



Information for Registrants of the College of Psychologists of Alberta (CAP)

Registrants of the College of Alberta Psychologists (CAP) who have not completed a CPA or APA accredited pre-doctoral internship, and who apply for registration in B.C. on the basis of their Alberta registration, must also provide satisfactory evidence of meeting CAP's requirements to declare "formal assessment" as a professional activity, in order to demonstrate the equivalency of their Alberta registration to registration as a registered psychologist in B.C.

These requirements are normally fulfilled as part of the supervised practice required of CAP provisional registrants who choose to declare "formal assessment" as a professional activity, as documented in the provisional registrant's supervision plan, and reported as completed in the supervisor's final evaluation (Form A). Such applicants must request that copies of their supervision plan and supervisor's final evaluation be sent directly to CHCPBC from CAP to verify their fulfillment of these requirements.

Alternatively, such applicants may establish their eligibility for registration in B.C. by completing a minimum of 400 hours of supervised practice in B.C. pertaining to the competencies of psychometric testing, psychological assessment and provision of psychological diagnosis (provided that they meet all other applicable conditions and requirements for registration), and by providing a satisfactory supervisor's evaluation with their application for registration. 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.

Registrants of CAP who have completed a CPA or APA accredited pre-doctoral internship must provide verification of when the internship was completed and that it was accredited at the time it was completed. Letters of verification must be requested from either the applicant's doctoral program or the internship itself and must be sent directly to the College from the doctoral or internship program.

Formal Assessment FAQs

Note: FAQs are for information purposes only and may not be relied upon as legal advice. To the extent that there are any inconsistencies between these FAQs and the provisions of the Health Professions Act, CHCPBC Bylaws, the provisions of the Act and bylaws take precedence.



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