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State Board of Psychology

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Quick look...

- The Ohio State Board of Psychology licenses about 4,100 psychologists and behavior analysts with a staff of five employees.
- The Board is governed by nine members appointed by the Governor with daily operations overseen by an executive director.
- The Board is entirely supported by fees and receives no GRF funding.

FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Appropriation	FY 2021 Appropriation
Fund 4K90 ALI 882609, Operating Expenses					
\$549,381	\$589,651	\$600,643	\$658,741	\$665,390	\$696,615
% change	7.3%	1.9%	9.7%	1.0%	4.7%

Agency overview

The Ohio State Board of Psychology was established in 1972. The Board is responsible for licensing psychologists and school psychologists who may also engage in restrictive private practice.¹ The Board also certifies applied behavior analysts. The Board establishes standards of practice, education, preprofessional training, and examination for psychologists, school psychologists, and applied behavior analysts. The Board also investigates complaints, holds administrative hearings, determines appropriate disciplinary actions, and monitors continuing education compliance among licensees and certificate holders. About 4,100 licenses and certificates issued by the Board are active.

The Board consists of nine members appointed by the Governor, including six psychologists or school psychologists and three patient advocates who are either parents or relatives of a recipient of mental health services or representatives of organizations that represent recipients of mental health services. In addition to travel reimbursement, Board members also receive annual compensation for conducting official Board business.

The Board's daily operations are the responsibility of an executive director appointed by the Board and five full-time employees. The Board receives no GRF money; it is entirely supported by fees.

¹ School psychologists who practice only in school-based settings are regulated by the Department of Education.

Analysis of FY 2020-FY 2021 budget

The Board's operations are funded by a single appropriation item within Fund 4K90 – item 882609, Operating Expenses. The budget appropriates \$665,390 in FY 2020, which is a 1.0% increase over FY 2019 expenditures, and \$696,615 in FY 2021, which is a 4.7% increase over FY 2020.

Licenses and fees

All of the Board's revenue comes from fees, which are collected by the Board and deposited into the Occupational Licensing Regulatory Fund (Fund 4K90). The table below shows the Board's current license fees. On July 1, 2020, the fees for the psychologist license renewal and the school psychologist license renewal will increase to \$365, per section 4732.14 of the Revised Code. Licenses are renewed biennially.

License Fees by Type	
License Type	Fee
Psychologist – License Application	\$300
Psychologist – License Renewal	\$360
School Psychologist – License Application	\$300
School Psychologist – License Renewal	\$360
Applied Behavior Analyst – Certificate Application	\$125
Applied Behavior Analyst – Certificate Renewal	\$150