

House Bill 4002

Sponsored by Representative HUFFMAN (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

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Makes changes to educational and training qualifications necessary to be licensed to practice psychology.

Applies to individuals who submit to State Board of Psychologist Examiners application for licensure before, on or after effective date of Act.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to the practice of psychology; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 675.010 and
3 675.030.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 675.010 is amended to read:

6 675.010. As used in ORS 675.010 to 675.150[, *unless the context requires otherwise*]:

7 (1) "Approved doctoral program in psychology" means a doctoral program in psychology **that**
8 **is:**

9 (a) Accredited by the American Psychological Association [*or a doctoral program in*
10 *psychology*];

11 (b) Offered by an institution accredited by one of the regional accrediting agencies re-
12 **cognized by the United States Secretary of Education as a reliable authority on the quality**
13 **of education or training offered by institutions of higher education; or**

14 (c) Accredited individually or as part of an institutional accreditation by another private or
15 governmental accrediting agency[, *when*] **if** the [*association's or*] agency's standards and procedures
16 have been approved by the State Board of Psychologist Examiners by rule.

17 [(2) "Board" means the State Board of Psychologist Examiners.]

18 [(3)] (2) "Licensed psychologist" means a person licensed to practice psychology under the pro-
19 visions of ORS 675.010 to 675.150.

20 [(4)] (3) "Practice of psychology" means:

21 (a) Rendering or offering to render supervision, consultation, evaluation or therapy services to
22 individuals, groups or organizations for the purpose of diagnosing or treating behavioral, emotional
23 or mental disorders[. "*Practice of psychology*" also includes]; **and**

24 (b) Delegating the administration and scoring of tests to technicians qualified by and under the
25 direct supervision of a licensed psychologist.

26 [(5)] (4) "State" means any state or territory of the United States and the District of Columbia.

27 **SECTION 2.** ORS 675.030 is amended to read:

28 675.030. (1) Upon application for licensure accompanied by the established fee, the State Board
29 of Psychologist Examiners shall issue a psychologist license to an applicant who performs to the
30 satisfaction of the board in [*examinations*] **any examination** prescribed by the board and furnishes

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1 evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant:

2 (a) Has complied with all applicable provisions of ORS 675.010 to 675.150 and the applicable
3 rules of the board;

4 (b) Holds a doctoral degree in psychology from an approved doctoral program in psychology;

5 [*(c) Has satisfactorily completed courses and training required by the board;*]

6 [*(d)*] (c) Has had two years of supervised employment in the field of psychology:

7 (A) Under the direction of a psychologist licensed in Oregon or under the direction of a person
8 considered by the board to have equivalent supervisory competence; or

9 (B) In the military; and

10 [*(e)*] (d) Is of good moral character.

11 (2) For purposes of **subsection (1)(d)** of this section, the lack of good moral character may be
12 established by reference to acts or conduct that reflect moral turpitude or to acts or conduct that
13 would cause a reasonable person to have substantial doubts about the individual's honesty, fairness
14 and respect for the rights of others and for the laws of the state and the nation. The conduct or acts
15 in question must be rationally connected to the applicant's fitness to practice psychology.

16 [(2)] (3) The board shall adopt rules by which a person receiving post-doctoral supervision dur-
17 ing the application process may enter into a contract to practice psychology under the supervision
18 of a licensed psychologist, psychologist associate or a person considered by the board to have
19 equivalent supervisory competence. An applicant who enters such a contract shall be designated as
20 a psychologist resident or a psychologist associate resident, accordingly, and shall be subject to ORS
21 675.010 to 675.150.

22 **SECTION 3. The amendments to ORS 675.010 and 675.030 by sections 1 and 2 of this 2014**
23 **Act apply to individuals who submit an application for licensure to the State Board of Psy-**
24 **chologist Examiners before, on or after the effective date of this 2014 Act.**