

NOTICE OF WORKSHOPS TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON PROPOSED REGULATION

The Board of Psychological Examiners ("Board") is proposing the adoption of and amendments to regulations pertaining to Chapter 641 of the Nevada Administrative Code. **Workshops held by teleconference and in Reno, set for November 6, 2015, from 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., or until all persons attending have had an opportunity to address the proposed regulations.** To attend the workshop by phone, please call into the meeting at 1-888-273-3658 [Access code: 1214786]. To attend the workshop in person, please come to the Board Office located at 4600 Kietzke Lane, Bldg B-116, Reno, NV 89502.

Pursuant to NRS 233B.0608 and 233B.0609, the Board is providing the following statements pertaining to the workshop on proposed changes to NAC 641.

The purpose of the workshops is to solicit comments from interested persons on the following general topics that may be addressed in the proposed regulations:

1. To develop language to replace *NAC 641.061(h)* to allow the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) to complete NON-APA equivalency evaluations required for licensure by graduates of non-APA accredited programs.
2. To add clarification regarding NRS 641.390

The estimated economic effect of the proposed regulations on regulated business and the public, stating adverse and beneficial effects:

Adverse: The Board believes that there will be no adverse effects that would negatively impact business. The Board also believes that there is no adverse effects anticipated that would negatively impact the general public.

Beneficial: The Board believes that there will only be beneficial effects on regulated individuals and their businesses, as these changes will allow for clarification in education review and supervision requirements of the Board. The Board believes that there will be beneficial effects to the general public because providing clarification in education review may allow more qualified individuals to be licensed and/or to be licensed more quickly thereby increasing the number of available and qualified mental health professionals in Nevada.

A copy of the proposal may be obtained at the workshop or by request to the Board email NBOP@govmail.state.nv.us. Before the Public Workshop, persons may submit written comments to the Board office 4600 Kietzke Lane B116, Reno Nevada 89502.

After the comments have been reviewed and considered, the Board will give notice of intent to act on the regulations and conduct one or more public hearings, prior to adoption of the regulations, to solicit written and/or oral comments, data and views on the proposed regulations.

Persons with disabilities who require special accommodations or assistance at the workshop must notify Morgan Alldredge, at the Board of Psychological Examiners, 4600 Kietzke Lane B116, Reno Nevada 89502, or by calling (775) 688-1268 by 5:00 p.m. Tuesday November 4, 2015.

This Notice of Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Regulation has been sent to all persons on the agency's mailing list for administrative regulations and posted at the following locations and the Board's website psyexam.nv.gov:

Carson City Hall, 200 N. Carson Street, Carson City, NV
Grant Sawyer Building, 555 E. Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, NV
Washoe County Library, 301 S. Center Street, Reno, NV
Board of Psychological Examiners, 4600 Kietzke Lane, Bldg, B-116, Reno, NV
Office of the Attorney General, 100 N. Carson Street, Carson City, NV
<http://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Notice/A/Notice.nv.gov>

State of Nevada
Board of Psychological Examiners

SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT
AS REQUIRED BY NRS 233B.0608 AND 233B.0609

October 19, 2015

Note: Small Business is defined as “a business conducted for profit which employs fewer than 150 full or part-time employees” (NRS 233B.0382).

1. Describe the manner in which comment was solicited from affected small businesses, a summary of their responses and an explanation of the manner in which other interested person may obtain a copy of the summary.

ANSWER: To determine whether the suggested changes to NAC 641 are likely to have an impact on small business, the Board considered the purpose and scope of the potential proposed amendments. Based on this review, the Board determined that these regulations will not have a direct or indirect effect on small businesses. The proposed amendments will not restrict the formation, operation or expansion of a small business. The amendments will provide clarification regarding supervision as outlined in NRS 641.390 as well as allowing ASPPB to complete the required evaluation instead of APA accredited institutions, because these institutions have recently shown disinterest in participating in the evaluation process.

2. The manner in which the analysis was conducted.

ANSWER: As noted in answer 1, above, there will be no adverse financial effect on small businesses because the amendments will provide clarification regarding supervision as outlined in NRS 641.390. as well as allowing ASPPB to complete the required evaluation instead of AP accredited institutions.

3. The estimated economic effect of the proposed regulation on the small businesses which it is to regulate, including, without limitation:

- (a) Both adverse and beneficial effects; and
- (b) Both direct and indirect effects.

ANSWER: The Board anticipates neither beneficial nor adverse effect, both direct and indirect, on small business as the result of the adoption of this regulation.

4. Describe the methods that the agency considered to reduce the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses and a statement regarding whether the agency actually used any of those methods.

ANSWER: Because there will be no adverse impact on small businesses, there are no methods available to reduce the impact the Board could have considered.

5. The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation.

ANSWER: There is no additional cost to the agency for enforcement of this regulation.

6. If the proposed regulation provides a new fee or increases an existing fee, the total annual amount the agency expect to collect and the manner in which the money will be used.

ANSWER: The proposed regulation does not provided for a new fee or increase an existing fee payable to the Board.

7. If the proposed regulation includes provisions which duplicate or are more stringent than federal, state or local standards regulating the same activity, an explanation of why such duplicative or more stringent provisions are necessary.

ANSWER: The proposed regulations will just assist to clarify language listed within NRS 641. It does not include any provisions that are more stringent or duplicate existing federal, state, or local standards.

8. The reasons for the conclusions of the agency regarding the impact of a regulation on small businesses.

ANSWER: The Board complied with NRS 233B.0608 by considering the purpose and scope of the proposed amendments in comparison to NRS 641 and by making concerted effort to determine whether the proposed amendments impose a direct or significant economic burden upon small businesses, or directly restricts the formation, operation or expansion of a small business. The Board determined that the regulations will have neither beneficial nor adverse effect on small businesses.

I, MORGAN ALLDREDGE, Executive Director of the Board of Psychological Examiners, certify that, to the best of my knowledge or belief, the information contained in the statement was prepared properly and is accurate.

Dated the 20th day of October, 2015.



Morgan Alldredge, Executive Director
State of Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners