

PSYCHOLOGIST LICENSING ACT

AMENDMENTS

2005 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: Ed Mayne

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends provisions in the Psychologist Licensing Act related to licensure by endorsement based upon licensure in another jurisdiction.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

► adds certification by the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology or certification by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards to the list of acceptable requirements for licensing.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

58-61-304, as last amended by Chapter 281, Laws of Utah 2001

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **58-61-304** is amended to read:

58-61-304. Qualifications for licensure by examination or endorsement.

(1) All applicants for licensure as a psychologist based upon education, clinical



28 training, and examination shall:

29 (a) submit an application on a form provided by the division;

30 (b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63-38-3.2;

31 (c) be of good moral character;

32 (d) produce certified transcripts of credit verifying satisfactory completion of a doctoral
33 degree in psychology that includes specific core course work established by division rule under
34 Section 58-1-203, from an institution of higher education whose doctoral program, at the time
35 the applicant received the doctoral degree, met approval criteria established by division rule
36 made in consultation with the board;

37 (e) have completed a minimum of 4,000 hours of psychology training as defined by
38 division rule under Section 58-1-203 in not less than two years and under the supervision of a
39 psychologist supervisor approved by the division in collaboration with the board, 2,000 hours
40 of which are obtained after completion of a master's level of education in psychology and 2,000
41 hours of which shall be obtained after completion of the requirements for a doctoral degree in
42 psychology;

43 (f) to be qualified to engage in mental health therapy, document successful completion
44 of not less than 1,000 hours of supervised training in mental health therapy obtained after
45 completion of a master's level of education in psychology, which training may be included as
46 part of the 4,000 hours of training required in Subsection (1)(e), and for which documented
47 evidence demonstrates not less than one hour of supervision for each 40 hours of supervised
48 training was obtained under the direct personal face to face supervision of a psychologist
49 approved by the division in collaboration with the board;

50 (g) pass the examination requirement established by division rule under Section
51 58-1-203; and

52 (h) meet with the board, upon request for good cause, for the purpose of evaluating the
53 applicant's qualifications for licensure.

54 (2) All applicants for licensure as a psychologist by endorsement based upon licensure
55 in another jurisdiction shall:

56 (a) submit an application on a form provided by the division;

57 (b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63-38-3.2;

58 (c) be of good moral character and professional standing, and not have any disciplinary

59 action pending or in effect against the applicant's psychologist license in any jurisdiction;

60 (d) have passed the Utah Psychologist Law and Ethics Examination established by
61 division rule;

62 (e) provide satisfactory evidence the applicant is currently licensed in another state,
63 district, or territory of the United States, or in any other jurisdiction approved by the division in
64 collaboration with the board;

65 (f) provide satisfactory evidence the applicant has actively practiced psychology in that
66 jurisdiction for not less than 2,000 hours or one year, whichever is greater; [~~and~~]

67 (g) provide satisfactory evidence that:

68 (i) the education, supervised experience, examination, and all other requirements for
69 licensure in that jurisdiction at the time the applicant obtained licensure were substantially
70 equivalent to the licensure requirements for a psychologist in Utah at the time the applicant
71 obtained licensure in the other jurisdiction; or

72 (ii) the applicant is:

73 (A) a current holder of diplomate status in good standing from the American Board of
74 Professional Psychology; [~~and~~]

75 (B) currently credentialed as a health service provider in psychology by the National
76 Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology; or

77 (C) currently holds a Certificate of Professional Qualification (CPQ) granted by the
78 Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards; and

79 (h) meet with the board, upon request for good cause, for the purpose of evaluating the
80 applicant's qualifications for licensure.

81 (3) (a) All applicants for certification as a psychology resident shall comply with the
82 provisions of Subsections (1)(a), (b), (c), (d), and (h).

83 (b) An individual's certification as a psychology resident is limited to the period of time
84 necessary to complete clinical training as described in Subsections (1)(e) and (f) and extends
85 not more than one year from the date the minimum requirement for training is completed,
86 unless the individual presents satisfactory evidence to the division and the Psychologist
87 Licensing Board that the individual is making reasonable progress toward passing the
88 qualifying examination or is otherwise on a course reasonably expected to lead to licensure as a
89 psychologist, but the period of time under this Subsection (3)(b) may not exceed two years past

90 the date the minimum supervised clinical training requirement has been completed.

Legislative Review Note
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Based on a limited legal review, this legislation has not been determined to have a high probability of being held unconstitutional.

Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel

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State Impact

No fiscal impact.

Individual and Business Impact

No fiscal impact.

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