

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

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Following are the places in which the word "moral" appears in NAC Chapter 641. Our goal is to remove the word.

NAC 641.025 Issuance of license to psychologist licensed not less than 20 years in another state or Canada. (NRS 641.100, 641.110, 641.170, 641.190)

1. The Board may issue a license to practice as a psychologist to an applicant who:
 - (a) Has been licensed to practice psychology not less than 20 years in other states of the United States or in Canada, if that license was based on a doctoral degree which was earned from a regionally accredited program, accredited by a national regulatory body approved by the Board, and which relates primarily to psychology;
 - (b) Has not previously been convicted of a felony;
 - (c) Has not had the scope of the license to practice psychology limited by another jurisdiction;
 - (d) Has not previously been denied licensure by the Board;
 - (e) Has passed the state examination administered by the Board pursuant to NAC 641.112;
 - (f) 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
 - (g) 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.

2. 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; or
 - (c) Intent to practice psychology in a manner consistent with his or her education, training and experience.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Psychological Exam'rs, eff. 1-24-94; A by R153-97, 12-19-97; R090-01, 2-7-2002; R117-08, 12-17-2008; R131-09, 1-28-2010; R209-09, 10-15-2010)

NAC 641.028 Issuance of license to psychologist licensed not less than 5 years in another jurisdiction. (NRS 641.100, 641.190)

1. The Board will issue a license to practice as a psychologist to an applicant if the applicant:
 - (a) Has been licensed to practice psychology based on a doctoral degree that relates primarily to psychology and has been practicing psychology continuously for 5 years in a

jurisdiction whose requirements have been determined by the Board to be at least equivalent to the requirements of chapter 641 of NRS;

(b) Has been issued a Certificate of Professional Qualification in Psychology by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards or holds a National Register of Health Service Psychologist credential from the National Register of Health Service Psychologists;

(c) Successfully completes 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;

(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

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NAC 641.208 Scope of practice for psychologist: Competency required; acquisition and use of new service or technique; unnecessary treatment; referral of certain patients; basis for rendering formal professional opinion; provision of consultation, intervention and referrals relating to patient health; discussion or consultation regarding medication. (NRS 641.100, 641.112) A psychologist:

1. Shall limit his or her practice and supervision to the areas in which he or she has acquired competence through education, training and experience.

2. Shall not, except in an emergency in which the life or health of a person is in danger, practice or offer to practice beyond the scope of his or her license, or accept or

perform any professional service which he or she knows, or has reason to know, he or she is not competent to perform.

3. Shall not engage in conduct in the practice of psychology which evidences **moral** unfitness to practice the profession.

4. Shall maintain competence in the areas in which he or she practices through continuing education, consultation or other methods, in conformance with current standards of scientific and professional knowledge.

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