

STATE OF WISCONSIN
PSYCHOLOGY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF RULEMAKING : PROPOSED ORDER OF THE
PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE : PSYCHOLOGY EXAMINING BOARD
PSYCHOLOGY EXAMINING BOARD : ADOPTING RULES
: (CLEARINGHOUSE RULE)

PROPOSED ORDER

An order of the Psychology Examining Board to renumber and amend Psy 2.013 (intro.); and to create Psy 2.013 (2), relating to reciprocal credentials for service members, former service members and their spouses.

Analysis prepared by the Department of Safety and Professional Services.

ANALYSIS

Statutes interpreted: Section 440.09, Stats.

Statutory authority: Sections 15.08 (5) (b) and 440.09 (5), Stats.

Explanation of agency authority:

Section 15.08 (5) (b), Stats. provides that each examining board shall promulgate rules for its own guidance and for the guidance of the trade or profession to which it pertains, and define and enforce professional conduct and unethical practices not inconsistent with the law relating to the particular trade or profession.

Section 440.09 (5), Stats. provides that “[t]he department or credentialing board, as appropriate, may promulgate rules necessary to implement this section.”

Related statute or rule:

Section 440.09, Stats., specifies the requirements for issuing reciprocal credentials to service members, former service members, and the spouses of service members and former service members.

Plain language analysis:

The proposed rule creates a provision to implement s. 440.09, Stats., as created by 2019 Wisconsin Act 143. Section 440.09, Stats., specifies the requirements for issuing reciprocal credentials to service members, former service members, and the spouses of service members and former service members.

Summary of, and comparison with, existing or proposed federal regulation:

None.

Summary of public comments received on statement of scope and a description of how and to what extent those comments and feedback were taken into account in drafting the proposed rule:

A preliminary hearing on scope for SS 006-19, revising Psy 2, was held at the July 24, 2019 meeting of the Psychology Examining Board. No comments were received.

Comparison with rules in adjacent states:

Illinois:

The Illinois Statutes provide for the expedited licensure of service members and their spouses (20 ILCS 5/5-715). “Service member” includes a person whose active duty service concluded within the 2 years preceding application for licensure. A license issued to a service member or the spouse of a service member may be renewed.

Iowa:

Rules of the Professional Licensure Division of the Iowa Department of Public Health provide for the expedited reciprocal licensure of a veteran or a spouse of an active duty service member (645 IAC 645.20.3). A reciprocal license issued to a veteran or a spouse of an active duty service member may be renewed.

Michigan:

The Michigan Statutes provide for temporary licensure of the spouse of an active duty service member (MCL 339.213). A temporary license is valid for 6 months and may be renewed for one additional 6-month term if it is determined the licensee continues to meet the requirements for temporary licensure and needs additional time to fulfill the requirements for initial licensure.

Minnesota:

The Minnesota Statutes provide for temporary licensure of an individual who is an active duty military member, the spouse of an active duty military member, or a veteran who has left service in the 2 years preceding the date of license application (2019 Minnesota Statutes, Section 197.4552). A temporary license allows a qualified individual to perform regulated professional services for a limited length of time as determined by the applicable licensing board. During the temporary license period, the individual must complete the full application procedure as required by applicable law.

Summary of factual data and analytical methodologies:

The proposed rule was developed by reviewing the provisions of s. 440.09, Stats., as created by 2019 Wisconsin Act 143, and obtaining input and feedback from the Psychology Examining Board.

Analysis and supporting documents used to determine effect on small business or in preparation of economic impact analysis:

The rule was posted for 14 days on the department’s website to solicit input on possible economic impact. No comments were received.

Fiscal Estimate and Economic Impact Analysis:

The Fiscal Estimate and Economic Impact Analysis is attached.

Effect on small business:

These proposed rules do not have an economic impact on small businesses, as defined in s. 227.114 (1), Stats. The Department’s Regulatory Review Coordinator may be contacted by email at Daniel.Hereth@wisconsin.gov, or by calling (608) 267-2435.

Agency contact person:

Kevyn Radcliffe, Administrative Rules Coordinator, Department of Safety and Professional Services, Division of Policy Development, 4822 Madison Yards Way, P.O. Box 8366, Madison, Wisconsin 53708; telephone 608-266-0797; email at DSPSAdminRules@wisconsin.gov.

Place where comments are to be submitted and deadline for submission:

Comments may be submitted to Kevyn Radcliffe, Administrative Rules Coordinator, Department of Safety and Professional Services, Division of Policy Development, 4822 Madison Yards Way, P.O. Box 8366, Madison, WI 53708-8366, or by email to DSPSAdminRules@wisconsin.gov. Comments must be received on or before March 31, 2021, to be included in the record of rule-making proceedings.

TEXT OF RULE

SECTION 1. Psy 2.013 (intro.) is renumbered Psy 2.013 (1m) (intro.) and amended to read:

Psy 2.013 (1m) (intro.) GENERAL. An applicant who holds an active license in another state, territory, foreign country or province whose license standards are deemed by the board to be equivalent to the standards in this state may apply for license by submitting all of the following:

SECTION 2. Psy 2.013 (2) is created to read:

Psy 2.013 (2) SERVICE MEMBERS, FORMER SERVICE MEMBERS, AND THEIR SPOUSES.

(a) In this subsection:

1. “Former service member” has the meaning given in s. 440.09(1)(a), Stats.
2. “Service member” has the meaning given in s. 440.09(1)(b), Stats.
3. “Spouse” has the meaning given in s. 440.09(1)(c), Stats.

(b) An applicant who holds an active license in another state, territory, foreign country or province shall be granted a license to practice psychology upon a determination by the board that the applicant meets the requirements set forth in s. 440.09(2), Stats.

(c) If an applicant is unable to provide documentation that the applicant is a service member, former service member, or the spouse of a service member or former service member, the applicant may submit an affidavit to the board stating that the applicant is a service member, former service member, or the spouse of a service member or former service member.

(d) A license granted under this subsection expires on the applicable renewal date specified in s. 440.08 (2) (a) Stats., except that if the first renewal date specified in s. 440.08 (2) (a), Stats. after the date on which the license is granted is within 180 days of the date on which the license is granted, the license expires on the 2nd renewal date specified in s. 440.08 (2) (a), Stats., after the date on which the license is granted.

(e) An applicant who pays the renewal fee specified under s. 440.05 (2), Stats., and satisfies the requirements that apply for renewing that credential shall be granted a renewed reciprocal credential.

(f) The department or board shall expedite the issuance of a reciprocal credential granted under this subsection.

Note: Also see s. 440.09, Stats.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. The rules adopted in this order shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin Administrative Register, pursuant to s. 227.22 (2) (intro.), Stats.

(END OF TEXT OF RULE)
