

1 21 NCAC 54 .1702 is proposed for amendment as follows:

2
3 **21 NCAC 54 .1702 FOREIGN DEGREE APPLICATION POLICY**

4 (a) Applicants applying for licensure on the basis of a foreign degree shall provide ~~documentation which:~~ documentation, in
5 addition to the information required in 21 NCAC 54 .1701, which establishes the following:

- 6 (1) ~~establishes~~ the existence of the degree granting institution;
7 (2) ~~establishes~~ the authenticity of the degree, transcripts, and any supporting documents;
8 (3) ~~establishes~~ the equivalence of the degree in terms of level of training, content of curriculum, and course
9 credits; and
10 (4) ~~establishes~~ the equivalence of any supervised experience obtained in the foreign country.

11 Documentation shall be in the form of a course-by-course evaluation of credentials submitted directly to the Board from an
12 evaluation service that is a member of the National Association of Credentials Evaluation Services, Inc.

13 (b) ~~Only~~ Except as described in Paragraph (c) of this Rule, only official ~~transcripts and~~ documents shall be submitted in
14 support of the application and shall be received directly from the institution(s) or individual(s) involved. ~~In those rare~~
15 ~~instances where official documents cannot be provided by the institution, the original possessed by the applicant may be~~
16 ~~acceptable after having been reviewed and copied by a Board member or designee.~~

17 (c) In those rare instances where an official document cannot be provided directly by the institution or individual involved, an
18 original document possessed by the applicant may be reviewed and copied by a Board member or designee.

19 (d) ~~Official transcripts or supporting documents~~ Any document which ~~are~~ is in a language other than English shall be
20 accompanied by ~~an acceptable~~ a translation with notarized verification of the translation's accuracy and completeness. This
21 translation shall be completed by an ~~individual~~ individual, other than the ~~applicant~~ applicant, who is ~~acceptable to~~ approved
22 by the Board and demonstrates no conflict of interest. Such individuals may include college or university language faculty, a
23 translation service, or an American consul.

24 (d) ~~Documentation relevant to Paragraph (a) of this Rule may include, but is not limited to, validation of degree equivalence~~
25 ~~by college or university faculty in the United States, reports from a credentials' evaluation service, or materials available from~~
26 ~~the Foreign Graduate Committee of the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards. In addition, the applicant~~
27 ~~may be required to interview with the Board.~~

28 (e) An applicant's references shall include individuals from member jurisdictions of the Association of State and Provincial
29 Psychology Boards, including a doctoral level psychologist familiar with the applicant's professional practice of psychology.

30
31 *History Note: Legislative Objection Lodged Eff. August 26, 1982;*
32 *Authority G.S. 90-270.9; 90-270.11(c);*
33 *Eff. September 1, 1982;*
34 *Curative Amended Eff. September 28, 1982;*
35 *Amended Eff. July 1, 2008; October 1, 1995; March 1, 1989; June 1, 1988.*