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PSYCHOLOGISTS ACT GENERAL REGULATIONS

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PSYCHOLOGISTS ACT
Chapter P-27.2

GENERAL REGULATIONS

Pursuant to section 64 of the *Psychologists Act* R.S.P.E.I 1988, Cap. P-27.2, after consultation with the Psychological Association of Prince Edward Island, the Prince Edward Island Psychologists Registration Board made, and the Lieutenant Governor in Council approved, the following regulations:

INTERPRETATION

1. Definitions

In the Act and these regulations

- (a) **“in good standing”**, in relation to a professional regulatory body, means
 - (i) not under investigation by the professional regulatory body, and
 - (ii) not subject to a prohibition or restriction on the practice of psychology, or the use of a title relating to the practice of psychology, by the professional regulatory body;
- (b) **“internship”** means practical training in psychology undertaken after the completion of all required coursework for a degree in psychology;
- (c) **“practicum”** means practical training in psychology integrated with the required coursework for a degree in psychology. (EC88/11)

2. Definitions

In these regulations

- (a) **“Act”** means the *Psychologists Act* R.S.P.E.I 1988, Cap. P-27.2;
- (b) **“candidate”** means a psychologist candidate or a psychological associate candidate;
- (c) **“Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology”** means the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology established by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards, as amended from time to time. (EC88/11)

REGISTRATION

Practicum, Internship and Supervised Practice Requirements

3. Practicum, internship and supervised practice requirements for psychologist

- (1) For the purposes of clause 13(3)(d) of the Act, an applicant for registration in the Register of Psychologists shall have successfully completed
- (a) a doctoral practicum consisting of at least 600 hours;
 - (b) a doctoral internship consisting of at least 1,700 hours; and
 - (c) at least 1,700 hours of post-doctoral supervised practice.

Practicum and internship requirements for psychologist candidates

- (2) For the purposes of clause 14(3)(d) of the Act, an applicant for registration in the Register of Psychologist Candidates shall have successfully completed
- (a) a doctoral practicum consisting of at least 600 hours; and
 - (b) a doctoral internship consisting of at least 1,700 hours.

Practicum, internship and supervised practice requirements for psychological associates

- (3) For the purposes of clause 15(3)(d) of the Act, an applicant for registration in the Register of Psychological Associates shall have successfully completed
- (a) a graduate practicum consisting of at least 300 hours;
 - (b) a graduate internship consisting of at least 850 hours; and
 - (c) at least 3,400 hours of post-graduate supervised practice.

Practicum and internship requirements for psychological associate candidates

- (4) For the purposes of clause 16(3)(d) of the Act, an applicant for registration in the Register of Psychological Associate Candidates shall have successfully completed
- (a) a graduate practicum consisting of at least 300 hours; and
 - (b) a graduate internship consisting of at least 850 hours.

Requirements deemed to have been met

- (5) Notwithstanding subsections (1) to (4), where an applicant for registration has not completed the minimum hours of a practicum or an internship required under subsection (1), (2), (3) or (4), as the case may be, but has successfully completed supervised practice of a duration and at a level of supervision that is considered by the Board to be equivalent to the hours of practicum or internship not completed, the applicant is deemed to have met the practicum or internship requirements in subsection (1), (2), (3) or (4), as the case may be.

Supervised practice in addition to minimum hours

- (6) For greater certainty, in the case of an applicant for registration in the Register of Psychologists or the Register of Psychological Associates, the supervised practice referred to in subsection (5) shall be in addition to the minimum hours of supervised practice required under clause (1)(c) or (3)(c), as the case may be.

Transitional-supervised practice

- (7) Where an applicant
- (a) applies for registration in the Register of Psychologists or the Register of Psychological Associates within one year after the coming into force of the Act; and



- (b) successfully completed, before the coming into force of the Act, a period of post-doctoral or post-graduate supervised practice, as the case may be, described in clause 9(1)(b) of the former Act and section 6 of the *Registration Regulations*, EC181/91 as they read immediately before the coming into force of the Act,

the Board shall credit the hours of supervised practice toward those required to be successfully completed by the applicant under clause (1)(c) or (3)(c), as the case may be. (EC88/11)

Examinations

4. Examination requirements

- (1) For the purposes of clause 13(3)(e) or 15(3)(e) of the Act, an applicant for registration in the Register of Psychologists or the Register of Psychological Associates shall have
- (a) obtained, in no more than four attempts, a minimum scaled score of 500 on the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology; and
 - (b) passed the oral or written examinations administered by the Board, or a person designated by the Board, respecting ethical guidelines, standards of practice and jurisprudence of the province.

Idem

- (2) For the purposes of subclause 22(3)(g)(ii), 22(3)(h)(ii), 24(4)(g)(ii) or 24(4)(h)(ii) of the Act, an applicant for the renewal of his or her certificate of registration as a candidate or for reinstatement of his or her registration in the Register of Psychologist Candidates or the Register of Psychological Associate Candidates shall
- (a) where the applicant has been registered as a candidate for a period or periods totalling not less than 12 months, have written the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology before the expiry of the 12th month of registration; and
 - (b) where the applicant has been registered as a candidate for a period or periods totalling not less than 24 months, have obtained, in no more than four attempts before the expiry of the 24th month of registration, a minimum scaled score of 500 on the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology. (EC88/11)

Currency of Professional Knowledge and Skills

5. Currency requirements

- (1) For the purposes of clauses 13(3)(f), 15(3)(f), 22(3)(c) and 24(4)(c) of the Act, an applicant for registration or reinstatement of registration in the Register of Psychologists or the Register of Psychological Associates, or for the renewal of his or her certificate of registration as a psychologist or psychological associate, shall have
- (a) graduated from a degree program that meets the requirements of clause 13(3)(b) or 15(3)(b) of the Act, as the case may be, within five years immediately preceding the date of application;
 - (b) successfully completed the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology within three years immediately preceding the date of application; or
 - (c) actively practiced psychology as a psychologist or psychological associate, as the case may be, or in a professional category considered by the Board to be equivalent in another jurisdiction recognized by the Board, for

- (i) at least 900 hours within five years immediately preceding the date of application, or
- (ii) at least 450 hours within three years immediately preceding the date of application.

Idem

- (2) For the purposes of clauses 14(3)(f), 16(3)(f), 22(3)(c) and 24(4)(c) of the Act, an applicant for registration or reinstatement of registration in the Register of Psychologist Candidates or the Register of Psychological Associate Candidates, or for the renewal of his or her certificate of registration as a candidate, shall
 - (a) have graduated from a degree program that meets the requirements of clause 14(3)(b) or 16(3)(b) of the Act, as the case may be, within five years immediately preceding the date of application; or
 - (b) have successfully completed the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology within three years immediately preceding the date of application. (EC88/11)

Supervisors and Supervised Practice

6. Supervisor of psychologist candidate

- (1) For the purposes of clause 14(3)(e) and subclauses 22(3)(g)(i) and 24(4)(g)(i) of the Act, the following persons may supervise the practice of a psychologist candidate:
 - (a) a psychologist who
 - (i) has been a psychologist for not less than two years immediately preceding the date of commencement of the supervision, and
 - (ii) has, in the opinion of the Board, sufficient knowledge and experience in the candidate's chosen areas of practice;
 - (b) two psychologists, jointly, who
 - (i) have each been a psychologist for not less than two years immediately preceding the date of commencement of the supervision, and
 - (ii) have, in the opinion of the Board, together, sufficient knowledge and experience in the candidate's chosen areas of practice.

Supervisor of psychological associate candidate

- (2) For the purposes of clause 16(3)(e) and subclauses 22(3)(h)(i) and 24(4)(h)(i) of the Act, the following persons may supervise the practice of a psychological associate candidate:
 - (a) a person specified in clause (1)(a) or (b);
 - (b) a psychologist and a psychological associate, jointly, who
 - (i) have each been a psychologist and a psychological associate, respectively, for not less than two years immediately preceding the date of commencement of the supervision, and
 - (ii) have, in the opinion of the Board, together, sufficient knowledge and experience in the candidate's chosen areas of practice. (EC88/11)

7. Meetings where there is one supervisor

- (1) Where a candidate has one supervisor, the supervisor shall meet at least bi-weekly for a minimum of two hours with the candidate.



Meetings where there are two supervisors

- (2) Where a candidate has two supervisors,
- (a) at least one supervisor shall meet at least bi-weekly for a minimum of two hours with the candidate; and
 - (b) each supervisor shall meet with the candidate at least monthly.

Supervisor to train and evaluate candidate

- (3) A supervisor shall provide training to the candidate under his or her supervision, and evaluate the performance of the candidate, in the following core competencies in psychology:
- (a) interpersonal relationships;
 - (b) assessment and evaluation;
 - (c) intervention and consultation;
 - (d) ethics and standards.

Name and contact information for supervisor

- (4) A supervisor of a candidate shall ensure that the candidate
- (a) provides the name and contact information of the candidate's supervisor or supervisors to the candidate's clients; and
 - (b) includes the name and contact information of the candidate's supervisor or supervisors in any reports prepared by the candidate.

Reports to Board

- (5) A supervisor of a candidate shall submit to the Board, in a form approved by the Board, such reports respecting the supervised practice of the candidate as the Board may require. (EC88/11)

Insurance**8. Professional liability insurance**

A registrant shall carry, at all times, professional liability insurance with coverage of at least \$1,000,000. (EC88/11)

Transitional**9. Transitional – education requirements**

- (1) An applicant who
- (a) applies for registration in the Register of Psychologists or the Register of Psychologist Candidates within one year after the coming into force of the Act; and
 - (b) has met the professional education requirements of clause 9(1)(a) of the former Act and section 5 of the *Registration Regulations*, EC181/91 as those provisions read immediately before the coming into force of the Act,

is deemed to meet the requirements of clauses 13(3)(b) and (c) or 14(3)(b) and (c) of the Act, as the case may be, and clauses 3(1)(a) and (b) or subsection 3(2) of these regulations, as the case may be.

Idem

- (2) An applicant who

- (a) applies for registration in the Register of Psychological Associates or the Register of Psychological Associate Candidates within one year after the coming into force of the Act; and
- (b) has met the professional education requirements of clause 9(3)(a) of the former Act and section 5 of the *Registration Regulations*, EC181/91 as those provisions read immediately before the coming into force of the Act,

is deemed to meet the requirements of clauses 15(3)(b) and (c) or 16(3)(b) and (c) of the Act, as the case may be, and clauses 3(3)(a) and (b) or subsection 3(4) of these regulations, as the case may be. (EC88/11)

Name of Professional Psychology Corporation

10. Professional psychology corporation and business name

- (1) The name of a professional psychology corporation and any business name or partnership name under which the corporation carries on the practice of psychology shall
 - (a) be, in the opinion of the Board, in good taste, dignified and professional; and
 - (b) not contain the words “and Company”, “and Associates” or “and Partners”, or similar words, unless a registrant other than a registrant or registrants denoted in the name is also carrying on the practice of psychology on behalf of the corporation.

Name indicates practice of psychology

- (2) Either the name of a professional psychology corporation or the business name or partnership name under which the corporation carries on the practice of psychology shall contain words indicating that the professional psychology corporation carries on the practice of psychology. (EC88/11)

REGISTERS

11. Disclosure to professional regulatory body in another jurisdiction

Upon the request of a professional regulatory body in another jurisdiction regulating the practice of psychology or the use of titles relating to psychology, the Registrar shall disclose to that body

- (a) the nature of any ongoing complaints, investigations or hearings respecting a registrant; and
- (b) the nature and disposition of any complaint, investigation or hearing respecting a registrant
 - (i) that was resolved by agreement or by an order made with the consent of the registrant, or
 - (ii) where the hearing committee determined that the conduct of the registrant constituted professional misconduct or incompetence. (EC88/11)

CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

12. “continuing education activities” defined

- (1) In this section, “**continuing education activities**”, in respect of a registrant, means



- (a) reading professional psychology journals or reference sources;
- (b) practicing or consulting with professional peers to acquire knowledge and skills in areas of the practice of psychology that are unfamiliar to the registrant; and
- (c) attending lectures, taking courses or participating in in-service education opportunities respecting psychology,

to maintain familiarity with current professional practices and enhance professional competence, with an emphasis on the foundational knowledge of psychology and skills in the core competencies of interpersonal relationships, assessment and evaluation, intervention and consultation, research and ethics and standards.

Hours of continuing education activities required

- (2) Subject to subsections (3) and (4), for the purposes of clause 22(3)(b) of the Act, an applicant for renewal of a certificate of registration shall have completed, within one year immediately preceding the date of the application, 40 hours of continuing education activities.

Idem

- (3) At least 20 hours of the continuing education activities required under subsection (2) shall comprise activities described in clauses (1)(b) and (c).

Continuing education activities prorated

- (4) Where an applicant for renewal of a certificate of registration has held the certificate for less than one year, the Board may prorate the hours of continuing education activities required under subsection (2). (*EC88/11*)

STANDARDS OF PRACTICE

13. “Canadian Code of Ethics” defined

- (1) In this section, “**Canadian Code of Ethics**” means the Canadian Code of Ethics for Psychologists established by the Canadian Psychological Association, as amended from time to time.

Adoption of Canadian Code of Ethics

- (2) The Canadian Code of Ethics is adopted as the code of ethics governing registrants under the Act and these regulations.

Requirements of practice

- (3) A registrant or a professional psychological corporation shall practice psychology in accordance with generally accepted professional standards and procedures that are consistent with
 - (a) the Canadian Code of Ethics;
 - (b) the rules of conduct established by the Board;
 - (c) the practice guidelines established by the Board;
 - (d) current teaching in psychology programs at educational institutions recognized by the Board; and
 - (e) current research and theory in psychology published in professional journals and reports recognized by the Board.

Copies available for inspection

- (4) A copy of the rules of conduct and practice guidelines referred to in clauses (3)(b) and (c) shall be made available for public inspection during regular business hours in the office of the Registrar and shall be posted on the Board's website. *(EC88/11)*

DISCIPLINE

14. Professional misconduct

In addition to the conduct outlined in subsection 34(1) of the Act, the conduct of a respondent constitutes professional misconduct if the conduct of the respondent would reasonably be regarded by other registrants as dishonourable or seriously offensive to a client. *(EC88/11)*

15. Fine

For the purposes of clause 51(2)(h) of the Act, an order made by a hearing committee may impose a fine not exceeding \$5,000. *(EC88/11)*

