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Policy Statement:

An Applicant to the registration class of Registered Psychologist within the Designated Health Profession of Psychology who has never been registered to practise as a Psychologist in Canada or the United States must pass the following examinations:

1. Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP)
2. Oral Examination

Note: An Applicant’s self-declared area of practice must be consistent with their training, education and supervised experience. Successful completion of an Oral Examination in a designated area of practice does not indicate specialty recognition by the College.

3. Written Jurisprudence Examination (WJE)

An Applicant to the registration class of Registered Psychologist who has been — or is currently — registered as a Psychologist in Canada or the United States must pass the following examination:

1. Written Jurisprudence Examination (WJE)

1. Policy Rationale and Purpose:

This policy is necessary to implement the bylaw requirements specific to examinations for this registration class.

2. Policy Scope:

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



3. Legal Authority:

- *Health Professions Act*
- Psychologists Regulation
- CHCPBC Bylaws, Schedule 7, 3.1.4, 3.1.5 and 3.1.6

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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Appendices

Appendix A

Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP)

Content

The EPPP is a standardized examination consisting of multiple-choice questions that cover knowledge essential to the professional practice of Psychology. It is constructed by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) with assistance from Pearson VUE.

Applying for the examination

More information about this examination and how to register for it can be found on the [ASPPB website](#), the [Certemy website](#) and the [Pearson VUE website](#).

Results

Results are sent directly to the College from ASPPB. The College must receive an official report indicating that an Applicant has achieved a passing score of 500 or higher before the Applicant may proceed to the Oral Examination.

An Applicant may write the examination a maximum of three times within any application period.



Appendix B

Oral Examination

Content

The Oral Examination is an assessment of an Applicant’s knowledge, competence and readiness to practise — both generally and in the area of practice declared by the Applicant.

The Oral Examination centres around a case vignette describing a client — including demographic information, presenting problem(s) and relevant history. Vignettes are chosen based on an Applicant’s declared area of competence and the presenting problem(s) and populations typically seen in that area of psychology practice. Applicants should prepare themselves according to the eight skill areas included in the examination, bearing in mind that the examination assesses core competencies, as listed in Schedule 7, Table 3 of the CHCPBC Bylaws, required of all Psychologists. It is not a specialty examination.

Administration

This exam takes place at the College office in Vancouver or virtually. An Applicant has 60–90 minutes to complete it.

Results

Applicants are notified in writing of their results within three weeks of completing the Oral Examination.

Each of the eight skill areas is evaluated using the following categories, with an “Effective” or “Highly Effective” rating being required to pass in each area:

Highly Effective (Pass)	Demonstrates skills that are above minimum competence, demonstrates breadth of knowledge with depth in limited areas
Effective (Pass)	Demonstrates minimal competence for safe practice, can practice independently, has knowledge of core areas of practice, consults if necessary
Ineffective (Fail)	Does not meet minimum standards for independent practice



Highly Ineffective (Fail)	Demonstrates lack of knowledge, makes repeated errors, commits errors of omission that result in active or passive danger to client
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Examiners make one of the following three recommendations to the Registration Committee:

- **Pass**
If an Applicant receives a score of “Effective” or “Highly Effective” in each of the areas, the examiners will recommend placement on the register as a Registered Psychologist.
- **Additional learning and/or supervision to remediate identified deficiencies**
If an Applicant receives a score of “Ineffective” in one or two areas, the examiners will recommend that the Applicant undergo additional learning or supervision to address specific identified deficits.
- **Fail**
If an Applicant receives a rating of “Ineffective” in more than two areas, the recommendation will be to fail the Applicant on the examination. If the Applicant receives a rating of “Highly Ineffective” in any of the eight areas, the recommendation will also be to fail the Applicant.

Communication of Oral Examination results and options for the Applicant is as follows:

1. **Full passes**
All full passes are communicated to the Registration Committee, and next steps are followed.
2. **Options for the Applicant regarding recommendation for remediation**
In the event of a recommendation for additional supervision/learning, the Applicant is informed of the recommendation and may decide to a) accept the recommendation with regard to the identified deficiencies, or b) retake the examination. In addition, the Applicant has the opportunity to make a written submission to the Registration Committee prior to the Committee reviewing the examiners’ recommendation and making a final decision. If an Applicant decides to retake the examination without making a submission to the Committee, the recommendation will not go before them.



3. Options for the Applicant in the event of failing the examination

In the event of exam failure, the Applicant is informed of the option to retake the examination. In addition, the Applicant has the opportunity to make a written submission to the Registration Committee prior to the Committee reviewing the examination outcome and making a final decision. If an Applicant decides to retake the examination without making a submission to the Committee, the recommendation will not go before them.

4. Option to retake the examination

An Applicant who chooses to retake the examination is provided a new panel of oral examiners and a different examination vignette. The Registration Committee is *not* obligated to accept the better of the two outcomes if the second examination produces less favourable results than the first.

Applicants may attempt the Oral Examination a maximum of two times. Some individuals may choose to retake the Oral Examination in the event of a recommendation for additional supervision/learning or failure. In the event that an Applicant fails the examination twice, they may reapply after having undertaken additional training or education.



Appendix C

Written Jurisprudence Examination (WJE)

Content

The WJE comprises 50 multiple-choice questions that assess an Applicant's understanding and knowledge of:

1. Professional conduct and ethical principles, and
2. Legislative provisions relevant to the practice of Psychology in British Columbia.

Resource: Summary of Legislation Affecting Psychology Practice in B.C.

Administration

The examination is administered online, and an Applicant has two hours to complete it.

Applying for the examination

Fees associated with examinations are set out in Schedule 1, 6.0 of the CHCPBC Bylaws.

Each Applicant must complete and submit the WJE Request Form on the College website. Once the College is in receipt of the request form and payment, the Applicant will be sent an email with log-in details and further instructions.

Results

Applicants will receive written notification regarding their performance on the examination. The passing score is 40/50.

An Applicant may write the examination up to three times.