

## EXAMINATIONS & ORIENTATION WORKSHOPS

After you are notified that your documentation is in order and your file has been reviewed, you will be invited to register for the appropriate series of examinations.

Applicants going through the special expedited registration process for BCASP members will take one examination, only– the Written Jurisprudence Examination (WJE).

All other applicants will be expected to take three examinations: The Praxis School Psychologist examination (see note), The Written Jurisprudence Examination (WJE) and The Readiness for Practice Examination (RPE). Applicants for school psychologist registration may sit for the Praxis examination and the WJE in the order they wish. They can only proceed to the Readiness for Practice Examination if they have been successful at **both** the Praxis and the WJE.

To sign up for an exam, please complete the appropriate request form and submit the relevant fee. Note that the College does not provide examination preparation materials beyond this website. However, we have made available a document entitled **Summary of Legislation affecting registrants in BC(CPBC-RegulatoryDocumentSummaryofLegislationinBC\_February-2019.pdf)** which is a brief review of some important legislation. Review of this document is useful for applicants. The complete text of the legislation is found at [bclaws.ca](http://bclaws.ca).

**NOTE:** the Praxis – School Psychologist examination does not require College approval and can be taken prior to application.

### Written Jurisprudence Examination (WJE)

The Written Jurisprudence Examination assesses an applicant's understanding and knowledge of (a) professional conduct and ethical principles and (b) legislative provisions relevant to the practice of psychology in British Columbia.

The WJE examination is a requirement for applicants applying for School Psychologist registration.

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Some examination questions are oriented to the school psychology practice context and use school psychology practice examples where appropriate. Other examination items test legislative knowledge more generally.

The passing score is 40/50.

The examination is offered online. Fees associated with examinations are set out in the Fee Schedule. Once the College is in receipt of the form and payment, applicants will be sent an email with log in details and further instructions.

The examination is comprised of 50 multiple choice questions and applicants have two (2) hours to complete it.

Applicants will receive written notification regarding their performance on the examination.

Applicants may write the examination up to three times. Provincial statutes may be obtained from the BC Laws website of the Queen's Printer for British Columbia ([www.bclaws.ca](http://www.bclaws.ca)). A summary document of legislation affecting psychology practice in BC can be found **here**(**CPBC-RegulatoryDocumentSummaryofLegislationinBC\_February-2019.pdf**).

The distribution of questions for the Written Jurisprudence Examination is provided below:

**30 – 35 questions:**

- The College's *Code of Conduct*

**1-5 questions:**

- *The Health Professions Act*
  - [https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96183\\_01](https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96183_01)
- *The Psychologists Regulation*
  - [https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/289\\_2008](https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/289_2008)
- *The College's Bylaws*

**10-15 questions:**

- *Child, Family and Community Services Act*
  - [https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/00\\_96046\\_01](https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/00_96046_01)
- *Family Law Act*
  - [https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/11025\\_01](https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/11025_01)
- *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*
  - [https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96165\\_00](https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96165_00)

- *Infants Act*
  - [https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96223\\_01](https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96223_01)
- *Human Rights Code*
  - [https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/00\\_96210\\_01](https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/00_96210_01)
- *Personal Information Protection Act (PIPA)*
  - [https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/00\\_03063\\_01](https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/00_03063_01)
- *Motor Vehicle Act*
  - [https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96318\\_00](https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96318_00)
- *School Act*
  - [https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96412\\_02](https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96412_02)

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### **Praxis – School Psychologist**

The Praxis – School Psychologist examination is designed for candidates seeking licensure or certification as school psychologists in educational settings. The test assumes that candidates have had some form of supervised practicum or internship experience.

There are currently two versions of the School Psychologist examination: 5402 and 5403. The College requires a passing score of 147 for 5402. This version of the examination will be phased out on August 31, 2023. After that date, only version 5403 will be used and a passing score of 155 will be required. The College will accept a passing score on either examination until further notice.

The College requires an official score report to be sent from the Educational Testing Service (ETS) directly to the College. Applicants should select the College as one of their score recipients.

For more information about this examination and to register to take it, please visit the Educational Testing Service website <https://www.ets.org/praxis/site.html>

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### **Readiness for Practice Examination (RPE)**

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1. Examination fee: \$350
2. The examination is a closed book examination in a written form. No books or other materials are permitted to be used.
3. A maximum of three (3) hours will be allowed for the examination.
4. Questions cover each of the following areas:
  - Description of practice of psychology and preparation for same
  - Responding to matters that fall outside applicant's area of practice
  - Mandate of the College of Psychologists/understanding of legislation in relation to that role
  - Informed consent
  - Confidentiality
  - Release of information as it pertains to the clinical record
  - Responsibilities of a regulated professional and transition to becoming a registrant
  - Dealing with conflict between the *Code of Conduct* and work expectations
  - Identification of personal problems as a component of professional practice
  - Dual relationships/professional boundaries
5. The examination may be taken twice in any application cycle.

When applicants become eligible for the examination, sign up instructions and other information about the examination process will be provided.

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**Orientation Workshop:**

All applicants, regardless of registration stream, are required to attend an orientation workshop regarding the application process and regulatory issues. This workshop is specific to school psychologist applicants and is different than the orientation workshop for those applying to be registered psychologists. The workshop is a registration requirement and must be completed prior to being added to the register.

Applicants are encouraged to attend the workshop prior to sitting for the WJE. Applicants who are required to complete the Readiness for Practice Examination must attend the workshop before they are eligible to sit for this exam.

The workshop will be offered virtually several times throughout the year. The next Orientation Workshops will be held virtually on:

**November 20, 2023 (1 – 4p) – sign up deadline November 13th**

There will be other offerings of the workshop. Applicants should monitor the website for any new posted dates.

Applicants can sign up for the workshop using the form below.

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**Examination Accommodations** – The College considers and evaluates any request for examination accommodations in accordance with its obligations as an “occupational association” under section 14 of the British Columbia Human Rights Code. If you believe you may require an accommodation, please contact the College for more information about what supporting documents or information you will need to provide. Requests for accommodation must be submitted, in writing, with supporting documentation, at least 60 days before the date of the examination administration.