

FORMAL ASSESSMENT FAQs

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I did not do 400 hours in "formal assessment" as part of my provisional supervised year. Can I complete these prior to moving to British Columbia?

Applicants may elect to complete the hours in Alberta. However, we still require copies of your supervision plan and supervisor's final evaluation to be sent directly to us from the College of Alberta Psychologists (CAP) to verify fulfillment of these requirements.

I have been informed that the College of Alberta Psychologists (CAP) purged part of my registration file that included the information needed to support my competency in the area of "formal assessment". What should I do ?

Please request that CAP email us to confirm, in writing, that the documents have been destroyed and request that they provide anything relevant to the supervised practice completed in your provisional year.

You will need to provide other satisfactory evidence to support that you have acquired the competencies of psychometric testing, psychological assessment and provision of psychological diagnosis.

Is there an option to accept a limitation on my practice wherein I will not practice in the area of "formal assessment" ?

No. All labour mobility applicants wishing to be registered on the basis of their registration in Alberta must demonstrate the equivalency of their Alberta registration to registration as a registered psychologist in British Columbia which includes the competency of "formal assessment".

If I elect to complete the hours in British Columbia, will the College assist me in finding a supervisor ?

No. The College does not provide assistance in finding a supervisor. An approved supervision plan is required prior to the commencement of the supervision. Those wishing to pursue this option should contact the College to discuss before commencing any specific activity they wish to be considered as part of the minimum 400 hours of supervised practice.