

**REVISED PROPOSED 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: §§1-5, NRS 641.100; §6, NRS 641.370.

Section 1. Chapter 641 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2, 3 and 4 of this regulation.

Sec. 2. *Each accredited educational institution or public agency that employs a person pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 641.390 shall submit a copy of the explicit standards to the board as soon as practicable. If the accredited educational institution or public agency revises the standards, it shall submit a copy of the revision to the board within 30 days after the revision becomes effective.*

Sec. 3. 1. *Upon written request to the board and payment of the fee prescribed by the board, a person who is licensed to engage in the practice of psychology in this state may have his license placed on inactive status.*

2. *A person whose license is placed on inactive status shall not engage in the practice of psychology during the period in which the license is on inactive status.*

3. A person whose license is placed on inactive status may apply to the board to have his license restored to active status. The board shall restore the license to active status upon:

(a) The submission of an application for the restoration of the license;

(b) The payment of the fee for the biennial renewal of a license;

(c) The submission of proof of completion of the requirements for continuing education for each biennium that the license was on inactive status;

(d) If the applicant has engaged in the practice of psychology in another jurisdiction during the period his license was on inactive status, the submission of proof that he is in good standing and that there are no disciplinary proceedings pending against him in that jurisdiction;

(e) Submission of any other proof the board may require to determine whether the applicant is qualified and competent to engage in the practice of psychology; and

(f) If the board considers it necessary, the successful completion of a written or oral examination.

Sec. 4. *The board will award not more than 8 hours of continuing education within a 2-year period to any person licensed by the board who is appointed by the board to:*

1. Conduct or develop an oral examination; or

2. Serve on a committee established by the board.

Sec. 5. NAC 641.112 is hereby amended to read as follows:

641.112 1. The board will administer an oral examination to each applicant for a license as a psychologist.

2. The oral examination will consist of short hypothetical cases presented for the applicant's review and response. Written materials provided to the applicant will contain all the information necessary to respond to the examiners' questions. The materials for the hypothetical cases may include the results of commonly used psychological tests.

3. The oral examination will be scored based on the applicant's:

(a) Applicable professional knowledge, including his ability to analyze a problem, his theoretical knowledge and his integrated thinking;

(b) Knowledge and application of psychometrics;

(c) Application of professional skills, including intervention and case or problem management, or both;

(d) Sensitivity to sociocultural issues;

(e) Recognition of his limitations;

(f) Judgment in analysis and case management;

(g) Awareness and appreciation of related professions and his ability to relate to them;

(h) Ability to evaluate and prevent suicide;

(i) Knowledge and skills related to community referrals;

(j) Knowledge and skills related to involuntary confinement;

(k) Knowledge and skills related to issues concerning confidentiality;

(l) Knowledge and skills related to the requirements for reporting abuse and the duty to protect the welfare of other persons; and

(m) Knowledge of related federal and state laws, standards of ethics and codes of professional conduct and the ability to apply those laws, standards and codes to the practice of psychology.

4. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the oral examination will be administered by a panel of two licensed psychologists who are selected by the board, but are not members of the board. Members of the board may serve as examiners if necessary to provide a timely opportunity to complete the oral examination.

5. A grade of 70 *percent* is a passing grade for the oral examination.

6. An applicant who fails the oral examination may review his examination upon written request submitted to the board. The written request must be submitted within 10 days after receiving written notice of the failure.

7. An applicant who fails the oral examination may submit a written request to the board for one reevaluation of his oral examination within 10 days after receiving written notice of the failure. The board may grant or deny an applicant's request for reevaluation. The board will give written notice of its decision within 20 days after receiving the written request for reevaluation. If the request for reevaluation is granted, the board will issue a final evaluation of the applicant's oral examination within 60 days after notifying the applicant of its decision to undertake the reevaluation.

8. The fee for the oral examination must be paid before the examination is administered. A fee must be paid each time the applicant takes the oral examination.

9. An applicant shall not:

(a) ~~[Fake]~~ *Remove any* notes *taken* during the oral examination;

- (b) Record the oral examination by electronic or other means; or
- (c) Engage in any other conduct that results in the disclosure of the contents of the examination.

Sec. 6. NAC 641.135 is hereby amended to read as follows:

The board will charge and collect the following fees:

For an application for licensure.....	\$100
For the written examination for licensure	350
For the oral examination for licensure	240
For the issuance of an initial license	25
For the biennial renewal of a license.....	500
For the biennial registration of a firm, partnership or corporation.....	300
<i>For the placement of a license on inactive status.....</i>	<i>250</i>
For the registration of a nonresident consultant	100
For reproduction and mailing of material for an application	25
For a set of mailing labels	15
For a dishonored check	15
For the review of a failed examination.....	175
For a change of name on a license	25
For a duplicate license.....	25
For a list of practicing psychologists.....	10
For a list of persons granted a license in any year.....	10

For copies of the provisions of NRS relating to the practice of psychology
and the rules and regulations adopted by the board25

For a letter of good standing15

For the review and approval of a course or program of continuing education25