
STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

- Expands the list of acceptable educational qualifications for a psychologist license to include a doctoral degree from an accredited or recognized degree program that does not meet the program accreditation requirements under continuing law.
- Requires professional experience for applicants for a psychology license with a foreign psychology degree or its foreign equivalence, or those with degrees from institutions that do not meet the program accreditation requirements under continuing law.
- Removes specified enrollment and graduation deadline requirements from alternatively accredited degree programs from the list of qualifications for a psychology license.

Qualifications for licensure as a psychologist

(R.C. 4732.10)

The act expands the list of acceptable educational qualifications for a psychologist license to include a doctoral degree in psychology or school psychology from an accredited institution if the degree program does not meet the program accreditation requirements under continuing law. Under continuing law a psychology license applicant may meet the educational qualifications by having received a doctoral degree from a program accredited by the American Psychological Association, the Accreditation Office of the Canadian Psychological Association, a program listed by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards/National Register Designation Committee, or the National Association of School Psychologists. The act permits this qualification to be met by earning a degree in a program not accredited by those offices listed above that are accredited or recognized by a national or regional accrediting agency.

The act imposes at least two years of supervised professional experience requirements on an applicant with such a degree, or a degree from a foreign institution (outside the U.S. or Canada) deemed equivalent to a domestic doctorate in psychology, one year of which must be post-doctoral.

The act removes from the list of acceptable educational qualifications for a psychologist license that the applicant be enrolled in an accredited institution not later than 60 days after April 7, 2009, and receive a doctoral degree in psychology or school psychology no later than April 7, 2017.

