



Policy Title: Referees (School Psychologists)	Replaces former policy: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Title: CPBC Referee Policy for L.Sch.Psych <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
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Policy Statement:

Applicants to the Designated Health Profession of Psychology (“Applicants”) are required to identify referees when applying to the registration class of School Psychologist, as follows:

- Applicants must identify three referees.
- All three referees should:
 - Be registered in the registration class of Registered Psychologist or School Psychologist,
 - Have maintained good standing throughout the two-year period preceding the date of the reference, and
 - Have provided clinical supervision to the Applicant (i.e., had clinical responsibility for the clinical practice of the Applicant) within the last 10 years.

If an Applicant is unable to identify three referees meeting these criteria, they should instead select referees who can provide objective, neutral opinions about their current professional competence. Any such referee must be familiar with the Applicant’s work within the last 10 years and, in order of preference, can be:

1. A Registered/Licensed Psychologist in good standing for two years who has served as a consultant to the Applicant (e.g., provided suggestions on their clinical practice).
2. A Registered/Licensed Psychologist in good standing for two years who is a colleague of the Applicant.



3. A BCASP-certified School Psychologist in good standing for two years who has served as a consultant to the Applicant (e.g., provided suggestions on their clinical practice).
4. A BCASP-certified School Psychologist in good standing for two years who is a colleague of the Applicant.

At least one of the referees must be a Registered/Licensed Psychologist. An Applicant should only put forth a BCASP-certified colleague if they are unable to identify other referees meeting the criteria.

If an Applicant is unable to identify a Registered/Licensed Psychologist familiar with their work within the last 10 years, they are invited to provide an explanation and it will be reviewed by the College.

A referee may be from any jurisdiction, provided they meet all criteria listed for serving as a referee. They do not need to be from British Columbia.

A retired referee will be considered “registered” or “licensed” for the purpose of a given application if:

- They retired within five years of the date of the Applicant’s application for registration, and
- They were registered/licensed for at least two years, in good standing, immediately prior to their retirement.

1. Policy Rationale and Purpose:

This policy provides further guidance to Schedule 7, 2.1.8 of the CHCPBC Bylaws regarding the requirements for registration in the registration class of School Psychologist.

2. Policy Scope:

This policy applies to Applicants to the Designated Health Profession of Psychology in the registration class of School Psychologist.

3. Legal Authority:

- *Health Professions Act*
- Psychologists Regulation
- CHCPBC Bylaws, Schedule 7, 2.1.8

4. Key Partnerships:

N/A



5. Definitions:

N/A

6. Process Check:

- Board Policy Framework
- Safe Spaces Playbook
- Other:

7. Resources/References:

N/A



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