



Email Update: January 2017

Welcome to the most recent update from NSBEP. In this format of communication with registrants, the Board strives to provide updates on subjects of interest to registrants of the Board.

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Assisting with Supervision, Oral Examinations and Transfer Interviews

The Board would like to invite more registered psychologists to consider volunteering to help the Board and the profession by working with the NSBEP. For instance, consider helping with any or all of the following activities: conducting oral exams / transfer interviews and providing supervision.

In keeping with Standard IV.4 of the Canadian Code of Ethics for Psychologists, working in these capacities provides an excellent way to contribute to the continuing education and the professional and scientific growth of self and colleagues.

Oral Examinations & Transfer Interviews

Oral Examinations are conducted as candidates take the final steps towards Registration.

The Oral Examination provides an opportunity for a face-to-face interaction between examiners and examinees to discuss areas of practice, professional behaviour and ethical dilemmas, and to assess the examinee's understanding of the core competencies required for psychological practice, as well as the meaning of registration and the position of psychology as a profession.

Transfer Interviews are held for psychologists who are registered in another jurisdiction and are eligible to transfer based on their full registration in another jurisdiction and their meeting certain criteria. These interviews do not result in a pass or fail but do focus on ethical practice and local jurisprudence issues. At times, the Transfer Interview Committee might recommend that a condition be added to a psychologist's registration. An example of a condition would be completing supervision for a period of time.

Supervision

The purposes of candidate register supervision are to:

To monitor the performance of candidates in the core competency areas to ensure standards are being met;

To provide opportunities for candidates to further develop their skills, knowledge, professional attitudes, and sound professional judgment.

Psychologists can act as a Supervisor for the entire duration of the candidacy period or they may choose to do so for a limited period of time.

As mentioned, there are times when supervision might be required for a registered psychologist. For instance, if a candidate has passed an oral exam with conditions, they may be registered with a condition requiring him/her to undergo an additional period of supervision to remediate concerns identified by the oral exam committee. In some instances, supervision may be required for a psychologist who has transferred from another jurisdiction.

Those who have been a Registered Psychologist for two years are eligible to volunteer to serve as a NSBEP Supervisor.

The NSBEP encourages psychologists to consider becoming involved with the work of the Board. To obtain more information, or to volunteer for one of these roles, please contact Matthew Wagner, Assistant Registrar.

Use of Technology by Psychologists

The Board recognizes that the use of technology for many psychologists has evolved and expanded over time. The Board hopes that the information contained in this document might assist psychologists with reviewing their technological practices to ensure these meet current standards. [Click here](#) to access this NSBEP document.

NSBEP Website and Archive of Past Email Communications from NSBEP

Registrants are always encouraged to make use of the website to keep track of any developments and to perform various tasks. For instance, the website provides access to various legislation, standards and additional guidelines NSBEP has established to direct practice along with news releases. We have different versions of "Frequently Asked Questions" to serve the various requirements of visitors to our site. We regularly add new content to these and other sections, when common questions arise.

The website by includes an archive of past Email Updates from NSBEP to Registrants. To access such information, please see the [Information for Registrants Section](#) of the website.

The NSBEP Directory of Psychologists is available from the website. Such information can be helpful for the public and other professionals. Please ensure that your information is accurate.

The Board site offers a Registrant Portal, which allows registrants to perform a variety of self-serve functions. In addition to renewing your registration, you can update your contact information or Psychological Practice Profile at any time.

You can also access a Confirmation of Registration document that you can save to your computer and/or print off if you wish to share it with others to verify your registration, e.g., an employer, insurance companies, agencies, etc. This document confirms that a psychologist's registration has been renewed and states the current year of registration.

You can return to this portal at any time in future, if you wish to obtain another Confirmation of Registration, update your contact information or psychological practice profile, or even pay a miscellaneous fee (e.g., paying an oral exam fee, reinstatement fee, etc.).

To get started with any of the self-serve functions, visit nsbep.org and click on "Registrant Login" in the upper right hand screen.

If you have any suggestions about how we can improve the website, or provide additional information, please feel free to contact Matthew Wagner, Assistant Registrar.

Circle of Care

The Board is periodically contacted by some psychologists, and other healthcare professionals about issues that can arise when they are trying to communicate for the purposes of patient care. The Board hopes that the information contained in this document might assist psychologists to ensure they consider all relevant standards in the provision of quality healthcare in such relevant scenarios. [Click here](#) to access this NSBEP document.

Annual General Meeting

The Board's AGM will be held on March 17th at 4 pm, at the Board Office. An invitation and the Board's Annual Report will also be sent to registrants in future.

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