

Frequently Asked Questions for Applicants

Q. *When can I apply for a license?*

A. If you'll be graduating soon, you can apply up to 6 months in advance of your degree conferral date. However, your application won't be reviewed until your final transcript is received.

Q. *How long does the application process take?*

A. Generally, from the time we receive your application until it's complete and ready for review is around 2-4 weeks.

Q. *Do I qualify for licensure with a degree in Counseling?*

A. No, not unless the degree is in Counseling Psychology.

Q. *My degree is from Germany. Do I qualify for licensure?*

A. Possibly. You will need to have a foreign degree evaluation service evaluate your degree/education to deem it be comparable to a regionally accredited university. The National Association of Credential Evaluation Services, Inc. (NACES) has a website that lists its members that perform this service at www.naces.org.

Q. *Can I become licensed as a psychologist with a master's degree?*

A. Not as a psychologist, but we do license psychologist associates for those who have a master's degree in psychology.

Q. *I've been licensed in New York since 1987. Some of my primary supervisors are deceased. How will I get documentation of my work experience?*

A. Not a problem! The state that you are currently licensed in can send us a copy of your file that includes references/documentation from your former supervisors.

Q. *Does my internship need to be *APPIC approved to qualify for licensure?*

A. No, it does not.

*(*APPIC is the acronym for the Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers, is an educational, non-profit organization that develops minimum standards for internships and post-doctoral training programs in professional psychology.)*

Q. What is an “exempt setting”?

- A. An exempt setting is where a person is employed by:
1. A city or county agency;
 2. A state agency;
 3. A federal agency; or
 4. A community mental health program (CMHP), or a drug and alcohol treatment program licensed or certified by the State of Oregon.

Q. My degree won't be awarded until August 31, although I'm done with school, but I've been offered a job for a psychologist doing evaluations beginning July 10. Will my post-doctoral hours count towards licensure?

- A. Not only will your hours NOT COUNT, but also you could really get yourself into trouble for starting work if the following apply to your situation:
1. You are no longer a matriculated student;
 2. The office is a private practice setting;
 3. You have not been approved as an applicant for licensure;
 4. Because you have not been approved for licensure, you don't have a Board-approved contract for supervised work experience;
 5. You would be practicing psychology without a license – a deed punishable by having a civil penalty imposed against you!

Please read on for more information about supervision.....

Q. When can I begin post-degree work in Oregon?

- A. You can begin post-degree work experience when both of the following have occurred:
1. You receive notification that your application for licensure has been approved;
AND
 2. You receive notification that your proposed Contract for Supervision has been approved.

Q. When do I need an approved Contract for Supervision?

- A. You need an approved Contract for Supervision when you are working in Oregon in a private practice setting. You don't need a Contract for Supervision if you are working in an exempt site.

Q. Can I complete my supervised work experience in another state or Canadian province and do I need a contract?

- A. Yes, you can complete your supervised work outside of Oregon. But, you must be supervised by a licensed psychologist and receive 2 hours a week supervision if working more than 20 hours a week. If working less than 20 hours per week, you will need 1 hour per week supervision.

You don't need a Contract for Supervision with Oregon when you are working in another state or province.

Q. *How many hours of supervised work experience do I need?*

- A. 3,000 hours total. You must complete two years of supervised work experience. One year of supervised work experience is defined as 1500 hours over a period of not less than twelve months. One year of pre-doctoral supervised experience can count if it was a formal requirement of your doctoral program.

Q. *I'm changing supervisors in 2 weeks to another psychologist in the office. What do we need to do to make this happen?*

- A. Your current supervisor needs to send a letter asking to end the contract that includes a final evaluation and a Record of Hours of Supervision form. Your proposed supervisor sends in the new contract. Remember, nothing goes into effect until the new contract is approved.

Q. *Do I have to wait until I've completed my post-degree supervision before I can take the national written examination?*

- A. No. You can request to take the national exam (*EPPP) any time after you've received notice that your application for licensure has been approved.

**Examination for the Professional Practice in Psychology*

Q. *I took the EPPP on June 17. When will I get my score?*

- A. The exam service reports the scores to us twice a month – usually on the 22nd and 7th of each month. Your score should arrive by July 7.

Q. *My post-doc year will be complete on October 21. The Oregon Jurisprudence Examination is on October 16. Will I be able to take it? After all, it's just one week short.*

- A. Even though it's just a week difference, the one-year post-doc requirement is a *minimum* requirement, so you would have to wait until the next scheduled examination.

Q. I've passed the national written examination and just finished my one-year post-doc work experience and want to take the next jurisprudence exam. What do I need to do to make sure I'm scheduled to take it?

A. Send in your written request , the jurisprudence examination fee, a final evaluation from your supervisor and the Record of Hours of Supervision form, all in one envelope. Please be sure to watch the deadlines for getting your request in on time - that is 60 days before the examination date.

Q. A psychologist here in Oregon told me that the jurisprudence exam is mailed to me to take and return, then I am issued a license. That sounded a bit strange to me - is that true?

A. No, not at all - sorry! All test takers are required to take the exam at the designated test site, proctored by Board staff.

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