

Chapter Psy 4

REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL

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Psy 4.01 Biennial renewal. On or before September 30 of the odd-numbered year following issuance of the license, the licensee shall apply for renewal to the department and submit the fee specified in s. 440.05 (3), Stats., and shall meet the continuing education requirements specified in s. Psy 4.02.

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Psy 4.02 Continuing education. (1) REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION. (a) Every licensee shall complete at least 40 contact hours of board-approved continuing education in each biennial registration period, as specified in s. 455.06, Stats.

(b) Continuing education hours may apply only to the biennial registration period in which the continuing education hours are acquired, unless permission has been granted by the board to apply contact hours to the previous biennium to satisfy requirements for reinstatement of a license that has been allowed to lapse.

(c) To meet the continuing education requirement, a licensee shall submit to the board a certificate of attendance.

(d) A licensee who fails to meet the continuing education requirements by the renewal deadline shall cease and desist from practice.

(e) During the time between initial licensure and commencement of a full 2-year licensure period new licensees shall not be required to meet continuing education requirements.

(f) Applicants from other states applying under s. 455.04 (1) (e) or (4) (f), Stats., shall submit proof of completion of at least 40 hours of continuing education approved by the board within 2 years prior to application.

(2) APPROVAL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS. (a) To apply for approval of a continuing education program, a sponsor shall submit to the board the title, a general description and outline of the program, the dates, the location, and the name and qualifications of the instructor of the program.

(b) An application for a continuing education program shall be approved if all of the following criteria are met:

1. The subject matter is psychology or relevant to the practice of psychology.
2. The sponsor agrees to monitor the attendance and furnish to each participant a certificate of attendance.
3. The program has a competent sponsor as approved by the board.

(c) A separate application shall be submitted for each continuing education program approval request.

(d) Continuing education programs may include subject matter other than psychology; however, only the parts of the program that are psychology or relate to the practice of psychology shall be eligible for credit, if approved by the board.

(e) Decisions for board approval shall be made within 60 days of the board meeting following receipt of the request.

(3) APPROVAL OF ALTERNATE METHODS CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS. To obtain approval of an alternate continuing education program, a licensee shall submit to the board information including the title, general description and outline of the program, the dates, the location, and the name and qualifications of the instructor of the program. Self-developed programs of continuing education will be considered.

(5) APPROVAL OF UNCOMPENSATED EVALUATION ASSISTANCE SERVICES. (a) The board shall accept for continuing education credit voluntary, uncompensated services provided by psychologists in assisting the department of health and social services in the evaluation of community outpatient mental health programs, as defined in s. 51.01 (3n), Stats., and approved by the department of health and social services according to rules promulgated under s. 51.42 (7) (b), Stats. Four hours of assistance, including hours expended in necessary training by the department of health and human services, shall be deemed to equal one hour of acceptable continuing education for the purposes of this section.

(b) Psychologists wishing to apply for continuing education credit under this subsection shall register in advance with the board, and shall notify the board on forms provided by the board of the dates and the total number of hours in any biennium for which the applicant will be available to provide assistance. The board shall make referrals to the department of health and social services in the order received pursuant to requests for assistance received by the board from that department.

Note: Forms are available upon request to the board office located at 1400 East Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, WI 53708.

(6) LIMITATION ON CREDIT. The board may grant no more than 20 hours of continuing education credit per biennium for self-developed continuing education programs, no more than 20 hours of credit for uncompensated evaluation assistance services, and no more than 20 hours of credit for any combination of self-developed continuing education programs and uncompensated evaluation assistance services.

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Psy 4.03 Reinstatement of a lapsed license. Failure to renew a license by September 30 of odd-numbered years shall cause the license to lapse. A licensee who allows the license to lapse may apply to the board for reinstatement of the license as follows:

(1) If the licensee applies for renewal of the license less than 5 years after its expiration, the license shall be renewed upon payment of the renewal fee and fulfillment of the continuing education requirements.

(2) If the licensee applies for renewal of the license more than 5 years after its expiration, the board shall make an inquiry as it finds necessary to determine whether the applicant is competent to practice as a psychologist or private practice school psychologist in this state, and shall impose any reasonable conditions on reinstatement of the license that the board considers appropriate. An applicant under this subsection is presumed to be competent to practice as a psychologist or private practice school psychologist in this state if at the time of application the applicant is licensed by a similar examining board of another state or territory of the United States or of a foreign country or province whose standards, in the opinion of the board, are equivalent to or higher than the requirements for licensure as a psychologist under s. 455.04 (1), Stats., or as a private practice school psychologist under s. 455.04 (4), Stats. Notwithstanding any presumption of competency under this subsection, the examining board shall require

each applicant under this subsection to pass the appropriate examination specified under s. 455.045 (1) (b) or (2) (b), Stats.

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