

Secretary of State
NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING HEARING
A Statement of Need and Fiscal Impact accompanies this form.

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGIST EXAMINERS	858
Agency	Administrative Rules Chapter Number
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RULE CAPTION

Modifies educational and exam requirements for licensure; clarifies criteria for complaint rejection.

Not more than 15 words that reasonably identifies the subject matter of the agency's intended action.

January 14, 2013	9:00 a.m.	3218 Pringle Road SE, Ste 130; Salem, OR 97302	LaRee Felton
Hearing Date	Time	Location	Hearings Officer
<i>Auxiliary aids for persons with disabilities are available upon advance request.</i>			

RULEMAKING ACTION

AMEND: OAR 858-010-0010, 858-010-0015, 858-010-0017, 858-010-0030, and 858-020-0025.

REPEAL: OAR 858-010-0010(T), 858-010-0015(T), 858-010-0017(T), 858-010-0030(T), and 858-020-0025(T).

Stat. Auth.: ORS 675.010 - 675.150

Other Auth.:

Stats. Implemented: ORS 675.030, 675.050, 675.065, 675.070 & 675.110

RULE SUMMARY

Modifies the core and clinical coursework content areas and adds a requirement for a minimum number of graded courses to the clinical psychology educational requirements for licensure as a psychologist for applicants who possess a doctoral degree from a regionally accredited, provincially chartered, or foreign program. Also allows these and psychologist associate applicants to complete limited coursework outside of their degree-granting program if the applicant's degree-granting program was deficient in required content areas. Allows certain psychologist applicants previously licensed for at least 15 years to meet the EPPP (national) exam requirement if they previously passed the exam based on the original licensing board's standards. Establishes when a candidate for licensure must retake the jurisprudence exam. Clarifies the criteria used to reject a complaint filed with the Board.

The agency requests public comment on whether the options should be considered for achieving the rule's substantive goals while reducing negative economic impact of the rule on business.

January 14, 2013 by 5:00 P.M.

Last Day for Public Comment (Last day to submit written comments to the Rules Coordinator)

//LaRee Felton	LaRee Felton	October 15, 2012
Signature	Printed name	Date

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In the Matter of: The amendment of OAR 858-010-0010, 858-010-0015, 858-010-0017, 858-010-0030, and 858-020-0025; the repeal of temporary rules OAR 858-010-0010(T), 858-010-0015(T), 858-010-0017(T), 858-010-0030(T), and 858-020-0025(T).

Rule Caption: Modifies educational and exam requirements for licensure; clarifies criteria for complaint rejection.

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Need for the Rule(s): The rules regarding educational requirements for licensure received an overhaul in September of 2011. The Board determined that some of the changes resulted in unintended consequences for clinical psychology applicants possessing doctoral degrees from regionally accredited, provincially chartered, and foreign programs. Many highly qualified applicants have been effectively barred from licensure in Oregon because the coursework requirements are too stringent and do not allow any exceptions for applicants who are deficient even a single course credit in any of the required content areas. Applicants from out of state who have been practicing for many years are required to retake the EPPP exam if their score did not meet Oregon's standard even by one point, even though they passed the exam based on their original licensing state's standard over fifteen years prior. This makes various revisions to the educational and exam requirements which make licensure more achievable for applicants with degrees from regionally accredited, provincially chartered, or foreign programs. The Board determined that the clinical psychology education requirements are deficient because they do not require any graded coursework. A program would pass muster even if it offered no graded coursework. The Board also determined there was a lack of clarity in the rule that describes the criteria used to reject a complaint filed with the Board.

Documents Relied Upon, and where they are available: OAR Chapter 858, Divisions 10 and 20, available on the OBPE website at oregon.gov/obpe/Pages/laws_rules.aspx.

Fiscal and Economic Impact: Changes have minimal or no fiscal impact.

Statement of Cost of Compliance:

1. Impact on state agencies, units of local government and the public (ORS 183.335(2)(b)(E)): Changes have minimal or no fiscal impact. Additional workload resulting from implementation will be absorbed by current staff.
2. Cost of compliance effect on small business (ORS 183.336): None. There are no businesses subject to these rules.
 - a. Estimate the number of small businesses and types of business and industries with small businesses subject to the rule: None.

b. Projected reporting, recordkeeping and other administrative activities required for compliance, including costs of professional services: None.

c. Equipment, supplies, labor and increased administration required for compliance: None.

How were small businesses involved in the development of this rule?: Small businesses were not involved.

Administrative Rule Advisory Committee consulted?: No.

If not, why?: These amendments are mainly corrective in purpose and/or uncomplicated in nature, and have negligible projected fiscal impact on stakeholders. The Board did not determine that an advisory committee would be of assistance in rule development.

//LaReé Felton
Signature

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Printed name

October 15, 2012
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