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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PRACTICE OF PSYCHOLOGY; AMENDING THE
EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE UNDER THE PROFESSIONAL
PSYCHOLOGIST ACT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 61-9-11 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1963,
Chapter 92, Section 10, as amended) is amended to read:

"61-9-11. LICENSURE--EXAMINATION.--

A. The board shall issue a license as a
psychologist to an applicant who files an application upon a
form and in such manner as the board prescribes, accompanied
by the fee required by the Professional Psychologist Act, and
who furnishes evidence satisfactory to the board that the
applicant:

(1) has reached the age of majority;

(2) is of good moral character;

(3) is not in violation of any of the
provisions of the Professional Psychologist Act and the rules
adopted pursuant to that act;

(4) is a graduate of:

(a) a doctoral program that is
designated as a doctoral program in psychology by a
nationally recognized designation system or that is
accredited by a nationally recognized accreditation body and

1 holds a degree with a major in clinical, counseling or school
2 psychology from a university offering a full-time course of
3 study in psychology; or

4 (b) a doctoral program outside the
5 United States or Canada that is equivalent to a program in
6 Subparagraph (a) of this paragraph and holds a degree with a
7 major in clinical, counseling or school psychology from a
8 university offering a full-time course of study in
9 psychology; the board shall promulgate by rule a list of
10 board-approved credential inspection and verification
11 services to appraise foreign degree programs;

12 (5) has had at least two years of supervised
13 experience in psychological work of a type satisfactory to
14 the board; provided that:

15 (a) up to one year of the supervised
16 experience may be obtained in predoctoral practicum hours
17 overseen by a graduate training program and consistent with
18 the guidelines on practicum experience for licensure
19 promulgated by the association of state and provincial
20 psychology boards;

21 (b) up to one year of the supervised
22 experience may be obtained in a predoctoral internship
23 approved by the American psychological association;

24 (c) up to one-half year of the
25 supervised experience may be obtained in a predoctoral

1 internship that is not approved by the American psychological
2 association; and

3 (d) any portion of the required
4 supervised experience not satisfied pursuant to Subparagraphs
5 (a), (b) and (c) of this paragraph shall be obtained in
6 postdoctoral psychological work;

7 (6) demonstrates professional competence by
8 passing the examination for professional practice in
9 psychology promulgated by the association of state and
10 provincial psychology boards with a total raw score of 140
11 (seventy percent), before January 1, 1993 or, if after
12 January 1, 1993, a score equal to or greater than the passing
13 score recommended by the association of state and provincial
14 psychology boards;

15 (7) demonstrates an awareness and knowledge
16 of New Mexico cultures as determined by the board; and

17 (8) passes such jurisprudence examination as
18 may be given by the board through an online testing and
19 scoring mechanism.

20 B. Upon investigation of the application and other
21 evidence submitted, including a criminal background check,
22 the board shall, not less than thirty days prior to the
23 examination, notify each applicant that the application and
24 evidence submitted for licensure are satisfactory and
25 accepted or unsatisfactory and rejected. If rejected, the

1 notice shall state the reasons for rejection.

2 C. The place of examination shall be designated in
3 advance by the board, and examinations shall be given at such
4 time and place and under such supervision as the board may
5 determine.

6 D. In the event an applicant fails to receive a
7 passing grade, the applicant may apply for reexamination and
8 shall be allowed to take a subsequent examination upon
9 payment of the fee required by the Professional Psychologist
10 Act.

11 E. The board shall keep a record of all
12 examinations, and the grade assigned to each, as part of its
13 records for at least two years subsequent to the date of
14 examination."

15 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
16 provisions of this act is July 1, 2011. _____

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