

State Board of Psychology

Guidelines for Licensees with Regard to the Delegation of Psychological Services

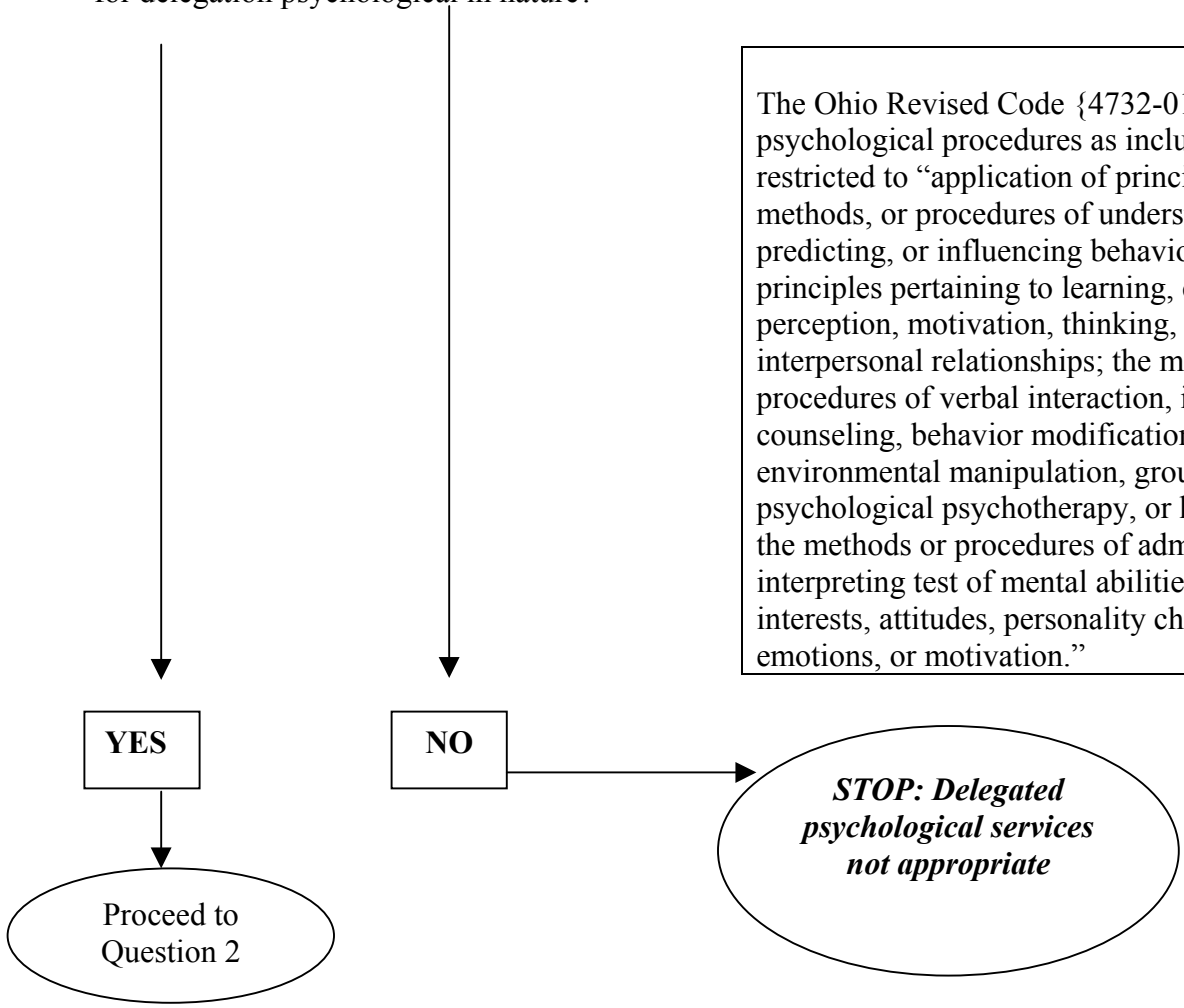
**Introduction:** These guidelines were developed to assist licensees in determining when and how to delegate psychological services in a manner that is consistent with the Ohio Psychology Laws and Rules Governing Psychologists and School Psychologists. Sections of the Ohio Revised Code that are of most relevance to the issue of delegated psychological services are cited below. Licensees are expected to be familiar with and abide by all Ohio Psychology Laws and Rules Governing Psychologists and School Psychologists.

**Section 1: Determining whether the procedures in question are appropriate for delegation**

**Question 1**

Are the procedures that are being considered for delegation psychological in nature?

The Ohio Revised Code {4732-01(B)} defines psychological procedures as including but not restricted to “application of principles, methods, or procedures of understanding, predicting, or influencing behavior, such as the principles pertaining to learning, conditioning, perception, motivation, thinking, emotions, or interpersonal relationships; the methods or procedures of verbal interaction, interviewing, counseling, behavior modification, environmental manipulation, group process, psychological psychotherapy, or hypnosis; and the methods or procedures of administering or interpreting test of mental abilities, aptitudes, interests, attitudes, personality characteristics, emotions, or motivation.”



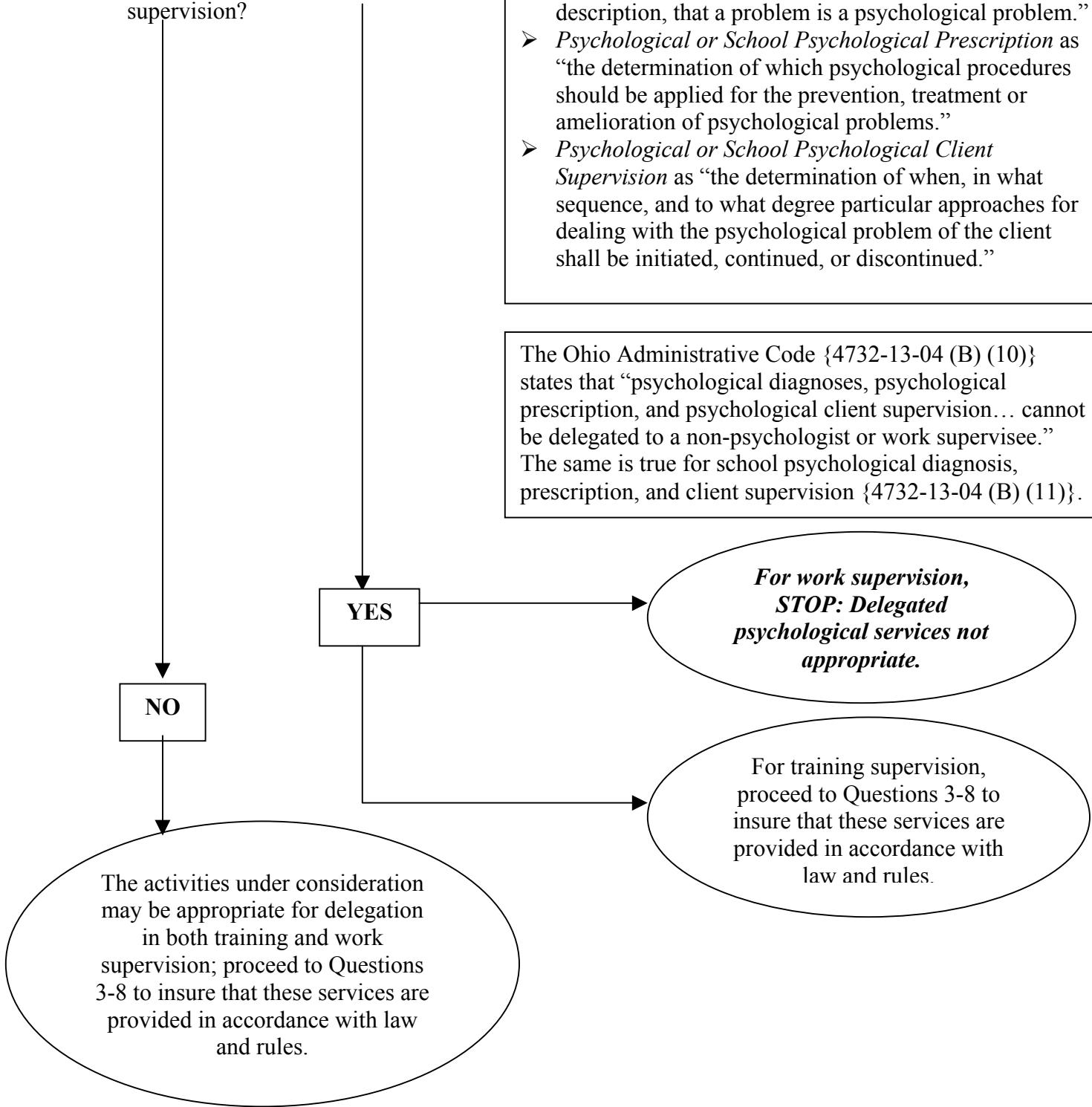
### Question 2

Do the procedures that are being considered for delegation constitute psychological or school psychological diagnosis, prescription, or client supervision?

The Ohio Administrative Code {4732-3-01 (B)} defines

- *Psychological or School Psychological Diagnosis* as “the determination, after study, analysis, and description, that a problem is a psychological problem.”
- *Psychological or School Psychological Prescription* as “the determination of which psychological procedures should be applied for the prevention, treatment or amelioration of psychological problems.”
- *Psychological or School Psychological Client Supervision* as “the determination of when, in what sequence, and to what degree particular approaches for dealing with the psychological problem of the client shall be initiated, continued, or discontinued.”

The Ohio Administrative Code {4732-13-04 (B) (10)} states that “psychological diagnoses, psychological prescription, and psychological client supervision... cannot be delegated to a non-psychologist or work supervisee.” The same is true for school psychological diagnosis, prescription, and client supervision {4732-13-04 (B) (11)}.

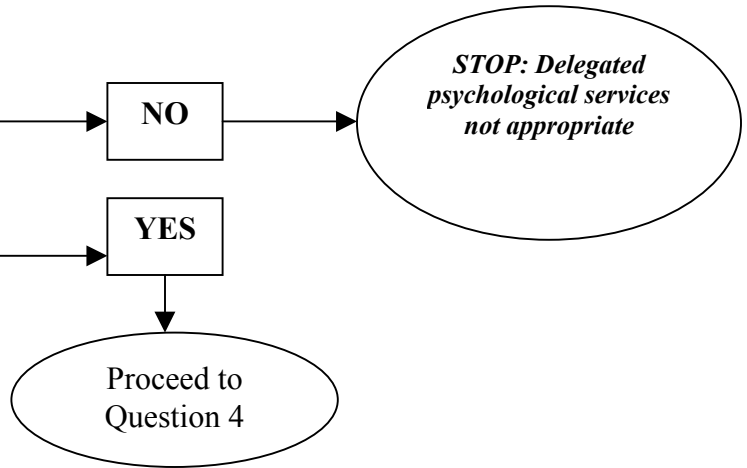


**Section 2: Determining appropriate provision of supervision for delegated psychological services**

(Note: only portions of the ORC that are of most direct relevance to delegated psychological services are included below: licensees are expected to comply with all laws and rules)

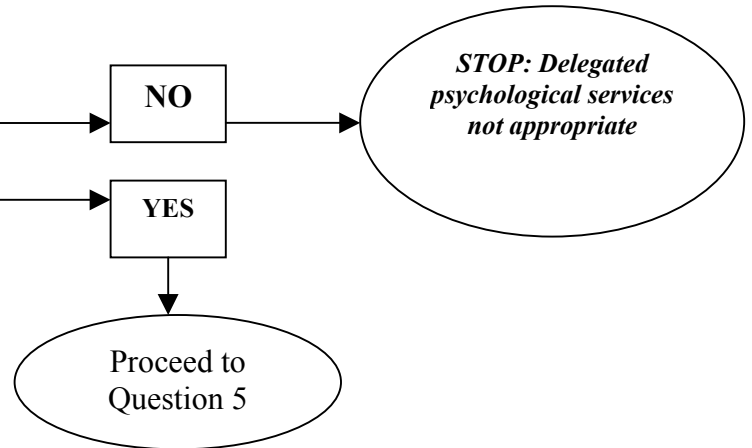
**Question 3**

Does the individual to whom the procedures will be delegated have previous academic and professional training, both didactic and practica, that is consistent with the procedures? {4732-13-03 (A) (1)}



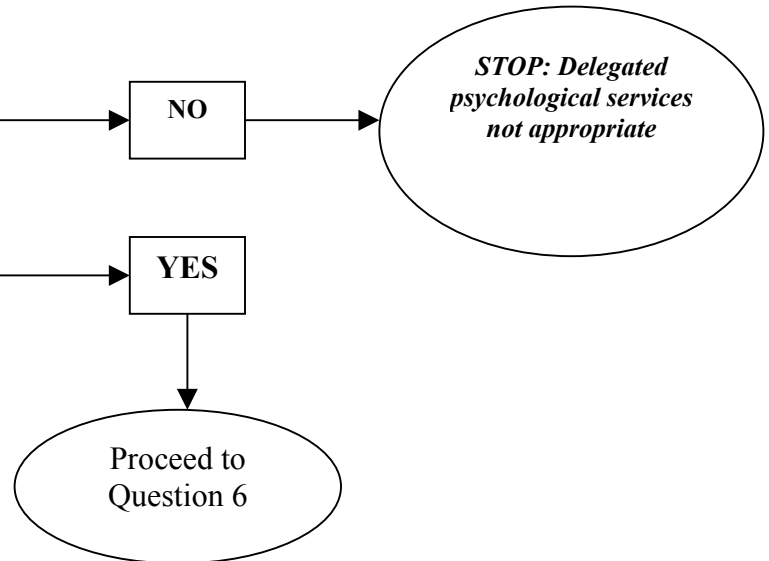
**Question 4**

Do the procedures to be delegated constitute psychological work that the licensee is competent to perform? {4732-13-04 (B) (5)}

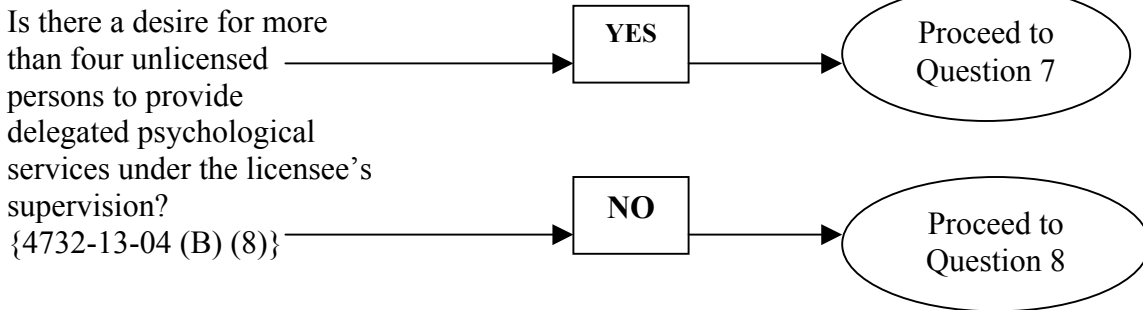


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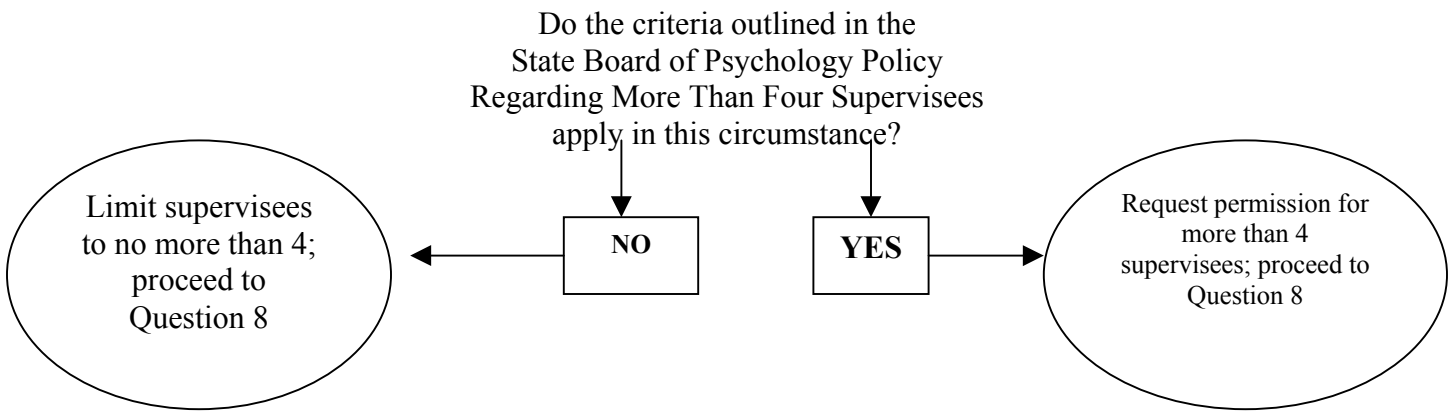
Are the procedures that will be delegated provided in a setting over which the supervisor has professional responsibility for assignment and management of psychological activities? {4732-13-04 (C) (10)}



**Question 6**



**Question 7**



**Question 8**

