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## Department of Economic Development

### Division 235—State Committee of Psychologists

#### Chapter 1—General Rules

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PURPOSE: This rule complies with section 337.050, RSMo which permits the department to adopt rules governing the conduct of the State Committee of Psychologists.

(1) The committee shall meet at the call of the chairperson or by a notice signed by not fewer than three (3) members of the committee. The committee shall meet at least once during each calendar year and as frequently as the business of the committee requires. The committee, with the assistance of the Division of Professional Registration and its staff, shall provide all application forms and maintain all records contemplated by Chapter 337, RSMo and shall make regular reports to the board and the Department of Economic Development concerning the fulfillment of its functions and duties. The committee shall screen all applicants for licensure as psychologists and report to the director of the department, through the Division of Professional Registration, concerning the qualifications of all applicants.


4 CSR 235-1.015 Definitions

PURPOSE: This rule establishes various definitions and terms used in these rules.

(1) Postdegree supervised professional experience. The purpose and intention of postdegree supervised professional experience is to provide experiential training in the practice of psychology in order to meet the requirements for licensure. It is not designed to enable a person to engage in the practice of psychology without a license. Post-degree supervised professional experience is more than a consultation or supervisory session.

(2) Psychological trainee. A person enrolled in a graduate program in psychology and performing functions as a part of his/her graduate training or practicum.

(3) Psychological intern. A person possessing a master’s degree in psychology as defined in section 337.021 or 337.025, RSMo and enrolled in a doctoral program in psychology and serving as an intern as part of the requirements for his/her degree program, or a person enrolled in a doctoral program in psychology and serving as an intern as part of the requirements for his/her degree program.

(4) Psychological resident. A person possessing a doctoral degree in psychology as defined in section 337.025, RSMo who is engaged in post-degree supervised professional experience in order to obtain licensure as a psychologist.

(5) Psychological assistant. A person who has received formal approval by the committee as having met the educational and post-degree professional experience requirements but has not yet met the examination requirements for licensure as a psychologist and who is engaged in post-degree supervised professional experience.

(6) Qualified assistant. Any person employed by or otherwise directly accountable to a licensed psychologist and who assists the licensed psychologist in the delivery of psychological services but whose employment is not in the course of pursuing the educational, professional supervised experience or examination requirements for licensure as a psychologist. The activities and functions of the qualified assistant are the full responsibility and liability of the licensed psychologist. Qualified assistants may not diagnose, interpret psychological tests or perform psychotherapy. Nothing in this rule shall be construed to require a person who is otherwise exempt from licensure pursuant to section 337.045, RSMo, to act or otherwise serve as a qualified assistant.

(7) Applicant. Any person who submits an application for licensure and pays the appropriate application fee to be licensed as a psychologist.

(8) Psychological health services. The assessment, diagnosis and treatment of an individual(s) for the purposes of remediation of a cognitive, emotional, behavioral or mental disorder.

(9) Psychological health service provider. A licensed psychologist who possesses health service provider certification through relevant education, training and experience as defined in 4 CSR 235-3.020(3)(A) in the delivery of psychological health services and who provides psychological health services as defined in section (8).

(10) American Psychological Association designated health service provider delivery areas. The foregoing term as used in sections 337.025.5, 337.033.3 and 337.033.4, RSMo shall include doctoral degree, or respecialization programs, with a primary emphasis, or concentration, in one of the following areas:

(A) Clinical psychology;
(B) Counseling psychology;
(C) School psychology;
(D) Combined scientist-professional psychology doctoral training programs.

The term shall also include such other programs, including doctoral and respecialization programs in emerging substantive areas of the professional health service practice of psychology, for which the American Psychological Association provides accreditation in the future.


4 CSR 235-1.020 Fees

PURPOSE: This rule establishes and fixes the various fees and charges authorized by Chapter 337, RSMo.

(1) The following fees are established for the State Committee of Psychologists and are payable to the State Committee of Psychologists:

(A) Application for Provisional Licensure or Application for Temporary Licensure or Application for Licensure Fee $150.00
(B) Oral Examination Fee $ 50.00
(C) Jurisprudence Examination Fee $ 50.00
4 CSR 235-1.025 Application for Provisional Licensure

PURPOSE: This rule outlines and standardizes the procedures to be followed by applicants applying for provisional licensure.

(1) Applications for provisional licensure must be made on the forms provided by the State Committee of Psychologists. Application forms may be obtained by contacting the office of the State Committee of Psychologists.

(2) An application will not be considered as officially submitted unless it is typewritten, signed, notarized and includes the application fee. The application fee must be in the form of a cashier’s check, personal check or money order.

(3) The committee may issue a provisional license to practice psychology to any applicant who meets all the following requirements:

(A) A completed application accompanied by the appropriate fee, as defined in 4 CSR 235-1.020;

(B) Official transcript received directly from an issuing institution verifying that the applicant is a graduate of a recognized educational institution with a doctoral degree in psychology as defined in section 337.025, RSMo;

(C) A post-degree supervision plan submitted by the primary supervisor made on the form provided by the State Committee of Psychologists.

(4) Unless sooner suspended, revoked and/or terminated because of the issuance of a regular ongoing license, the provisional license shall, as provided in 337.020.5, RSMo, expire one (1) year from date of issuance unless timely renewed. A provisional license, absent extenuating circumstances and a showing of good cause, may only be renewed for a period of one (1) additional year so that the maximum period for a provisional license absent approval from the committee shall be only two (2) years.

(5) Applicants seeking a variance from the requirement of a maximum issuance of two (2) years due to vacations, illness, pregnancy and other good causes shall submit the request in writing to the committee, which will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

(6) The provisional license shall only permit the licensee to provide psychological services in accordance with the “post-degree supervision plan” as submitted to the committee and only under and pursuant to the direct supervision and full professional responsibility and control of the primary supervisor and any secondary supervisors as identified in the post-degree supervision plan as filed with the committee.

(7) Absent death, sudden illness, or other extenuating circumstance on the part of the supervisor which precludes such supervisor from acting, any person who holds a provisional license who desires to amend the plan and/or to change supervisors, whether primary or secondary, must do so by filing at least twenty (20) days before said amended and/or revised plan is to take effect, a revised and/or amended plan together with information as to who is to be the new supervisor(s).

(8) Except as noted in section (7) hereof, the committee shall not accept, or recognize, as counting towards the required period of post-degree supervision, any time during which the provisional licensee may have been or was providing psychological services under the supervision of some person prior to the time the identity of such person had first been disclosed by the timely filing of a revised and/or amended plan of post-degree supervision.

(9) Any person acting under or providing psychological services pursuant to a provisional license shall at all times comply with provisions of 4 CSR 235-2.040 or 4 CSR 235-2.050 including without limitation the representation provisions set forth in subsection (1)(l) thereof.


4 CSR 235-1.026 Application for Temporary Licensure

PURPOSE: This rule outlines and standardizes the procedures to be followed by applicants applying for a temporary license.

(1) Application for temporary licensure must be made on the forms provided by the State Committee of Psychologists. Application forms may be obtained by contacting the office of the State Committee of Psychologists.

(2) An application will not be considered as officially submitted unless it is typewritten, signed, notarized and includes the application...
fee. The application fee must be in the form of a cashier’s check, personal check or money order.

(3) A temporary license will be issued to any applicant licensed as a psychologist in another jurisdiction, who is applying for licensure in this state either by endorsement of score pursuant to 4 CSR 235-2.065 and/or by reciprocity pursuant to section 337.029, RSMo and 4 CSR 235-2.070 and who meets all the following requirements:

(A) A completed application accompanied by the appropriate fee, as defined in 4 CSR 235-1.020; and

(B) A completed Verification of Licensure Form provided by the State Committee of Psychologists and received directly from the jurisdiction in which applicant holds licensure.

(4) Unless sooner revoked and/or terminated by one of the events set forth in section 337.020.7, RSMo subsections (1) through (3), the temporary license will expire one (1) year from date of issuance unless renewed. A temporary license, upon the filing of a renewal application and payment of the renewal fee, shall automatically be renewed unless one of the events set forth in section 337.020.7, RSMo subsections (1) through (3) has occurred.


**4 CSR 235-1.030 Application for Licensure**

**PURPOSE: This rule outlines the procedures followed by the committee in receiving and considering information relative to an applicant’s qualifications for licensure by examination.**

(1) Applications for licensure must be made on the forms provided by the State Committee of Psychologists. Application forms may be obtained by contacting the office of the State Committee of Psychologists.

(2) Applications and all other documents required by the committee for licensure by examination must be received at least ninety (90) days before the examination. Completed applications received less than ninety (90) days before a scheduled examination may not be considered for that examination.

(3) Applications and all other documents required by the committee for licensure other than by examination must be received at least sixty (60) days before a regularly scheduled committee meeting. Completed applications received less than sixty (60) days before a regularly scheduled committee meeting may be considered at a subsequent committee meeting.

(4) An application will not be considered as officially submitted unless it is typewritten, signed, notarized and includes the application fee. The application fee must be in the form of a cashier’s check, personal check or money order.

(5) Applicants must indicate on the application form the section of the statute under which they are applying for licensure.


**4 CSR 235-1.031 Application for Health Service Provider Certification**

**PURPOSE: This rule outlines and standardizes the procedures followed by the committee in receiving and considering information relative to an applicant's qualifications for health service provider certification.**

(1) Applications for a health service provider must be made on forms provided by the State Committee of Psychologists. Application forms may be obtained by contacting the office of the State Committee of Psychologists.

(2) Applications and all other documents required by the committee for health service provider certification must be received at least sixty (60) days before a regularly scheduled committee meeting. Completed applications received less than sixty (60) days before a regularly scheduled committee meeting may be considered at a subsequent committee meeting.

(3) An application will not be considered as officially submitted unless it is typewritten, signed, notarized and includes the application fee. The application fee must be in the form of a cashier’s check, personal check or money order.


**4 CSR 235-1.035 Licensure by Endorsement of Written (EPPP) Examination Score**

(Moved to 4 CSR 235-2.065)

**4 CSR 235-1.037 Licensure Verification/Transfer of Scores to Other States/Jurisdictions**

**PURPOSE: This rule outlines the procedures for providing licensure information/transfer of scores of individuals to other states or jurisdictions.**

(1) Individuals wishing to have licensure information or exam scores forwarded to other state licensing boards or jurisdictions must submit the following:

(A) A written request to the committee’s office thirty (30) days prior to the date the requested information is due; and

(B) The nonrefundable licensure verification/transfer of score fee.


**4 CSR 235-1.040 Public Complaint Handling and Disposition Procedure**

(Moved to 4 CSR 235-4.030)

**4 CSR 235-1.045 Procedures for Recognition of Educational Institutions**

**PURPOSE: This rule outlines the procedures for determining if an educational institution
satisfies the requirements of section 337.010, RSMo.

(1) In determining whether a school, college, university or other institution of higher learning in the United States is a “recognized educational institution,” as defined in section 337.010(4)(a), RSMo, the applicant, upon request, shall furnish to the committee competent and substantial evidence, admissible in the courts of Missouri, that the educational institution is accredited by a regional accrediting association recognized by the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation (COPA). Failure by the applicant to furnish that evidence to the committee shall constitute evidence that the educational institution is not a recognized educational institution, as defined in section 337.010(4)(a), RSMo.

(2) In determining whether a school, college university or other institution of higher learning outside the United States is a “recognized educational institution,” as defined in section 337.010(4)(b), RSMo, the applicant, upon request, shall furnish to the committee competent and substantial evidence, admissible in the courts of Missouri, that the educational institution is substantially equivalent to the standards of training of those programs accredited by a regional accrediting association recognized by the COPA. Failure by the applicant to furnish that evidence to the committee shall constitute evidence that the educational institution is not a recognized educational institution, as defined in section 337.010(4)(b), RSMo.


### 4 CSR 235-1.060 Notification of Change of Address

**PURPOSE:** This rule establishes the obligation of licensees to inform the State Committee of Psychologists of their changes of address.

Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the change, a licensee must inform the State Committee of Psychologists of all changes in the mailing address as it appears on the licensee’s license by contacting the office of the State Committee of Psychologists.


### 4 CSR 235-1.065 Policy for Handling Release of Public Records

**PURPOSE:** This rule sets forth the committee’s written policy in compliance with sections 610.080–610.090, RSMo regarding the release of information on any meeting, record or vote of the committee.

(1) The State Committee of Psychologists is a public governmental body as defined in Chapter 610, RSMo and adopts the following as its written policy for compliance with the provisions of that chapter. This policy is open to public inspection and implements the provisions of Chapter 610, RSMo regarding the release of information on any meeting, record or vote of the committee which is not closed pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 610, RSMo.

(2) All public records of the State Committee of Psychologists shall be open for inspection and copying by any member of the general public during normal business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, holidays excepted) upon a minimum of a three (3)-day notice and appointment except for those records closed pursuant to section 610.021, RSMo. All public meetings of the State Committee of Psychologists not closed pursuant to the provisions of section 610.021,
RSMo, will be open to any member of the public.

(3) The State Committee of Psychologists establishes the executive director of the committee or his/her authorized representative as the custodian of its records as required by section 610.023, RSMo. The executive director or his/her authorized representative is responsible for the maintenance of the committee’s records and is responsible for responding to requests for access to public records.

(4) Whenever a request for inspection of public records is made and the individual inspecting the records requests copies of the records, the committee may charge a reasonable fee for the cost for inspecting and copying the records. The fees charged by the committee shall be as follows:

(A) A fee for copying public records shall not exceed the actual cost of the document search and duplication;

(B) The committee may require payment for the fees prior to making the copies; and

(C) Fees collected shall be remitted to the director of revenue for deposit to the credit of the State Committee of Psychologists’ Fund.

(5) Whenever a request for access to public records is made and the custodian believes that access is not required under the provisions of Chapter 610, RSMo, the custodian shall consult with the Office of the Attorney General before making a determination whether to deny access to the records. In the event that contact by the custodian with the Office of the Attorney General is not practicable or is impossible, the custodian may make a decision whether to deny access. However, in those events, the custodian shall consult with the Office of the Attorney General concerning the decision within five (5) working days of the decision. Whenever the decision is made to deny access, the custodian will comply with the requirements in section 610.023, RSMo concerning informing the individual requesting access to the records. Whenever the custodian denies access to the records, the custodian shall supply to members of the committee copies of the written response conveying the denial to the requesting individual. At the next meeting of the committee, the committee shall either affirm the decision of the custodian or reverse the decision of the custodian. In the event that the committee decides to reverse the decision of the custodian, the committee shall direct the custodian to so advise the person requesting access to the information and supply the access to the information during regular business hours at the convenience of the requesting party.

(6) The custodian shall maintain a file which will retain copies of all written requests for access to records and responses to these requests through the current audit period. The file shall be maintained as a public record of the committee open for inspection by any member of the general public during regular business hours.
