

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF
THE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS**

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets
~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §1, NRS 641.100, 641.110 and 641.195, as amended by section 3.5 of Assembly Bill No. 453, chapter 187, Statutes of Nevada 2019, at page 992.

A REGULATION relating to psychologists; setting forth standards and requirements for licensure by endorsement; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law authorizes the Board of Psychological Examiners to issue a license by endorsement as a psychologist to an applicant who holds a corresponding license as a psychologist in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States and meets certain other requirements. (NRS 641.195) In 2019, the Nevada Legislature passed Assembly Bill No. 453, chapter 187, Statutes of Nevada, 2019, at page 988, revising these provisions to require: (1) an applicant to possess qualifications that are substantially similar to the qualifications required for issuance of a license to practice psychology in this State; and (2) the Board to adopt regulations providing a list of any state or territory of the United States and the District of Columbia, if applicable, whose qualifications are substantially similar to the qualifications required for issuance of a license to practice psychology in this State.

This regulation: (1) sets forth lists of jurisdictions of the United States whose qualifications required for the issuance of a license to practice psychology are substantially similar to those of this State under certain circumstances; and (2) sets forth certain other requirements for the issuance of a license by endorsement.

Section 1. Chapter 641 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Board may issue a license by endorsement as a psychologist to a person who is licensed as a psychologist in a state, territory or the District of Columbia, whose qualifications are substantially similar, as provided in subsections 2, 3 and 5, to the qualifications required for the issuance of a license to practice psychology pursuant to chapter 641 of NRS.

2. The Board deems an applicant qualified for licensure as a psychologist who is licensed as a psychologist in a state, territory, or the District of Columbia which is substantially similar to the qualifications required for the issuance of a license to practice psychology pursuant to chapter 641 of NRS if the applicant has completed 2,000 hours in a predoctoral internship and 1,750 hours in a postdoctoral internship for a total of 3,750 hours. Jurisdictions defined as substantially similar shall be determined by the Board.

3. The Board deems an applicant qualified for licensure as a psychologist who is licensed as a psychologist in a state, territory, or the District of Columbia which is substantially equivalent to the qualifications required for the issuance of a license to practice psychology pursuant to chapter 641 of NRS if the applicant has completed 1,500 hours in a predoctoral internship and 1,500 hours in a postdoctoral internship for a total of 3,000 hours. Jurisdictions defined as substantially equivalent shall be determined by the Board

4. The Board deems an applicant qualified for licensure as a psychologist

who is licensed as a psychologist in a state, territory, or the District of Columbia which is not substantially similar to the qualifications required for the issuance of a license to practice psychology pursuant to chapter 641 of NRS if the applicant has completed 2,000 hours in a predoctoral internship and 1,750 hours in a postdoctoral internship for a total of 3,750 hours. Jurisdictions defined as not substantially similar shall be determined by the Board unless otherwise qualified in accordance with NAC 641.080(3)

(a)

□ A person who is licensed as a psychologist in a state, territory, or the District of Columbia, as applicable, set forth in this subsection and who desires to be licensed as a psychologist in this State must complete all applicable requirements for licensure pursuant to this chapter and chapter 641 of NRS and apply in a manner prescribed by the Board.

5. In addition to satisfying the other requirements set forth in this section, an applicant for a license by endorsement as a psychologist pursuant to this section must:

(a) Hold a doctorate degree in psychology from a graduate program that is accredited by the American Psychological Association or an equivalent program. The program must also be regionally accredited.

(b) Have obtained a score of 500 or higher on the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology.

(c) Hold a license in good standing in the jurisdiction in which the applicant currently holds a license as a psychologist. Proof of such license in good standing must be sent directly to the Board by that jurisdiction and may not be provided by the applicant.

(d) Submit to the Board a complete set of fingerprints and written permission authorizing the Board to forward the fingerprints in the manner provided in NRS 641.160.