

SPECIAL NOTICE

Act 53 of 2016 Becomes Effective on August 23, 2016

[Act 53 of 2016](#) was signed by Governor Wolf on June 23, 2016 and becomes effective on August 23, 2016. The Act amends the Professional Psychologists Practice Act (Act) by clarifying the scope of practice of psychology, granting the Board the power to issue temporary licenses to out of state licensees, refining the exception for licensure regarding school psychologists, and removing some of the previous exemptions to licensure found in Section 3. The Act also removes the time limitation pertaining to the retaking of the licensure examinations, eliminates the requirement that at least one year of supervised experience be obtained subsequent to the granting of the doctoral degree, gives the Board the ability to bar a suspended licensee from engaging in any other form of counseling or mental health practice, and requires licensees to report multiple licensure of any other health profession from other states. Additionally, the Act allows employees of the Department of Corrections and the Department of Human Services to be exempt from licensure as long as they work under the direction of a licensed psychologist. Licensees are encouraged to review Act 53 of 2016 to ensure compliance. Please [click here](#) to review Act 53 of 2016.