

## SECTION .1900 EXAMINATION

### 21 NCAC 54 .1901 TYPES

(a) Qualifying Examinations. National and state examinations shall be administered. The examinations shall be taken only for licensure purposes. The applicant shall comply with deadlines and procedures established by the examination contractor and testing vendor when approved to take a computer administered examination.

- (1) National Examination. The national examination is the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP) which is developed by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB). The EPPP assesses the applicant's knowledge of the subject matter of psychology and his or her understanding of professional and ethical problems in the practice of psychology. The passing point for licensed psychologist shall be a scaled score of 500, and the passing point for licensed psychological associate shall be a scaled score of 440. This examination shall not be required for an applicant who has previously taken the EPPP and whose score met the North Carolina passing point which was established for that particular administration date of the examination unless the Board determines pursuant to G.S. 90-270.15 that an individual shall be required to take and pass a current form of the EPPP. Further, this examination shall not be required for an applicant who documents meeting requirements for licensure specified in Rule .1707 of this Chapter.
- (2) State Examination. The Board-developed state examination assesses the applicant's knowledge of the North Carolina Psychology Practice Act, selected rules of the Board covering such topics as education and supervision, and other legal requirements. The passing point for all licensees shall be set at 78% of the total scored items on the examination.

(b) Oral Examination. Upon proof that an applicant or licensee has engaged in any of the prohibited actions specified in G.S. 90-270.15(a), the Board may administer a state oral examination which assesses knowledge of the North Carolina Psychology Practice Act, selected rules of the Board covering such topics as education and supervision, and other legal requirements.

(c) Special Administrations. Candidates with documented impairments or disabilities which meet compliance requirements of the American with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) shall be administered the EPPP and State Examination under conditions that shall minimize the effect of the impairments or disabilities on their performance. In general, those lifestyle accommodations which an individual uses to compensate for impairments or disabilities, and which have become accepted practice for the individual in his or her graduate program or since the onset of the applicant's impairment of disability, shall be considered as the most appropriate accommodation for testing. Special test administrations shall be as comparable as possible to a standard administration.

### 21 NCAC 54 .1902 REPORTING OF SCORES

Each applicant for licensure is informed in writing of his/her score on the national and state examinations. Those who have not passed are informed that licensure is denied and of the policies regarding re-examination.

### 21 NCAC 54 .1903 RETAKING

An applicant may take the examination no more than 4 times in a 12-month period and no more frequently than every 60 days upon payment of the required fee. The 12-month period begins on the date of the letter which notifies the applicant that his or her credentials have been approved for examination by the Board. After failing the examination for the fourth time or after the passage of 12 months, whichever occurs first, an applicant must totally reapply for licensure. Except as exempt under G.S. 90-270.4, after failing the examination for the second time, an applicant shall not practice or offer to practice psychology without first becoming licensed.

### 21 NCAC 54 .1904 FAILURE TO APPEAR

If an applicant does not appear for an examination within four months after being approved for examination by the Board, he or she shall be deemed to have failed the examination. The four-month period begins on the date of the letter which notifies the applicant that his or her credentials have been approved for examination by the Board. The applicant shall be permitted to take the examination within the next consecutive four months without reapplying for licensure. If the applicant does not appear for an examination within the second four-month period, he or she shall be deemed to have failed the examination a second time and must reapply for licensure. Except as exempt under G.S. 90-270.4, after failing the examination for the second time, an applicant shall not practice or offer to practice psychology without first becoming licensed by the Board.