through supervision to an individual, group, organization, or the public any service involving the application of psychological procedures to the assessment, diagnosis, prevention, treatment, or amelioration of psychological problems or emotional or mental disorders; or to the assessment or improvement of psychological adjustment or functioning of individuals or groups, whether or not there is a diagnosable pre-existing psychological problem. A professional psychological role exists when school psychological services are rendered. For the purposes of this rule, professional psychological roles do not include teaching or research even when dealing with psychological subject matter, provided that it does not otherwise involve rendering or offering to render professional services in which patient or client welfare is directly affected.

4732-1-02 Application for licensure

~~(C)-(B)~~ All applications for a license to practice psychology or school psychology shall include verification from the "Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB)" that the applicant holds a current, valid certificate of professional qualification in psychology (CPQ) or a verification letter from the "National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology" that the person holds a current, valid credential as a Health Service Provider; or

4732-7-01 Licensure for applicants licensed or certified by another jurisdiction

(A) Conform with the applicable requirements of section 4732.10 of the Revised Code and rule 4732-9-01 or 4732-9-02 of the Administrative Code, as evidenced by verification from the "Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards" that the applicant holds a current, valid certificate of professional qualification in psychology (CPQ) or as evidenced by verification from ABPP that the applicant holds an active board certification from ABPP or as evidenced by a verification letter stating that the applicant is credentialed by the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology (NR); and, conform with requirements under paragraph (E) of rule 4732-11-01 of the Administrative Code by passing an oral examination administered under the direction of the board.

STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY OF OHIO
BIENNIAL ENFORCEMENT REPORT
June 2, 2006 - June 1, 2008

LICENSEE	ACTION	REASON	EFFECTIVE
James E. Althof, Ph.D. Columbus, #3117	Revocation in force after appeals exhausted: October 2004 revocation order was appealed by the licensee; revocation upheld by common pleas and appeals courts; licensee denied hearing by the Ohio Supreme Court.	Dual sexual relationship; Negligence; Confidentiality; Welfare of the client; Fraud, misrepresentation, deception	September 28, 2007
Janet King Davis, Ph.D. Beachwood, #5252	Reprimand; indefinite practice restriction, minimum of twenty four (24) months; remedial CE.	Negligence; Welfare of the client; Competence	November 30, 2007
J. Thomas DeVoige, Ph.D. Cincinnati, #832	Reprimand; 2-year supervision restriction.	Negligence; Supervision rules	December 6, 2006
Diane E. Frey, Ph.D. Dayton, #229	Reprimand; remedial 1:1 tutorial with Board-approved psychologist	Negligence; Competence	June 22, 2007
Kent Hamdorf, Ph.D. Columbus, #2997	Remedial 1:1 tutorial with Board-approved psychologist .	Negligence; Competence	June 22, 2007
James E. Kaplar, Ph.D. Solon, #753	Reprimand; permanent supervision restriction.	Negligence; Supervision rules	June 22, 2007
Thomas Kotter, Ed.D. West Chester, #2041	License Surrender, permanent.	In lieu of proceedings amid planned retirement	December 6, 2006
Margaret Lahner, Psy.D. Chesterland, #3247	Reprimand; practice restriction, 12-month minimum, to be abated by remedial CE.	Negligence; Welfare of the client; Competence	December 6, 2006
Guy Melvin, Ph.D. Columbus, #4015	License surrender, permanent; waives right to request restoration of license.	In lieu of formal charges and administrative hearing	August 19, 2007
Alice Neuman, Ph.D. Canfield, #680	Reprimand; 12-month practice restriction; remedial CE.	Negligence; Welfare of the client; Competence.	December 6, 2006
Meryl A. Orlando, Ph.D. Ravenna, #3854	30-day license suspension beginning July 1, 2008; 24-month practice restriction; remedial CE.	Negligence; Welfare of the client; Competence.	March 11, 2008
Sharon Pearson, Psy.D. Columbus, #4104	Reprimand; indefinite practice restriction; remedial CE	Negligence; Welfare of the client; Competence.	March 11, 2008
Stephen Redle, Ph.D. Cuyahoga Falls, #5555	Reprimand; remedial CE	Welfare of the client; Supervision rules	March 11, 2008
Janice Roberts, Ph.D. Sylvania, #2634	Reprimand; 36-month practice restriction; remedial CE.	Negligence; Welfare of the client ; Competence	March 12, 2007
Janice Roberts, Ph.D. Sylvania, #2634	Modification amending deadline to complete remedial CE.	Agreement between the parties	March 11, 2008
Joseph D. Schroeder, Psy.D, Cincinnati, #3698	Indefinite suspension; referral for evaluation with report to the Board	Negligence; Dual sexual relationship	March 11, 2008
Elizabeth Semenchuk, Ph.D., North Royalton, #5078	Restoration of license with requirements for treatment and practice monitoring for a minimum period of twelve (12) months	Board determination that circumstances warrant license restoration with conditions.	September 28, 2006
Donald J. Tosi, Ph.D. Columbus, #291	Reprimand	Negligence	December 6, 2006
Clint Voelm, Ph.D. Strasburg, #3746	License Surrender, Permanent	In lieu of further proceedings	September 19, 2007
Sandra S. Wittstein, Ph.D. Cincinnati, #5510	Reprimand; 1:1 remedial tutorial with Board-approved psychologist.	Welfare of the client; Violation of applicable statute	February 23, 2006
Keli A. Yee, Psy.D. Columbus, #6012	Reprimand; 24-month supervision restriction; remedial 1:1 tutorial with Board-approved psychologist.	Testing; Negligence; Welfare of the client; Competence; Supervision	March 12, 2007