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DIVISION 2. HEALING ARTS [500 - 4999.129] (Division 2 enacted by Stats. 1937, Ch. 399.)

CHAPTER 6.6. Psychologists [2900 - 2999.105] (Chapter 6.6 repealed and added by Stats. 1967, Ch. 1677.)

ARTICLE 3. License [2940 - 2949] (Article 3 added by Stats. 1967, Ch. 1677.)

2940. To obtain a license from the board, an applicant shall submit any applications and pay any applicable fees as prescribed in Section 2987. These fees shall not be refunded by the board.

(Repealed and added by Stats. 2019, Ch. 456, Sec. 60. (SB 786) Effective January 1, 2020.)

2941. (a) Each applicant for licensure as a psychologist shall take and pass any examination required by the board. An applicant may be examined for knowledge in any theoretical or applied fields of psychology, as well as professional skills and judgment in the use of psychological techniques and methods and the ethical practice of psychology, as the board deems appropriate.

(b) Each applicant shall pay any applicable examination fees as prescribed in Section 2987. These fees shall not be refunded by the board.

(Repealed and added by Stats. 2019, Ch. 456, Sec. 62. (SB 786) Effective January 1, 2020.)

2942. The board may examine by written or computer-assisted examination or by both. All aspects of the examination shall be in compliance with Section 139. The examination shall be available for administration at least twice a year at the time and place and under supervision as the board may determine. The passing grades for the examinations shall be established by the board in regulations and shall be based on psychometrically sound principles of establishing minimum qualifications and levels of competency.

The board may utilize examinations for a psychologist's license under a uniform examination system, and for that purpose the board may make arrangements with organizations to supply and administer examination materials.

(Amended by Stats. 2021, Ch. 647, Sec. 14. (SB 801) Effective January 1, 2022.)

2943. The board may examine for knowledge in whatever theoretical or applied fields in psychology as it deems appropriate. It may examine the candidate with regard to his or her professional skills and his or her judgment in the utilization of psychological techniques and methods.

(Amended by Stats. 1989, Ch. 888, Sec. 24.)

2946. (a) The board shall grant a license to any person who passes the board's supplemental licensing examination and, at the time of application, has been licensed for at least two years by a psychology licensing authority in another state or territory of the United States or Canadian province if the requirements for obtaining a certificate or license to practice psychology in that state, territory, or province were substantially equivalent to the requirements of this chapter.

(b) A psychologist certified or licensed in another state, territory, or province who has applied to the board for a license in this state may perform activities and services of a psychological nature without a valid California license for a period not to exceed 180 calendar days from the time of submitting their application or from the commencement of residency in this state, whichever first occurs.

(c) A psychologist certified or licensed in another state or province who is married to, or in a domestic partnership or other legal union with, an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States and who has made application to the board for a license in this state may perform activities and services of a psychological nature without a valid license for a period not to exceed twelve months from the time of submitting their application or from the commencement of residency in this state, whichever first occurs.

(d) The board at its discretion may waive the examinations when in the judgment of the board the applicant has already demonstrated competence in areas covered by the examinations. The board at its discretion may waive the examinations for diplomates of the American Board of Professional Psychology. An applicant shall take and pass the required examinations unless waived by the board pursuant to this section.

(Amended by Stats. 2021, Ch. 693, Sec. 5.5. (AB 107) Effective January 1, 2022.)

2948. The board shall issue a license to all applicants who meet the requirements of this chapter and who pay to the board the initial license fee provided in Section 2987.

(Amended by Stats. 1997, Ch. 758, Sec. 40. Effective January 1, 1998.)

2949. (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 9 (commencing with Section 11120) of Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, relating to public meetings, a committee of the board formed to address issues relating to licensure, and to which the board delegates authority to consider and decide requests from an applicant or licensee pertaining to their qualifications for licensure, may convene in closed session to consider and decide a request from an applicant or licensee for either of the following:

(1) An extension of time to gain supervised professional experience to meet the experience requirements for licensure.

(2) An extension of time to hold a psychological associate registration beyond the maximum period otherwise allowed pursuant to regulations.

(b) The committee shall only convene in closed session to the extent that it is necessary to protect the privacy of the applicant or licensee.

(Added by Stats. 2021, Ch. 647, Sec. 17. (SB 801) Effective January 1, 2022.)