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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS LICENSURE BY APPLICATION SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST-LIMITED

This application is for individuals who have completed all the requirements in <u>18VAC125-20-43</u> and want to apply for licensure as a School Psychologist-Limited.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Follow these steps to apply for School Psychologist-Limited licensure:

- 1. **Read** the <u>Laws</u> and <u>Regulations</u> regarding the Practice of Psychology in Virginia and utilize the detailed information in the <u>School Psychology and School Psychologist-Limited Licensure Process Handbook</u> 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: "School Psychologist-Limited" and the Obtained by Method of "Application".
 - o 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, you 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 School Psychologist-Limited licensure is \$85.00.
 - 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 <u>Regulations</u> <u>Governing the Practice of Psychology</u> will be reviewed within **30 days** of receipt of a <u>complete</u> application.
 - o 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.
 - o 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

- School psychologists-limited must practice solely in public school divisions. Holding a license as a school psychologist-limited are not authorized to practice outside the school setting or in any setting other than the public schools of the Commonwealth.
- At the time of license renewal, school psychologists-limited are required to submit an updated Employment Verification form inf there has been a change in school district in which the licensee is currently employed.
- 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.*

APPLICATION CHECKLIST		
Check	REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION	SUBMIT BY
Required	1. OFFICIAL SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS	
	Request that copies of your official college transcripts be mailed or emailed directly to the Board from your school.	EMAIL or MAIL
	 The transcripts must show that you graduated with a master's degree in psychology. The transcripts must contain your conferred date. 	
	 It is encouraged that transcripts 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). If your school is unable to send your transcripts electronically, the official transcripts can be mailed to the Board. Photocopied transcripts will not be accepted. 	
Required	2. BOARD OF EDUCATION LICENSE	
	You must submit a copy of your current Virginia Board of Education license showing an endorsement in psychology. • Visit the Virgina Board of Education website to look up your <u>license verification</u>	ONLINE
Required	information and submit a copy of the results with your application. 3. EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION FORM	
Required	You must submit a completed Employment Verification for School Psychology-Limited form	
	showing you are currently employed by a school system under the Virginia Department of Education.	ONLINE
Required	4. NPDB SELF-QUERY	
	You must request and submit a copy of your <u>National Practitioners Data Bank</u> self-query report with your application. The report must be current and generated no more than 30 days prior to submitting your application for licensure.	ONLINE
If Applicable	5. LICENSURE VERIFICATION	
If Applicable	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. 6. PROOF OF NAME CHANGE You must provide documentation if your name has ever been legally changed from the time	ONLINE or EMAIL
	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
If Applicable	7. CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS, PAST ACTIONS or POSSIBLE IMPAIRMENTS	
	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

END OF INSTRUCTIONS. PROCEED TO THE **ONLINE APPLICATION**.