

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Application for a Psychologist License in the state of Ohio

Complete information available from Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4732, Ohio Administrative code Chapter 4732, or Board office

Question 1: What are the basic requirements for a psychologist license?

Answer: Candidates shall be of good moral character, at least 21 years of age, pass a criminal background check to the satisfaction of the Board, hold a doctoral degree in psychology or school psychology from an accredited educational institution, and have completed at least 3,600 hours of qualifying supervised training. Candidates who submit an application with evidence of a qualifying doctoral degree may be admitted to the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP).

There are currently two pathways to licensure as a psychologist while a grandfather period is in place until April 2017. Please carefully review the description of current licensure options here: <http://psychology.ohio.gov/Applicants/Psychologist>

Question 2: When should I submit my application for admission to the EPPP?

Answer: Applicants may be admitted to the EPPP upon receipt of an application and fee, and the Board's determination that a qualifying degree has been completed as evidenced by receipt in the Board office of a qualifying doctoral transcript direct from the academic institution.

Question 3: How long is an application valid?

Answer: An application is valid for three years from the date it was received at the Board office.

Question 4: How much does the application/examination process cost?

Answer: The application and license fee is \$300 (personal check or money order payable to "Treasurer, State of Ohio"). ASPPB's fee for the EPPP is \$600, and there is also a credit card/debit card charge payable to the exam vendor Pearson. After you pass the EPPP, there is no charge for the Ohio oral exam unless it must be repeated. The re-administration fee is \$50.

Question 5: What is the passing score on the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology [EPPP]?

Answer: Computerized exam scaled score of 500; pre-computerized paper examination score of 140.

Question 6: What materials do I need to submit to apply for the Psychologist license?

Answer: Please see the application form and instructions: [Psychologist Application](#)

Question 7: Can my supervised experience be acquired on a part-time work schedule?

Answer: You are permitted a total of three years to complete 1800 hours required for equivalence to one year's experience (under the "old law"). Under the new law you are allowed two years to complete the internship. The Board credits no more than 40 hours per week for training supervision.

Question 8: What accommodations can be made for taking the EPPP if I have a disability?

Answer: Indicate on the application form that you have a bona fide medical disability. We will require medical documentation (and possibly information about previous accommodations made during graduate school), and then appropriate accommodations may be made so that you can take the computerized version of the EPPP.

Question 9: How do I learn about the oral examination?

Answer: The examination is memorization-based and is administered in Columbus on a schedule announced by the Board. The laws and rules of the Board from which questions are drawn are in a preparation manual. Prior to being admitted to the oral exam, the receipt for the preparation manual must be signed and returned to the Board office.

NOTE: These are brief answers to frequent questions. For detailed information, call the Board office at (614) 466-8808. The application form, instructions, and Law and Rules are all posted on this web site.