APPROVED REGULATION OF

THE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***italics*** is new; matter in brackets **[**~~omitted material~~**]** is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: § 1, NRS 641.100.

A REGULATION relating to psychologists; reestablishing certain provisions relating to the national examination for licensure as a psychologist; authorizing an applicant for licensure as a psychologist to begin to take the national examination before the conferral of a doctoral degree under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires, with certain exceptions, each applicant for licensure as a psychologist to pass the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology in the form administered by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards and approved for use in this State by the Board of Psychological Examiners. (NRS 641.180) The term "national examination" is defined to refer to this examination. (NRS 641.0243) Previous regulations authorized an applicant to take the national examination only after the applicant had graduated with a doctoral degree. Previous regulations additionally limited the circumstances under which an applicant who failed the examination three or more times was authorized to retake the examination. (Provisions of former NAC 641.120, as amended by section 5 of LCB File No. R127-14 and subsequently repealed by section 12 of LCB File No. R133-17) This regulation: (1) reestablishes those provisions; and (2) additionally authorizes an applicant to begin to take the national examination before the conferral of a doctoral degree if the applicant has completed the foundational coursework for that degree.

Section 1. Chapter 641 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The national examination required by NRS 641.180 constitutes one portion of the examination for licensure as a psychologist.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, an applicant for a license may begin to take the national examination if the applicant has completed the foundational coursework to receive a doctoral degree from a program described in subsection 3, regardless of whether the applicant has received such a degree. As used in this subsection, "foundational coursework" does not include a practicum, dissertation or internship.

3. To satisfy the requirements of subsection 2, a program must:

(a) Be accredited by the American Psychological Association;

(b) Meet the requirements of:

(1) NAC 641.061 if the applicant graduated before January 1, 2018; or

(2) NAC 641.062 if the applicant graduated on or after January 1, 2018; or

(c) Be provided by an institution which meets the requirements of subsection 2 of NAC 641.050.

4. An applicant who fails the national examination:

(a) Once or twice may retake the examination.

(b) Three times may not retake the examination unless the applicant requests permission and obtains approval from the Board to retake the examination for a fourth time. The applicant must submit to the Board a written request to retake the examination and a written plan explaining the steps the applicant will take to pass the examination. The Board will approve the request to retake the examination if the Board determines that the written plan submitted by the applicant is likely to result in the applicant passing the examination.

(c) Four or more times may not retake the examination except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, and his or her application for licensure pursuant to NRS 641.160 is deemed denied. A person whose application is deemed denied pursuant to this paragraph may, not

earlier than 18 months after the date on which he or she notified the Board that he or she failed the most recent examination that he or she has taken, request permission in writing from the Board to reapply for licensure and retake the examination. The Board will, if good cause is shown, approve the request.