

Regulation Changes Final

The following is a summary of the regulation changes that were published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* as final on June 5, 2010. A copy of the Preamble, which explains the changes, and the Annex, which contains the changes, is available at the *Pennsylvania Bulletin's* website at <http://www.pabulletin.com/secure/data/vol40/40-23/1037.html>.

- Reorganize the education, examination and experience requirements into four sequential sections--§ 41.31 for educational requirements, § 41.32 for experience requirements, § 41.33 for supervision requirements, and § 41.41 for examination requirements.
- Permit doctoral degree holders to take the licensure examinations prior to completing their post doctoral experience.
- Increase the amount of experience that must be obtained from 1500 hours to *at least* 12 months consisting of *at least* 1750 hours. [This provision applies to applicants who begin their post doctoral experience on or after December 6, 2010.]
- Revise the maximum number of hours of experience that can be obtained per week:
 - Where the experience is completed in one setting:
 - No more than 45 hours but no less than 15 hours of experience may be counted per week.
 - Where the experience is completed in multiple settings:
 - Extend for a minimum of 6 consecutive months.
 - Occur for a minimum of 15 hours per week at each setting.
 - Not exceed 45 hours per week total for all of the settings combined.
- Change the mix of areas under which experience can be obtained. Under the amendment, 50% of the required hours must be obtained performing:
 - Diagnosis,
 - Assessment,
 - Therapy,
 - Other interventions,
 - Supervision and/or consultation
 - Receiving supervision and/or consultation.

The remaining required hours may be obtained in:

- The aforementioned areas,
 - By teaching in association with an organized psychology program preparing practicing psychologists or a postdoctoral training program, or
 - Psychological research.
- Require first-time applicants for examination to submit the following:
 - The application and fee.
 - Official transcripts of graduate work from an accredited college or university.
 - A criminal history records information report from the state police where the applicant resides dated within 90 days of the application.
 - Child abuse history clearance completed by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare dated within 90 days of the application.
 - Internship verification form and job description.

- Require applicants for licensure to submit the following:
 - Updated application.
 - Verification of post-doctoral experience form, quarterly evaluations/progress reports and a letter describing the supervisory interactions and the supervisor's judgment of the applicant's potential as a psychologist in a sealed envelope signed by the primary/delegated supervisor(s) on the envelope flap.
 - Updated criminal history records information report.
 - Updated child abuse history clearance.

- Clarify that even after the post-doctoral experience hours are obtained, *until* a license is issued, psychology residents may only practice psychology under the supervision of a licensed psychologist or in an exempt setting.

- Establish additional requirements for primary and delegated supervisors.
 - Both:
 - Must be currently licensed while providing supervision.
 - Meet individually face-to-face with the psychology resident for an average supervisory total of at least 2 hours per week.
 - May NOT be the subject of an active suspension or revocation by a licensing board.

 - Primary only:
 - Complete either a course in supervision from a psychology doctoral degree program or 3 hours of continuing education in supervision beginning December 1, 2015.