

**Report From Agency**

**STATE OF WISCONSIN  
PSYCHOLOGY EXAMINING BOARD**

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**IN THE MATTER OF RULE-MAKING :  
PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE : REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE  
PSYCHOLOGY EXAMINING BOARD : CR 12-055  
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**I. THE PROPOSED RULE:**

The proposed rule, including the analysis and text, is attached.

**II. REFERENCE TO APPLICABLE FORMS:**

None

**III. FISCAL ESTIMATE AND EIA:**

The Fiscal Estimate and EIA is attached.

**IV. DETAILED STATEMENT EXPLAINING THE BASIS AND PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED RULE, INCLUDING HOW THE PROPOSED RULE ADVANCES RELEVANT STATUTORY GOALS OR PURPOSES:**

The purpose of the rule is to reflect the statute which is permissive regarding personal appearances of applicants rather than the current rule which is more restrictive than the statute. This change will streamline the application process by not requiring every applicant to appear before the Board in order to be licensed. Currently an applicant must wait until the next Board meeting to make an appearance which can increase the time for an applicant to become licensed by 2-3 months. It also creates a burden on the applicant by requiring an applicant to come Madison.

Changing the personal appearance to discretionary necessitates repealing the reciprocity provision in the rule. Applicants licensed in a state which is a signatory to the agreement of reciprocity of the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards were recognized as meeting several of the application requirements. However, the reciprocity agreement requires an appearance before the Board as part of the licensure process. Over the years, many states have decided to no longer participate in the agreement of reciprocity. Currently there are only seven other signatory states (Arkansas, Kentucky, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, Oklahoma and Texas) who are participating in the reciprocity agreement. None of these states are neighboring states, therefore the change would not have a significant impact.

**V. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS AND THE SECTION’S RESPONSES, EXPLANATION OF MODIFICATIONS TO PROPOSED RULES PROMPTED BY PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

The Psychology Examining Board held a public hearing on February 6, 2013. The following people either testified at the hearing, or submitted written comments:

Sarah Bowen, representing the Wisconsin Psychological Association

The Psychology Examining Board summarizes the comments received either by hearing testimony or by written submission as follows:

The Wisconsin Psychological Association expresses support for the proposed rule because it will reduce administrative burden on the department and board and even more importantly the burden on the applicants. In addition, it will speed up the application process.

The Psychology Examining Board is making no modifications to its rule-making proposal prompted by public comments.

**VI. RESPONSE TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

All of the recommendations suggested in the Clearinghouse Report have been accepted in whole.

**VII. REPORT FROM THE SBRRB AND FINAL REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ANALYSIS:**

This rule creates a change which matches the statutory language. It does not have an effect on small business and was not submitted to the SBRRB.