

Examinations – School Psychologist Applicants

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. Review of [Psychologists – Resources | CHCPBC](#) is useful for applicants.

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

Written Jurisprudence Examination (WJE)

The WJE 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 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 WJE 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 login 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 WJE 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).

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

30 – 35 questions:

- *The College's Psychologist Code of Conduct*

1-5 questions:

- [*The Health Professions Act*](#)
- [*The Psychologists Regulation*](#)
- [*The College Bylaws*](#)

10-15 questions:

- [*Child, Family and Community Services Act*](#)
- [*Family Law Act*](#)
- [*Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*](#)
- [*Infants Act*](#)
- [*Human Rights Code*](#)
- [*Personal Information Protection Act \(PIPA\)*](#)
- [*Motor Vehicle Act*](#)
- [*School Act*](#)

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 were 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 was discontinued on August 31, 2023. Currently, only version 5403 is used and a passing score of 155 is 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>

Readiness for Practice Examination (RPE)

The College requires applicants for school psychologist registration to successfully complete a written examination in order to verify an applicant's readiness for placement on the register with limitations.

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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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.