

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE  
BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS**

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## Proposed Legislation for Foreign Grads

1. An applicant for licensure whose application is based on graduation from an institution of higher education located outside the U.S. and its territories shall demonstrate that the applicant's formal education is equivalent to a doctoral degree in psychology from a regionally accredited educational institution as outlined in NAC 641.062 per NRS 641.170.
2. An applicant for licensure whose application is based on graduation from an institution of higher education located outside the U.S. and its territories shall demonstrate that the applicant has at least 2 years of experience satisfactory to the Board, 1 year of which must be in a doctoral internship program and 1 year of which must be postdoctoral experience in accordance with the requirements established by regulations of the Board outlined in NAC 641.080 per NRS 641.170.
3. In order to establish the applicant's training is substantially equivalent, the applicant shall provide the board with the following, at a minimum:
  - (a) An original diploma or other certificate of graduation, which will be returned, and a photocopy of such a document, which will be retained by the board;
  - (b) A transcript or appropriate documentation of all course work completed;
  - (c) A certified translation of all documents that are submitted in a language other than English;
  - (d) Satisfactory evidence of pre-doctoral and postdoctoral supervised experience;
  - (e) A statement based on the documents above that indicates the chronological sequence of studies, training and research. This statement shall be comparable to and communicate essentially the same information as a transcript issued by a United States/Canadian university and should highlight how the applicant's education and doctoral internship experience conforms to the educational requirements outlined in NAC 641.062;
  - (f) A foreign-trained applicant must also document compliance with the supervised experience required under NAC 641.080; and
  - (g) A credentials evaluation from the National Register of Health Service Psychologists. An applicant can find information about obtaining a professional credential review at (<https://www.nationalregister.org/tools-services/request-verification/>).
4. When the credential review required under subsection 3 is completed, the National Register of Health Service Psychologists shall submit the review report to the Board. The Board shall review the report and determine whether the applicant's education meets the standard in subsections 1 & 2.
5. Upon written request, the Board may waive the credential review required under subsection 3 for an applicant who graduated from a doctoral program that is accredited by the accreditation panel of the Canadian Psychological Association.
6. After the Board determines that the formal education of an applicant under subsection 1 is equivalent to a doctoral degree in psychology from a regionally accredited educational institution, the applicant shall provide evidence to the Board that the applicant has met all other requirements for licensure which includes:
  - (a) Successfully pass of a national exam per NRS 641.180 and NAC 641.120. This is the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP) that is conducted by the ASPPB with a scaled score of at least 500.
  - (b) If education was not taught in English, must obtain an overall score of 80 or above on the TOEFL iBT examination
  - (c) Successfully completion an examination prescribed by the Board to test the applicant's knowledge of the statutes and regulations of the State of Nevada governing the practice

of psychology per NRS 641.110, NRS  
641.180 and NAC 641.112

- (d) Has not previously been convicted of a felony;
- (e) Has not been subject to disciplinary action in another jurisdiction;
- (f) Does not have any outstanding complaints or charges pending against him or her in another jurisdiction;
- (g) Has not previously been denied licensure by the Board;
- (h) Submits to the Board the appropriate application and fees and three letters of professional reference that attest without reservation to the professional competence, moral character and current fitness to practice of the applicant; and
- (i) Complies with subsection 1 of NRS 641.160 by submitting:

- (1) A complete set of the applicant's fingerprints to the Board with written permission authorizing the Board to forward the fingerprints to the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History for submission to the Federal Bureau of Investigation; or
  - (2) Verification to the Board that the applicant's fingerprints were so forwarded by the law enforcement agency or other authorized entity taking the fingerprints.
10. The Board may require the applicant to appear before the Board to demonstrate the applicant's:
    - (a) Moral character;
    - (b) Current fitness to practice psychology; and
    - (c) Intent to practice psychology in a manner consistent with his or her education, training and experience.
  11. The burden of proof that his/her foreign education is substantially equivalent to the criteria in subsections 1 and 2 above is borne entirely by the applicant.
  12. The applicant is responsible for paying all expenses incurred to obtain a translation and review of the academic transcript.