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Information about Transfer Interviews for Psychologists Licensed in the US

The typical panel contains two Board members, one of whom is chair, and one psychologist not on the Board. The interview must be held in-person with the committee members and the applicant.

Fee: The fee is Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) and payable one week in advance of the interview. The Board accepts payment online by cheque, Visa, MasterCard, and American Express. All fees (i.e. Transfer Interview and Registration) can be paid online using credit card. To pay your fees online, visit the Applicants section of the website (www.nsbep.org) and select the Online Payments for Applicants tab. Alternatively, you may call or fax your credit card information into the office or send payment by mail.

Preparation: This is not specifically a jurisprudence exam; however it would be helpful to consult the Board document “Standards of Practice”. This document contains the standards, and listing of relevant legislation and guidelines. The URL is:
http://www.nsbep.org/downloads/Binder_Standards_Legislation_Guidelines.pdf

The Interview: This is not an open book interview. No books or papers are permitted in the exam room. Electronic devices must be turned off and taping is not permitted. The content is confidential.

The chair asks the applicant to describe his or her past work settings, to indicate some ethical dilemmas that have arisen, and to describe how they were resolved. Additionally applicants may be asked to discuss their intended work setting in Nova Scotia. Each member of the panel is free to ask questions and pose problems for the applicant’s consideration. Because our registration is generic, the questions tend to focus on the actual work situation of the applicant rather than following a pre-arranged agenda. Nevertheless the panel is not limited to the applicant’s own examples, but is free to develop hypothetical scenarios, to ask about issues that the applicant may not have introduced, and so on. The questioning should continue until panel members are satisfied that they can make a recommendation to the Board, with confidence. The applicant is asked to leave and to wait nearby until the panel has deliberated and is in a position to offer feedback.

Post Interview feedback: When the applicant returns the panel offers feedback and indicates what recommendations it will make to the Board.

After the Interview: The chair of the panel completes a standard form indicating the panel's recommendation.

Options of the Board after a Transfer Interview: The Board may recommend that the applicant be placed on the Register of Psychologists, or be placed on the Register of Psychologists with Conditions. An example might be the completion of a period of supervised practice, while fully registered, in order to become familiar with the practice of psychology in Nova Scotia.