

APPLICANT FAQ CATEGORIES

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GENERAL APPLICANT FAQs

GENERAL

How are application fees determined?

The application process operates on a cost recovery basis. Application fees are set to cover the cost of processing applications.

How can I pay my application fees?

Application fees can be paid via cash, cheque or money order.

If I am a graduate of an APA or CPA accredited doctoral program, do I still need to complete the Coursework and Practica sections of the Registered Psychologist application form?

Yes. You are required to complete the coursework and practica sections of the application form. This information is used to evaluate the suitability of an applicant's self-declared area of practice and/or intention to engage in specialized work (e.g., neuropsychology, working with children, forensics, etc).

If I am a graduate of an APA or CPA accredited doctoral program, why do I need to provide information regarding resident study and training?

All applicants, including graduates of APA/CPA accredited doctoral programs, are required to satisfy the Registration Committee that the program completed meets the criteria for resident study and training as specified in the college bylaws.

I am a graduate of a non-APA/CPA accredited graduate program, what do I need to submit?

As specified on the Application Form, please submit, with your application, a detailed description, in your own words, of how your program meets each of the criteria listed in Schedule H for the corresponding registration class. In addition to providing this descriptive response, we encourage you to also submit copies of the program catalogue and brochures, if available, published by the institution at the time you were enrolled in the program. This information will be useful when reviewing your program characteristics. Please note, the outline must describe how the program met the criteria *at the time you attended*.

Will the College accept a transcript prior to convocation? Can I apply once I've completed all of my doctoral program requirements?

For applicants who have completed all requirements for their degree, but have not yet convocated, the Registration Committee will accept a pre-convocation transcript for purposes of reviewing the application. The transcript must be accompanied by a signed letter from the Senate or Registrar of the University *or* appropriate Department of Psychology designate (e.g., Director of Clinical Training), indicating that all degree requirements have been fulfilled. Before they can be added to the Register, applicants are required to submit a post-convocation transcript indicating that the degree has been granted.

My pre-doctoral internship was not accredited by APA or CPA. What do I need to submit?

As specified on the Application Form, please submit, with your application, a detailed description, in your own words, of how your pre-doctoral internship meets the criteria listed in Schedule H. Please note, the outline must describe how the internship met the criteria *at the time you attended*. Brochures and/or other printed materials about the internship are also helpful.

I do not understand what some of these internship, program characteristics, supervised experience, etc. requirements mean.

The College`s registration requirements for education, training and experience are based on accredited, North American, training models in professional psychology. Applicants who are unfamiliar with accredited training standards, are encouraged to visit the websites of the following associations: Canadian Psychological Association ([CPA](#)), American Psychological Association ([APA](#)) and Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers ([APPIC](#)).

What is meant by 'program in residence'?

“Program in residence” means in-person participation in courses, seminars, practica and internships with face-to-face, in person, contact with faculty and other students at the degree granting institution and affiliated sites (See Schedule H). Distributed learning where students meet for blocks of time periodically during the year and other types of online training programs do not meet the College’s criteria for a program in residence, and the Registration Committee would not ordinarily consider such distributed learning or online training programs to be equivalent to a program in residence.

Are my internship plans ok? Can you look at my cv and comment on the likelihood that I will qualify for registration?

The College does not pre-approve degrees, internships, or applications. Education, training and experience are carefully reviewed once a completed formal application has been received. We receive many letters asking questions like those above. These are good questions and the answers can be found by a careful review of the bylaws which list the registration requirements. Completion of an APA or CPA accredited doctoral program, in residence, and accredited pre-doctoral internship reflects the basic standard of training for psychologists expected in most North American jurisdictions and is consistent with the criteria set out in Schedule H of the Bylaws.

If I do not meet the _____ requirement can I still be registered? If I have fewer hours of supervision than what the requirements stipulate, is that ok? Can I do _____ in lieu of what the requirements ask for?

If you wish to become a Registered Psychologist in British Columbia you must have graduated from a CPA or APA accredited doctoral program completed in residence and completed a CPA or APA accredited pre-doctoral internship or demonstrate equivalent education to a CPA or APA accredited doctoral program completed in residence and equivalent supervised practice experience to a CPA or APA accredited pre-doctoral internship.

Applicants who have not completed both a CPA or APA accredited doctoral degree and pre-doctoral internship, or the equivalent, and who are not already registered/licensed as a psychologist in another Canadian or US jurisdiction, are ordinarily ineligible for registration in British Columbia. You may still submit a registration application if you would like the Registration Committee to consider other evidence that you believe to be sufficient to demonstrate that your knowledge, skills and abilities are substantially equivalent to those expected of an applicant who has completed an accredited doctoral degree and pre-doctoral internship. Please be advised, however, that your application may be rejected, or you may be required to undergo additional education, training or other upgrading of your knowledge, skills or abilities.

I have a Master's degree and have not completed a pre-doctoral internship. Can I still make an application for the Registered Psychologist class of registration?

Applicants who have not completed both a CPA or APA accredited doctoral degree, in residence, and pre-doctoral internship, or the equivalent, are ordinarily ineligible for registration in British Columbia. You may still submit a registration application if

you would like the Registration Committee to consider other evidence that you believe to be sufficient to demonstrate that your knowledge, skills and abilities are substantially equivalent to those expected of an applicant who has completed an accredited doctoral degree and pre-doctoral internship. Please be advised, however, that your application may be rejected, or you may be required to undergo additional education, training or other upgrading of your knowledge, skills or abilities.

Can I practice psychology while I am an applicant?

Yes. Applicants, who are not registered elsewhere in Canada or the United States, are, by agreement, under the supervision of a registered psychologist in their provision of psychological services and submit a supervision plan with their application.

I am an applicant to the College. Am I able to access the Practice Support Service?

This service is available to registrants of the College only. Once you have achieved registration with the College you are welcome to contact the service.

What is my status here? What can I call myself here?

As per the *Psychologists Regulation*, only those who are registered with the College of Psychologists as psychologists can use the title "psychologist". The regulation currently provides for a limited number of exemptions based on employment setting and should be reviewed. Words such as "consultant," "counsellor," and "mental health" are not, currently, regulated terms.

How do I communicate my status as an applicant to clients, employers, etc.?

Applicants for registration are welcome to inform their clients and employers that they have applied for registration. However, the *Code of Conduct* (9.7 (f)) states:

Applicants for registration or registrants awaiting the awarding of a degree must not describe themselves as "candidate for registration" or "candidate for degree", respectively.

Descriptions such as "Dr. Smith is currently completing her registration process with the College of Psychologists of BC" or "Dr. Smith is in the process of obtaining

registration as a psychologist” are similarly misleading as they imply that the individual has met or will meet the standards for registration and that the outcome will inevitably result in registration. A simple statement such as, “Dr. Smith has applied for registration with the College of Psychologists of BC” is acceptable.

I want to get registered as soon as possible. What can I do to move things along?

You can avoid delays by responding promptly to any College questions about your documentation, qualifications, course work, references, etc. Make your College examinations a priority. Study well for them, but do not “put them off”, which is a common cause for delayed registration. Applicants whose education is non-accredited or foreign, may also require additional time to complete the application process because additional information may be requested of them. If this is the case for you, responding promptly to requests for more information from the College will facilitate the processing of your file.

My application expiry date is approaching and I will not be able to complete all requirements before that date. What should I do?

It is the policy of the Registration Committee to grant, upon request, a maximum of three consecutive, four month application deadline extensions. Each extension is subject to a fee. Fees may be waived in extenuating circumstances such as an applicant`s serious medical condition with confirming documentation. The College has found that two years is a sufficient amount of time for the overwhelming majority of applicants to complete the process.

I recently had a baby and took a maternity leave. This interfered with the timely completion of my registration. I am hoping you will waive the application extension fee, given my circumstance. Is this possible?

The College does not grant waivers on the basis of recent maternity or paternity.

Do psychologists registered in other jurisdictions need to be registered in B.C. in order to provide expert testimony?

Psychologists registered in other jurisdictions who give testimony in B.C. cannot refer to themselves as “psychologists” unless they are registered with the College or entitled under one or more of the current exemptions in the *Psychologists*

Regulation A psychologist registered in another jurisdiction who wishes to give testimony in B.C. may apply for Temporary (Visitor) registration. Temporary registration permits a psychologist to practice in B.C. for a time limited period.

Do I have to become a registrant of the College if I am working within the Industrial / Organizational field (e.g., Human Resources, training, assessment centre)?

The College of Psychologists regulates the practice of psychology in BC. If you practice psychology in BC and wish to refer to yourself as a 'psychologist', you must be a registrant of this College. The *Psychologists Regulation* currently provides for a limited number of exemptions based on employment setting and should be reviewed.

What is an appropriate way to communicate my credentials if I am neither registered with the College nor an applicant, but have training in psychology?

The *Psychologists Regulation* outlines the parameters for regulation of the provision of psychological services in British Columbia. Terms such as intern, counsellor, therapist, and consultant may be used by those not registered with the College.

I am considering enrolling in a degree program. Can the College review information about the program and tell me whether I'm likely to be eligible for registration?

No. The College does not provide pre-approval for degree programs. We receive many letters with questions like these from people interested in applying. Requirements for registration are found in the College's *Bylaws*, including the schedules. If you want to become a professional psychologist, you are strongly encouraged to attend a CPA or APA accredited program, in residence, and complete a CPA or APA accredited pre-doctoral internship.

Will _____training program prepare me for registration with the College?

The College does not pre-approve programs. If you are interested in knowing what type of career a program will prepare you for, we recommend that you speak with the program's director.

Can the College tell me if any of the current registrants graduated from University of _____ in the _____ degree program? I'd like to understand if I'm likely to be registered with a degree from there.

There are many aspects to professional psychology training and successful registration with the College; a graduate degree is one important element. Each application is considered on its own merit. For psychology students training in Canada and the United States, the Registration Committee recommends that they complete a psychology training program that is accredited by the Canadian Psychological Association or the American Psychological Association ([APA](#))/([CPA](#)) and requires resident study and training.

Under the Health Professions Act and the College's bylaws, the College's Registration Committee has discretion to consider applicants for registration who have graduated from non-accredited doctoral programs based by a case-by-case evaluation of the individual applicant's education, training and experience, having regard to the criteria in Schedule H of the bylaws. As such, there may be graduates of a non-accredited program who have been granted registration by the College. However, this does not constitute an approval or endorsement of the program by the College, and every application must be considered in light of the individual applicant's particular circumstances.

Applicants are strongly advised to carefully study the registration requirements and pathways to registration document, found in the registration flow chart.

Will you be developing any other classes of registration (e.g., School Psychologist)?

Discussions remain ongoing with regard to other classes of registration. Any developments in this regard will be posted to the College website and information will be disseminated to stakeholder groups, as appropriate.

Does the College offer employment services?

The College is a regulatory body under the *Health Professions Act* with the mandate of regulating psychological services in the public interest. The College does not offer employment services. While we do not maintain information on job openings,

those interested are encouraged to check other websites such as the [Canadian Psychological Association](#) and the British Columbia [health authorities](#).

How do I communicate with the College?

In order to ensure authenticity and verifiability of documentation and correspondence, all correspondence from applicants to the College must be via regular post or courier, and signed documents via facsimile, when the original document follows by regular post or courier. The College reserves the option of communicating with applicants via electronic mail or regular post and signed documents via facsimile, when the original document follows by regular mail.

You may contact the College through any of the methods listed on the Contact Us website page.

What contact information do I need to provide to the College?

Applicants must provide the College with the requested contact information and demographic information.

N.B.: Applicants must inform the College in writing of any changes to the required contact and demographic information.

N.B.: Applicants must bring government-issued photo identification to all examinations.

Legal names and professional or business names: The register of the College must include the full name of every registrant. The College requires that every registrant provide the College with his or her full legal name, and in the event that a registrant carries on practice using any different name, to also provide the College with his or her other professional, business or trade names, past and present. A registrant should provide the College with names exactly as spelled or punctuated in actual use. This assures that the registration status of any person may be readily ascertained or verified by any member of the public.

Right to collect, use and disclose information: To meet its statutory mandate under the Health Professions Act and to regulate the profession in the public interest, the College may collect, use and disclose information regarding applicants for registration, registrants, their patients/clients, other persons identified in patient/client files, and any person employed, retained, elected or appointed by the applicant. All data which the College provides to the Canadian Institute for Health Information is in aggregate form.

Duty to maintain confidentiality: The *Health Professions Act* requires that every individual employed, retained or appointed by the College, as well as every member of the College Board or a College Committee, preserve confidentiality with respect to all information coming to that person's knowledge in the course of performing a

duty or exercising a power, except where disclosure is necessary for the College to perform its function, or where disclosure is authorized by the Board in the public interest.

Good Character and Fitness

Applicants must have good character and be fit to practice psychology. Applicants should know that if there are any issues related to good character and/or fitness to practice on which any decision of the Registration Committee will be made, applicants will be provided with full information regarding the issue and given the opportunity to provide the Committee with any information that the applicant would like the Committee to consider in making a decision on this issue.

Criminal Record Checks and Police Checks

Applicants are required to complete **both** a Criminal Record Check and a national police check(s).

1. Criminal Record Check

All applicants must undergo a criminal record review through the provincial government's [Criminal Records Review Program \(CRRP\)](#). For many applicants, this can be completed online. Please review the "[Applicant Guide](#)" and "[FAQ](#)" document. You will need the College specific access code (GDM74JX5TR) to complete the process. If you are unable to complete the online process, please follow this [link](#) to request a consent to a criminal record request form from the College. You will need to complete the form and return it to the College along with copies of two [acceptable forms of ID](#). The Criminal Records Review Program does not allow organizations to post this form publicly. N.B. The College does not accept shared results of a criminal record check previously completed with the Criminal Records Review Program for another organization.

2. National Police Check(s)

Applicants must submit original documentation providing the results of a national police check or the equivalent for every jurisdiction in which the applicant resided during the five-year period immediately before the date of application. If it is not reasonably practicable to obtain such documentation for the applicable Jurisdiction, a letter of explanation is required and will go before the Registration Committee. For Canadian jurisdictions, the check must be completed by the police or RCMP. To obtain this check you must visit your local police department or RCMP detachment. ***Please note this is different from the Criminal Record Check required above.***

For US jurisdictions, the check must be completed by the FBI.

For all other jurisdictions, a national check must be completed by the police or an equivalent authority. Each check must be the most comprehensive check available in terms of coverage of records checked. Applicants must arrange for completed police check(s) to be sent directly to the College.

National police checks are accepted up to the point of registration.

The police won't send the College my check, what do I do? My transcript can only be sent electronically, how can my university do that?

Required transcripts, verifications, certifications, police checks and other third-party documentation must be sent directly to the College by the third party. In circumstances where the third party does not provide paper records, the College will accept required documentation in an electronic format directly from third parties via email. This email address may only be used by third parties for the purpose of submitting required documentation: registration@chcpbc.org. The FBI and some police detachments will mail paper record checks directly to the College when the applicant requests that the check is sent to them "c/o CHCPBC" and uses the College mailing address. In circumstances where the police will only send paper copies to the applicant, applicants should forward the unopened envelope to the College when they receive it.

When do I need to provide proof of Professional Liability Insurance?

Prior to registration, all applicants must provide evidence satisfactory to the Registration Committee of professional liability insurance coverage in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence as per Section 61 of the College *Bylaws*. You can provide this at the time you submit your registration fees just prior to being added to the register.

Do I need to name a Professional Executor?

Applicants are advised that registrants of the College are obligated to name a registrant of the College as a Professional Executor if they own any practice records. Registrants are also obliged to provide contact information to enable access to records created by them but under the control of an institution (e.g., a health authority, a government ministry, a correctional centre, etc.).

Upon successful completion of the registration process, you will be asked to provide this information. An extension for this requirements is granted to registrants in their first year but they must provide the College with the name of a registrant who has agreed to serve as their professional executor as soon as they have one and, in any event, no later than December 31st of the current year. For more information, please consult the Professional Executor Designation information sheet.

I would like to become a Psychological Associate. What are the requirements for this class of registration?

The psychological associate registration class no longer exists. At present, the only registration class available to applicants is that of registered psychologist. Requirements for this class can be found in the applicant section on the website.

I am not yet living in BC. Can I initiate an application before I move?

Yes. All applications can be started prior to living in BC. You are not required to be a resident of BC in order to be registered with the College.

When will I receive a receipt for my application / examination / registration fee?

Receipts will be emailed within 5 to 10 business days of receipt of funds. If you have not received your receipt in that time frame, please contact the College office 604-736-6164.

SUPERVISION FAQs

What does it mean that a supervisor must be a psychologist who is licensed (certified or registered) and in good standing with a psychology regulatory body for a minimum of two years?

This means that the supervisor must be licensed to practice psychology in the province/state in which the supervision takes place and is in “good standing” with that regulatory body. Good standing is a term used to convey that the psychologist has paid their dues and do not have limitations or restrictions on their registration because of a complaint or disciplinary matter. A listing of state, provincial and territorial agencies responsible for the licensure and certification of psychologists throughout the U.S. and Canada can be found on the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards [website](#)

If I have been supervised by a non-psychologist as part of my practica or post degree work, will the College accept these supervised hours?

It is expected that a licensed/registered psychologist will oversee and have primary responsibility for practica and that the supervision will be provided by a psychologist so that the training received is primarily psychological in nature. While it is recognized that some diversity of supervision can provide a valuable learning experience, the bylaws specify that the required number of hours of an applicant’s supervised practica, internship and post degree supervised work, be provided by a psychologist who is licensed to practice psychology in the province/state in which the supervision takes place. Practicum and internship supervision requirements are set out in the College *Bylaws*.

As an applicant, how frequently am I required to meet with my supervisor? Do we have to meet face to face? Is the supervisor required to co-sign my reports, notes or correspondence?

Presently, the College only requires a supervisor on record with a description of the plan appropriate to the activities supervised. The supervision should be provided in a fashion and at a frequency sufficient to ensure that services are provided according to the standards outlined in the *Code of Conduct*.

I am working under supervision while I am an applicant. How many hours of supervision are required?

Currently, applicants are not required to complete a certain number of supervised hours nor is the College tracking the number of hours applicants complete. The requirement for a prescribed number of supervision hours prior to registration has been built into the College's new *Bylaws* but has not yet been enacted. The College will provide advance notice when the Board sets a date for the enactment of this requirement.

My supervisor has asked if they have to complete any paperwork as part of their role?

When the applicant is scheduled to take their final examination, supervisors will be sent a short form to indicate whether the supervision took place according to the plan submitted.

AIT/MOBILITY FAQs

What is the AIT and how does it affect me as an applicant?

The federal government's Agreement on Internal Trade ("AIT") is a Canada-wide agreement intended to facilitate the mobility of professionals across the country. In British Columbia, the *Labour Mobility Act* governs how regulatory bodies are to recognize professionals licensed in other Canadian jurisdictions in British Columbia.

I am making an AIT / Mobility application on the basis of my registration / licensure in another Canadian or United States jurisdiction. Does my practice in BC need to be supervised prior to me becoming a registrant?

No. Applicants making an AIT/Mobility application are not required to be supervised in their work prior to registration. Applicants are obligated to be in compliance with the College's *Code of Conduct* and are strongly encouraged to seek peer supervision or other consultation as appropriate. Applicants are not permitted to hold themselves out as a "psychologist" in BC prior to registration, unless otherwise exempted under the *Psychologists Regulation's* current provisions.

What are Mobility applications, and how are they different from applications made under the AIT?

An applicant for registration under the AIT holds current registration or license to practice psychology in a Canadian jurisdiction. Applicants who are licensed to practice psychology in the United States and who hold either a Certificate of Professional Qualifications (CPQ) or are registered with the National Register of Health Service Psychologists (NRHSP) may be considered as mobility applicants for registration. The College *Bylaws* stipulate the conditions that must be satisfied for both types of applications.

What is the CPQ?

The CPQ is the Certificate of Professional Qualifications and is a psychology credential issued by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB). Having a CPQ is one item upon which a Mobility application with the College may be based. Please visit the [ASPPB website](#) for information about how to obtain a CPQ.

How does one become registered with the National Register of Health Service Psychologists?

The National Register of Health Service Psychologists is a psychology credentialing organization. Being registered with the National Register is one item upon which a mobility application with the College may be based. Please visit the National Register of Health Service Psychologists website for information about how to become a registrant with the [National Register](#).

I am listed with the Canadian Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology ("CRHSPP"). Does this mean I am eligible for registration under the AIT for Canadian psychologists or through your Mobility track for US psychologists?

No. Listing with CRHSPP is not required for registration as a psychologist. We are aware that many Canadian psychologists maintain CRHSPP certification and as such we ask for verification, but listing with CRHSPP is not a requirement to make application under the AIT or as a psychologist coming to BC from the US.

Requirements for Canadian psychologists can be found in Currently Registered in a Canadian jurisdiction

Requirements for US psychologists can be found in Currently licensed in the United States with SPQ or NRHSP Credential

APPLYING OUTSIDE OF CANADA/USA FAQs

What if my degree is from outside Canada or the United States?

Applicants with foreign credentials (excluding the United States) must have their degree evaluated for Canadian equivalency as part of the application process. For more information, please see the [Foreign Trained Psychology Professionals](#) section under the Applicant section of the website.

Can I apply to the College while I am still in my home country?

Yes, applications can be made from outside of Canada.

Do I need to submit the application fee with my application? What forms of payment are acceptable to the College?

Payment must be included with the application form in order to make a formal application to the College. Please consult the Fee Schedule to determine the application fee associated with the registration class you are applying for. All fees are in Canadian dollars. Acceptable methods of payment are: cheque, money order or bank transfer. For more information on how to submit a bank transfer from outside of Canada, please contact the College.

The evaluation report of my degree refers to my qualifications as equivalent to a 'psychologist'. Can I call myself a psychologist?

The titles "registered psychologist" and "psychologist" are protected and reserved *only* for registrants of the College. While a degree credential evaluation is a requirement for internationally-trained applicants, there are a number of other registration requirements for the different classes currently available that a prospective applicant must meet in order to become a registrant of the College and be entitled to use one of the reserved titles.

What can I call myself when I arrive in BC?

Individuals registered with the College of Psychologists of BC are entitled to use the titles "Registered Psychologist," "Psychologist," "Associate Psychologist (Corrections)" and "Psychology Assistant." In addition there are some limited exemptions as listed in the *Psychologists Regulation*. Words such as "consultant," "counsellor," and "mental health" are not currently regulated terms.

I am registered (licensed) to practice psychology in my home country and have been working as a psychologist for years there. Is there a special category that recognizes my registration elsewhere?

At present, the College does not have a special category for foreign trained psychology professionals. The College is actively working with other Canadian regulatory bodies and with the Registration Committee on issues related to

psychology professionals trained outside the US and Canada. College *Bylaws* will reflect any developments from this work over time.

The College does have a fast track mechanism for individuals holding licensure as a psychologist in the United States ([see A.I.T. / Mobility registration](#)).

I have obtained an Educational Credential Assessment (ECA) as part of my immigration application and it appears that my credentials are comparable to Canadian ones. Does this mean that the College will automatically recognize my education, training and experience?

Please note that meeting the ECA requirement for skilled immigrants does not guarantee registration with the College. CPBC registration is a separate process, which involves a careful review of education, training and experience once a completed formal application has been received at the College. We encourage all applicants to carefully review the College *Bylaws* (including [Schedule H](#)), which list the registration requirements for the different classes of registration as well as the information on this website with regard to the different classes of registration.

I don't have a doctorate and/or I didn't complete an internship as per the requirements for Registered Psychologist registration. Can I still apply?

Applicants who have not completed both a CPA or APA accredited doctoral degree and pre-doctoral internship, or the equivalent, and who are not already registered/licensed as a psychologist in another Canadian or US jurisdiction, are ordinarily ineligible for registration in British Columbia. You may still submit a registration application if you would like the Registration Committee to consider other evidence that you believe to be sufficient to demonstrate that your knowledge, skills and abilities are substantially equivalent to those expected of an applicant who has completed an accredited doctoral degree and pre-doctoral internship.

Please be advised, however, that your application may be rejected, or you may be required to undergo additional education, training or other upgrading of your knowledge, skills or abilities.

What do I need to know to immigrate to Canada?

Please note the College does not provide immigration assistance or any other immigration-related services.

Information about immigration to Canada is available on line from the Canadian government.

Check the website for the [Citizenship and Immigration Canada department](#)

[WelcomeBC](#) is a resource for newcomers and those thinking about living, working, studying or investing specifically in British Columbia.

Upon arrival you may find the services of the [Immigration Services Society of BC](#) and [MOSAIC](#) helpful.

How do I learn more about the practice of psychology in North America?

To learn more about the practice of psychology, we recommend the websites of the following psychology organizations for more information:

- [Canadian Psychological Association](#)
- [B.C. Psychological Association](#)
- [American Psychological Association](#)

I don't currently meet the registration requirements of the College to become a psychologist. Is there an alternative career that I can pursue using my education, training and experience?

The Active Career Advancement Project, funded by the Government of Canada's Labour Market Integration Program and implemented by S.U.C.C.E.S.S., is committed to addressing the lack of alternative career support for underutilized immigrants. This initiative is a national pilot project offering integrated services to support. Visit their website for more information at <http://acapcanada.ca/career-seeker/>

How do I find a job in BC?

The College of Psychologists of BC does not provide information on job openings. Those interested are encouraged to check other websites for information on job openings such as:

- [Canadian Psychological Association](#)
- [British Columbia health authorities](#)
- [Service Canada Job Bank](#)
- [Work BC](#)

EXAMS AND WORKSHOPS FAQs

When can I take the examinations? How long does it take for the College to review my file?

Most applicants have their applications reviewed and are moved to the examination phase within three months from date of receipt of application. This includes AIT, Mobility and those applicants from APA/CPA accredited programs who've also completed APA/CPA accredited internships. This timeframe is dependent on an applicant's comprehensive requests for and inclusion of all required documentation with application, timely completion and receipt of references from referees, verification of licensure elsewhere, etc. Any matters with regard to fitness to practice or good character can also impact the timeframe.

When can I write the Written Jurisprudence Exam (WJE)?

Once your file has been reviewed and deemed acceptable by the Registration Committee, you will be given permission to proceed to the examination phase. The WJE is offered online. More information about this exam can be found in the Application section of the website under [Examination and Workshops](#).

Where and when can I write the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP)?

Once your file has been reviewed and deemed acceptable by the Registration Committee, you will be given permission to proceed to the examination phase. The EPPP can be taken at a variety of sites across Canada and the United States. However, one needs to be an applicant for registration with a regulatory body in order to be eligible to write the examination. Please note that we must receive your request and administration fee for the EPPP before we will provide verification of your eligibility to the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards. For more information, please visit the [Examinations and Workshops](#) section of this website.

How many times can I write the EPPP?

Within an application period, the EPPP may be written 3 times.

What is the process of the oral examination?

The oral exam is a standardized, scenario-based exam with specific criteria for scoring. There are three possible outcomes: (1) full pass; (2) recommended additional learning and/or supervision; and (3) fail. The entire exam may be repeated if failed or if additional learning and/or supervision is recommended. More information about the oral examination can be found under [Examinations and Workshops](#) in the Applicant section of this website.

When can I sign up to attend the Orientation Workshop?

Applicants for Registered Psychologist registration are welcome to sign up for the orientation workshop at any stage of the application process. It is required that they complete the workshop prior to the oral exam. The schedule for the orientation workshop can be found under [Examinations and Workshops](#) in the Applicant section of this website.

OFFERING TELEPSYCHOLOGY SERVICES FROM OUTSIDE OF BC FAQs

My client will be traveling to BC for a period of time and would like to continue virtual therapy with me while they are there. Is this possible?

Yes, for a limited period of time and according to certain conditions. The College has a Temporary (Visitor) registration option for non-emergency, temporary practice that is time limited and for this special circumstance. Information about this registration option can be found [here](#).

Registered psychologist registration is also an option for anyone who wants to practice in BC in an ongoing, unrestricted way. Information about this registration option can be found [here](#).

I am currently seeing a client who will be moving to BC. They would like to continue seeing me. Can I provide telepsychology services to this client ?

Yes, for a limited period of time and according to certain conditions. The College has a Temporary (Visitor) registration option for non-emergency, temporary practice that is time limited and for this special circumstance. Information about this registration option can be found [here](#).

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I would like to offer non-emergency related telepsychology services in BC. How can I do this ?

This can be done in one of two ways:

1. The College has a Temporary (Visitor) registration option for non-emergency, temporary practice that is time limited and for a specific purpose. Information about this registration option can be found [here](#).
2. Registered psychologist registration is an option for anyone who wants to practice in BC in an ongoing, unrestricted way. The College has fast track registration mechanisms for psychologists registered elsewhere in Canada and the United States. Information about this registration option can be found [here](#).

I am an out of province psychologist who will be temporarily living / traveling in BC. I would like to continue to offer services to my clients in my home jurisdiction virtually. Do I need any special permission from the College?

If you are providing services to clients living outside of British Columbia you do not need to seek permission from the College in order to do so. You would be expected to, however, clearly indicate your home jurisdiction and that you are only registered / licensed as a psychologist in that jurisdiction and not in British Columbia in any communication to your existing clients or to anyone else.

I have a circumstance that I do not see addressed here. What do I do ?

Please put your query in writing and submit it to the College. It will be reviewed.