



APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS LICENSURE BY EXAMINATION PSYCHOLOGICAL PRACTITIONER

This application is for individuals who have completed the educational requirements in [18VAC125-20-57](#) and wish to apply for licensure as a Psychological Practitioner.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Follow these steps to apply for Licensure by Examination:

1. **Read** the [Laws](#) and [Regulations](#) regarding the Practice of Psychology in Virginia and utilize the detailed information in the [Psychological Practitioner Licensure Process Handbook](#) for detailed information about the required documents and process to obtain a license.
2. **Gather and Request** ALL the necessary documents in the checklist BEFORE beginning the online application. Have copies of the required documents ready to upload as part of the online application process. PDF format is preferred.
3. **Apply Online** by registering for an account or logging into your existing account.
 - Select the license type of: "Psychological Practitioner" and the Obtained by Method of "Examination".
 - Complete the required fields.
4. **Upload** the necessary documentation within the online application portal.
 - Ensure you have uploaded all the necessary documents as indicated by the checklist. A complete application provides the best opportunity to avoid delays in the review and approval process.
 - Once you have paid the application fee, your application will be submitted, and you can no longer upload additional documents. Any documents you did not upload will need to be emailed to the Board and will delay the review of your application.
5. **Pay** the application fee within the online application portal.
 - **Application fees are non-refundable.**
 - The application fee for Psychological Practitioner licensure by examination is \$100.00.
 - Your application is not submitted until the fee is paid.
6. **Wait** for Board review of your application and reply to any correspondence from the Board.
 - Applications that are complete, fully documented and meet the minimum requirements for the [Regulations Governing the Practice of Psychology](#) will be reviewed within **30 days** of receipt of a **complete** application.
 - Incomplete applications remain active for one year from the date of payment, after which incomplete application files are destroyed as outlined in the Library of Virginia records retention and disposition schedules. If your application is not completed in the one-year timeframe, you are required to re-apply by submitting a new application, fee, and documentation pursuant to the regulations at that time.
 - Your [online checklist](#) will be your primary source of application status.
 - As documentation is receive and reviewed, your checklist will be updated, and an automated email will be sent to you 24 hours later.

RULES AND GUIDELINES

- In order to be considered for a Psychological Practitioner license, you must meet all the education requirements in [18VAC125-20-57](#).
- Providing clinical psychology services without holding licensure in Virginia is unlawful, unless you are exempt from licensure as indicated in [§ 54.1-3501](#) of the Code of Virginia.
- Please notify the Board in writing within 30 days of a name change or address change by completing the [Name/Address Change Form](#).
- Providing false or misleading information as well as omitting information in response to information requested in the application or as part of the application process is considered falsification of the application and may be grounds for denial of or taking disciplinary action against an existing registration, certification, or license.
- Pursuant to [Virginia Code § 54.1-2400.02](#) addresses of licensees are made available to the public. Normally, the Address of Record is the publicly disclosed address. If you do not want your Address of Record to be made public, you may provide a second, publicly disclosable address (e.g. work or practice address). If you would like your Address of Record to be publicly available, please complete both sections with same address on the application.
- Pursuant to [Virginia Code § 54.1-116 \(A\)](#), you are required to submit your social security number, or your control number issued by the *Virginia* Department of Motor Vehicles*. If you fail to do so, the processing of your application will be suspended, and fees will not be refunded. This number will be used by the Department of Health Professions for identification and will not be disclosed for other purposes except as provided for by law. Federal and state law requires that this number be shared with other agencies for child support enforcement activities. **No license will be issued to any individual who has failed to disclose one of these numbers.**

PSYCHOLOGICAL PRACTITIONER EXAMINATION APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Check	REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION	SUBMIT BY
Required	1. OFFICIAL SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT	
☐	Request your official college transcript to be emailed directly to the Board from your school. - Transcripts must be electronically sent directly to the Board at psy@dhp.virginia.gov via a secured electronic transcript service used by the school (for example: eScript or Parchment). - Mailed, photocopied or scanned copies of transcripts will not be accepted.	DIRECTLY FROM SCHOOL
Required	2. NPDB SELF-QUERY	
☐	You must request and submit a digitally certified copy of your National Practitioners Data Bank self-query report with your application. The report must be certified, current and generated no more than 30 days prior to submitting your application for registration.	ONLINE PORTAL UPLOAD
Required	3. AREAS OF GRADUATE STUDY	
☐	If your degree is not from an APA accredited university, you must submit an Area of Graduate Study for Psychological Practitioner Verification of Required Coursework form with your application. <i>A course cannot be used to satisfy more than one required course content area.</i>	ONLINE PORTAL UPLOAD
Required	4. COURSE SYLLABUS	
☐	You must submit the course syllabus for each course you wish to have evaluated toward the coursework requirements outlined in Guidance Document 125-3.	ONLINE PORTAL UPLOAD
If Applicable	5. CLINICAL SCORES	
☐	If you have already taken and passed the Examination of Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP Part 1-Knowledge) you must contact ASPPB to have your passing score report transferred to the Virginia Board.	DIRECTLY FROM ASPPB
If Applicable	6. LICENSE VERIFICATION	
☐	If you have ever held, or currently hold, a health or mental health license, certification, or registration, whether current, inactive, or expired, you must submit proof of license verification. - If the licensing jurisdiction provides online license verification, you can provide documentation printed directly from the jurisdiction's website. The verification must include the following information: - Licensee name, License number, License title, Issue date, Expiration date, and whether disciplinary action has ever occurred against your license, certification, or registration. - If the jurisdiction does not provide online verification, you must contact the jurisdiction directly to obtain license verification. Please see the Board's Applicant Out-of-State Licensure Verification form.	ONLINE PORTAL UPLOAD
If Applicable	7. PROOF OF NAME CHANGE	
☐	You must provide documentation if your name has ever been legally changed from the time you attended school or were licensed, certified, or registered in another jurisdiction or is other than what is listed on your application. Acceptable forms of documentation are copies of a marriage certificate, court order, or divorce decree.	ONLINE PORTAL UPLOAD

If Applicable	8. CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS, PAST ACTIONS or POSSIBLE IMPAIRMENTS	
<input data-bbox="138 149 175 191" type="checkbox"/>	If you answer “YES” to any of the questions on the criminal convictions, past actions, or possible impairment questions on the application, you must include a detailed explanation and supporting documentation. Please refer to Guidance Document 125-2, for a list of required documentation and further information. All applications are reviewed on a case-by-case basis.	ONLINE PORTAL UPLOAD

END OF INSTRUCTIONS. PROCEED TO THE [ONLINE APPLICATION](#).