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TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control No. 750 Department or Agency Board of Examiners in Psychology
Rule No. 750-X-2A-.04
Rule Title: Psychological Technician Training Requirements
New Amend Repeal Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? Yes

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? Yes

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? No

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree? No

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? No

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? Yes

Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? No

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Reference Service.

Signature of certifying officer Lori Rail
Lori Rail, Executive Director

Date 05/18/2016

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ALABAMA BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN PSYCHOLOGY

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RULE NO. & TITLE: 750-X-1-.01 Membership

INTENDED ACTION: The Alabama Board of Examiners in Psychology proposes to amend the above rule.

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: This amendment is needed to assure that board membership is inclusive and reflects the racial, gender, geographic, urban, rural and economic diversity of the state without regard to political affiliation.

RULE NO. & TITLE: 750-X-1-.08 Alabama Sunset Law

INTENDED ACTION: The Alabama Board of Examiners in Psychology proposes to amend the above rule.

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: This amendment is needed to reflect the new termination date of October 1, 2020.

RULE NO. & TITLE: 750-X-2-.03 Application Form

INTENDED ACTION: The Alabama Board of Examiners in Psychology proposes to amend the above rule.

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: This amendment is needed to reflect the change from Alabama Bureau of Investigation to Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (re: criminal history background checks).

RULE NO. & TITLE: 750-X-2A-.02 Application Deadlines

INTENDED ACTION: The Alabama Board of Examiners in Psychology proposes to amend the above rule.

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: This amendment will remove a requirement for completion of a computer-based-testing application which is no longer used.

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RULE NO. & TITLE: 750-X-2A-.03 Application Form

INTENDED ACTION: The Alabama Board of Examiners in Psychology proposes to amend the above rule.

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: This amendment is needed to change the name of the Alabama Bureau of Investigation to Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (re: criminal history background check).

RULE NO. & TITLE: 750-X-2A-.04 Psychological Technician Training Requirements

INTENDED ACTION: The Alabama Board of Examiners in Psychology proposes to amend the above rule.

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: This amendment will remove outdated language.

RULE NO. & TITLE: 750-X-3-.03 Reexamination

INTENDED ACTION: The Alabama Board of Examiners in Psychology proposes to amend the above rule.

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: This amendment is needed because it is no longer necessary to submit requests for reexamination in writing.

RULE NO. & TITLE: 750-X-4-.02 Inactive Status

INTENDED ACTION: The Alabama Board of Examiners in Psychology proposes to amend the above rule.

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: This amendment is needed to reflect the requirement for payment of an annual inactive status fee.

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RULE NO. & TITLE: 750-X-5-.03 Disciplinary Actions Against Licensed Psychologists and Licensed Psychological Technicians

INTENDED ACTION: The Alabama Board of Examiners in Psychology proposes to amend the above rule.

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: This amendment is needed to remove outdated language that required Hearing Officers to be appointed by the Attorney General's Office.

RULE NO. & TITLE: 750-X-6-.01 Third Party Payor Procedures

INTENDED ACTION: The Alabama Board of Examiners in Psychology proposes to amend the above rule.

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: This amendment is needed to remove language about compliance with The General Guidelines for Providers of Psychological Services, which are outdated.

RULE NO. & TITLE: 750-X-6-.03 American Psychological Association General Guidelines For Providers of Psychological Services, 1987 Edition (Appendix III)

INTENDED ACTION: The Alabama Board of Examiners in Psychology proposes to repeal the above rule/appendix.

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: This rule and appendix needs to be repealed to remove The General Guidelines for Providers of Psychological Services, which are outdated.

RULE NO. & TITLE: Appendix I Fee Schedule

INTENDED ACTION: The Alabama Board of Examiners in Psychology proposes to amend the above rule.

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: This amendment is needed to reflect an annual fee that will be charged to psychologists and to psychological technicians whose license is inactive.

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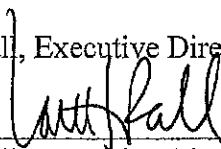
FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE: July 5, 2016

TIME, PLACE AND MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: Interested Persons may present their views in writing to the Executive Director of the Board at any time during the 35-day period following May 31, 2016, or if requested in advance (no later than July 5, 2016), by personally appearing at 660 Adams Avenue, Suite 360, Montgomery, Alabama, on July 8, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Contact Person: Mrs. Lori Rall, Executive Director, Alabama Board of Examiners in Psychology, 660 Adams Avenue, Suite 360, Montgomery, AL 36104.

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Lori Rall, Executive Director



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750-X-2A-.04 Psychological Technician Training Requirements.

(1) All applicants for licensure as a Psychological Technician shall have a master's degree in psychology from a regionally accredited institution of higher education. The degree program of the applicant shall be publicly identified and clearly labeled as a psychology program. In lieu of a master's degree, an applicant must have completed the equivalent of a master's degree from an American Psychological Association accredited doctoral program in psychology, as determined by the board.

(2) Included in the course credit, a minimum of nine (9) of the graduate semester hours must be in the basic substantive areas of psychology and at least three (3) substantive areas must be represented. The basic substantive areas of psychology include, but may not be restricted to, ethics, experimental, developmental, individual differences, psychological tests and measurements, social, cultural/ethnic, sex roles, statistics, history and systems, research and experimental design, personality theory, learning, physiological, abnormal, comparative, motivation, emotion, sensation and perception, learning, thinking and organizational.

(3) Candidates must have successfully completed a minimum of a 3 semester hour graduate course in psychological assessment and a minimum of a 3 semester hour graduate course in intervention techniques.

(4) In cases in which the successfully completed formal master's degree program in psychology does not meet the curriculum requirements to allow licensure as a Psychological Technician, the Board may, at its discretion, accept additional course work subsequently completed in a qualifying graduate training program and/or professional experience.

(5) ~~On and after September 1, 2000, the~~ The degree program of the applicant shall meet all of the following requirements:

(a) The program shall be publicly identified and clearly labeled as a psychology program.

(b) The program shall maintain clear authority and primary responsibility for the core and concentration areas whether or not the program crosses administrative lines.

(c) The program shall have an identifiable body of students in residence at the institution who are matriculated in the program for degree purposes.

(d) The program shall have an identifiable full-time psychology faculty in residence at the institution, sufficient in size and breadth to carry out the responsibilities of the program, and employed by and providing instruction at the main campus of the institution.

(e) There shall be a psychologist responsible for the program as the administrative head of the program, the advisor, a major professor, or the committee chair.

(f) The program shall be an integrated, organized sequence of study in psychology as demonstrated by an identifiable curriculum track or tracks wherein course sequence are outlined.

(g) The program shall encompass the equivalent of a minimum of two academic years, at least one of which shall be one academic year of full-time graduate study in student residence at the institution from which the degree is granted. Residence requires interaction with psychology faculty and other matriculated psychology students. A one year residency shall consist of 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours taken on a full-time or part-time basis at the institution.

(h) The program shall include practica or other field experience appropriate to the area of specialty and practice as a psychological technician. This experience shall satisfy all of the following criteria:

- 1) The experience shall be a planned or directed program of training in psychology, in contrast to on-the-job training, and shall have provided the trainee with a planned and directed sequence of training integrated with the educational program in which the trainee is enrolled. The training shall be planned by the faculty of the program rather than by the trainee.

- 2) The training site shall have a clearly designated and licensed psychologist who is responsible for the integrity and quality of the training program.

3) The training shall last a minimum of six months and consist of at least 500 hours of supervised training. At least 50 percent of the training shall be spent in direct contact with patients or clients.

4) The training program shall have a written program description detailing the functioning of the program and shall be approved by the psychology program of the trainee before training occurs.

5) The training site staff shall provide a minimum of one hour per five hours of client contact of face-to-face, primarily individual, regularly scheduled supervision, overseeing the training experience.

6) Supervision may be provided in part by psychiatrists, social workers, or other related professionals qualified by the training site. At least 60 percent of the supervision shall be provided by a licensed psychologist.

7) A person enrolled in a training program shall be designated as a practicum student, or any other designation which clearly indicates training status.

(i) 1) The program shall include a minimum of 45 semester hours or 68 quarter hours of graduate study in standard psychology courses, including courses drawn from academic psychology, such as social, experimental, physiological, developmental, history and systems, and statistics and research design.

a) Of the required semester or quarter hours, not more than six semester or nine quarter hours shall be credited for practicum and not more than six semester or nine quarter hours shall be credited for thesis.

b) No credit shall be allowed for audited courses or courses taken at an institution which is not a regionally accredited institution of higher education.

2) An applicant whose credentials have been approved by the board for examination at the licensed psychologist level may be issued a license as a psychological technician if the applicant fails an examination at the licensed psychologist level but passes the examination at the licensed psychological technician level. To receive this license, the applicant shall file all required application materials with the board for licensure at the psychological technician level.

Author: Alabama Board of Examiners in Psychology

Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, § 34-26-1 et seq.; § 34-26-41

History: New rule

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