

Applying for Licensed Psychologist Examination

1. If you plan on becoming licensed in the state of Illinois, go to the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) website <http://www.idfpr.com/dpr/WHO/psych.asp> . If you would like to become licensed in a state other than Illinois (if you're relocating), you need to contact the state's credentialing agency to gather more information about the process. A list of state credentialing agencies can be found at <http://www.nbcc.org/exams/stateboards.htm> .
2. On the home page of the IDFPR website, there is a toggle box that asks you to "Select a Profession" (in the middle of the page) – choose the correct profession, which is "Psychologist clinical".
3. The application which you submit is valid for three years from date of receipt.
4. Licenses issued under the Clinical Psychologist Licensing Act expire on September 30th of each even-numbered year.
5. Carefully follow the instructions for the four steps listed on the first page of the application. The application fee is \$50 for Licensed Clinical Psychologists. Send the complete application and a certified check or money order for \$50 to the address on the application.
6. The application for licensure is 12 pages long, and some of the pages need to be completed by other people (the school, your supervisor), so it's important to allow plenty of time to complete the application. The verification of employment/experience part of the application needs to be completed by your licensed supervisor – you will want to follow-up and make sure that your supervisor actually sends the form directly to the IDPR. You might want to try and get a copy for yourself to be safe.
7. It is a good idea to track the hours that you spend on activities during internship and post-doctoral experiences including: supervision (group vs. individual), individual therapy, group therapy, testing, administrative duties, and research. Many states require that you document, on the application for licensure, the hours that you spend on various activities.
8. Candidates can follow-up on the processing of their application, or ask any questions, by calling the Technical Department of the IDPR at 217.782.8556.
9. It takes about 4 weeks after sending your application for it to be processed. Then, your application will be discussed at the following IDPR board meeting where it will be determined if your application is complete, if it is missing important information, or if you've been approved to take the exam. It will typically take one month for you to find out the results of the meeting.

10. The exam that you need to take and pass to become a Licensed Psychologist in the United States and Canada is called the Examination for Professional Practice of Psychology (EPPP).
11. The Association for State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) is responsible for the licensure and certification of psychologists throughout the U.S. and Canada. ASPPB has a very helpful website – www.asppb.org, which covers regulation of psychology, licensure requirements, the EPPP, professional mobility and psychology boards. The ASPPB also provides individuals the ability to report their EPPP scores to states and provinces other than those where they were initially licensed, through their Score Transfer Service.
12. The exam is a computer-based test, and candidates will be forwarded test dates, places and times upon approval of their application for examination. Candidates are allowed 4 hours and 15 minutes to complete the exam. The ASPPB per-candidate fee for the EPPP examination is \$450.00.
13. The EPPP exam consists of 225 multiple-choice questions, of which 200 are scored and 25 are pretest items. The exam content includes:
 - a. Biological bases of behavior (11%)
 - b. Cognitive-affective bases of behavior (13%)
 - c. Social and multicultural bases of behavior (12%)
 - d. Growth and lifespan development (13%)
 - e. Assessment and diagnoses (14%)
 - f. Treatment/intervention (16%)
 - g. Research methods (6%)
 - h. Ethical/legal/professional issues (15%)

The break down of the exam changes slightly from year to year.

14. There are four descriptions of the roles of professional psychologists that are used to aid exam writers in creating job-relevant exam questions. These 4 roles are:
 - a. Direct service
 - b. Outreach and consultation
 - c. Academic preparation and professional development
 - d. Research and evaluation
15. For more information:
 - a. ASPPB – www.asppb.org
 - b. APA – www.apa.org
 - c. Council of Provincial Association of Psychologists (CPAP) – www.crhspp.ca/cpap

- d. Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers (APPIC) – www.appic.org
16. Please contact the Association for Advanced Training in the Behavioral Sciences, an Argosy Professional Group company, by phone (800) 472-1931 or by website www.aatbs.com for study materials.