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TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control No. 750 Department or Agency Board of Examiners in Psychology
Rule No. 750-X-3-.01 (3)
Rule Title: Written Examination
 New X Amend Repeal Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? Yes

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? Yes

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? No

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree? No

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? No

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? Yes

Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? No

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Reference Service.

Signature of certifying officer Lori Rall
Lori Rall, Executive Director

Date 07/13/2016

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ALABAMA BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN PSYCHOLOGY

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RULE NO. & TITLE: 750-X-3-.01 Written Examination

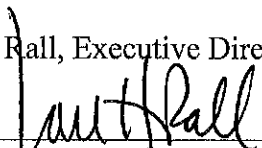
INTENDED ACTION: The Alabama Board of Examiners in Psychology proposes to amend the above rule.

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: This amendment is needed because the General Guidelines for Providers of Psychological Services are outdated and are no longer included in the Professional Standards Examination.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE: September 2, 2016

TIME, PLACE AND MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: Interested Persons may present their views in writing to the Executive Director of the Board at any time during the 35-day period following July 29, 2016, or if requested in advance (no later than September 2, 2016), by personally appearing at 660 Adams Avenue, Suite 360, Montgomery, Alabama, on September 9, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Contact Person: Mrs. Lori Rall, Executive Director, Alabama Board of Examiners in Psychology, 660 Adams Avenue, Suite 360, Montgomery, AL 36104.

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY: Lori Rall, Executive Director



Lori Rall, Executive Director

Written Examination.

(1) The written examination includes the Examination for the Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP) developed by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards. This examination is intended to provide one measure of professional competence in psychology of a candidate. The examination provides an index of the candidate's knowledge by measuring the major fields of psychology at a level that all candidates, regardless of their specialties, might be expected to reach. This examination is intended to assist the Board in its function of protecting the public by identifying the minimum level of competency for professional practice. Thus, instead of being designed to identify the most competent members of the profession, the examination has the purpose of protecting the public by identifying those individuals unqualified for the professional practice of psychology.

(a) The Alabama Board of Examiners in Psychology determines a pass or fail for each psychologist candidate based upon the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards recommended passing score for psychologists.

(b) The passing score for psychological technicians shall be based upon the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards scaled score of 400 for computer-based administrations or 60% of the items correct for paper and pencil administrations.

(2) Once admitted to the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP), a candidate must take the exam within one year of the Board's letter of admission to the exam. After the year has elapsed, a new licensure application is required. After two failures of the EPPP, a new licensure application is required. Candidates must pay an examination fee sufficient to cover the entire actual costs of the examination.

(3) The Professional Standards Examination. In addition to the EPPP the Board will administer the Professional Standards Examination (PSE) which will cover knowledge of ~~1)~~ the American Psychological Association Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct, ~~2) General Guidelines for Providers of Psychological Services~~, and ~~(3)~~ the Alabama Psychology law. A minimum score of 80% is considered a passing grade on this exam. Failure of this portion of the exam procedure does not necessitate retaking the EPPP; however, this exam must be passed before a license will be granted (see 750-X-2-.08 (2) for exception).

Once admitted to the PSE, the candidate must take the exam within one year of the date of the Board's letter of admission to the exam. Candidates must pay an examination fee sufficient to cover the entire actual costs of the examination before taking the PSE.

(4) At its discretion the board may at any time waive the assembled examination and grant the appropriate license upon payment of the required fee to any person who meets the requirements of section 750-X-2-.01 and .04 and who is qualified by educational and professional attainments to the satisfaction of the board if it deems such action to be in the public interest. The Board may also at its discretion grant a certificate without an assembled examination to any person residing or employed in the state who at the time of the application is licensed or certified by a similar board of another state whose standards, in the opinion of the board, are not lower than those required by this chapter, or who has been practicing psychology in another state and has qualifications not lower than those required by 750-X-2-.01 and .04, and is able to satisfy the board that to grant him/her a license would be in the public interest, or who has been certified by the American Board of Professional Psychology.

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Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, § 34-26-1, et seq.

History: Filed September 21, 1982. **Amended:** Filed July 16, 1985; November 5, 1987; April 5, 1990. **Amended:** Filed August 4, 1993.

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Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, § 34-26-1 et seq. **Amended:** Filed September 21, 1994, November 25, 1997, July 17, 1998, November 15, 2000, September 17, 2002, May 15, 2013.

AUTHOR: ALABAMA BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN PSYCHOLOGY