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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 32-2061, 32-2067, 32-2071, 32-2071.01, 32-2072 AND
32-2073, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE STATE BOARD OF
PSYCHOLOGY EXAMINERS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 32-2061, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 32-2061. Definitions

5 In this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

6 1. "Active license" means a valid and existing license to practice
7 psychology.

8 2. "Adequate records" means records ~~containing~~ THAT CONTAIN, at a
9 minimum, sufficient information to identify the client or patient, the
10 dates of service, the fee for service, the payments for service, the type
11 of service given and copies of any reports that may have been made.

12 3. "Board" means the state board of psychologist examiners.

13 4. "Client" means a person or an entity that receives psychological
14 services. A corporate entity, a governmental entity or any other
15 organization may be a client if there is a professional contract to
16 provide services or benefits primarily to an organization rather than to
17 an individual. If an individual has a legal guardian, the legal guardian
18 is the client for decision-making purposes, except that the individual
19 receiving services is the client or patient for:

20 (a) Issues that directly affect the physical or emotional safety of
21 the individual, such as sexual or other exploitative relationships.

22 (b) Issues that the LEGAL guardian agrees to specifically reserve
23 to the individual.

24 5. "Committee on behavior analysts" means the committee established
25 by section 32-2091.15.

26 6. "Exploit" means actions by a psychologist who takes undue
27 advantage of the professional association with a client or patient, a
28 student or a supervisee for the advantage or profit of the psychologist.

29 7. "Health care institution" means a facility as defined in section
30 36-401.

31 8. "Letter of concern" means an advisory letter to notify a
32 psychologist that while there is insufficient evidence to support
33 disciplinary action the board believes the psychologist should modify or
34 eliminate certain practices and that continuation of the activities that
35 led to the information being submitted to the board may result in action
36 against the psychologist's license.

37 9. "Patient" means a person who receives psychological services.
38 If an individual has a legal guardian, the legal guardian is the client or
39 patient for decision-making purposes, except that the individual receiving
40 services is the client or patient for:

41 (a) Issues that directly affect the physical or emotional safety of
42 the individual, such as sexual or other exploitative relationships.

43 (b) Issues that the LEGAL guardian agrees to specifically reserve
44 to the individual.

1 10. "Practice of psychology" means the psychological assessment,
2 diagnosis, treatment or correction of mental, emotional, behavioral or
3 psychological abilities, illnesses or disorders or purporting or
4 attempting to do this consistent with section 32-2076.

5 11. "Psychologically incompetent" means a person ~~lacking in~~ WHO
6 LACKS sufficient psychological knowledge or skills to a degree likely to
7 endanger the health of clients or patients.

8 12. "Psychological service" means all actions of the psychologist
9 in the practice of psychology.

10 13. "Psychologist" means a natural person ~~holding~~ WHO HOLDS a
11 license to practice psychology pursuant to this chapter.

12 14. "Supervisee" means any person who functions under the extended
13 authority of the psychologist to provide, or while in training to provide,
14 psychological services.

15 15. "Telepractice":

16 (a) Means providing psychological services through interactive
17 audio, video or electronic communication that occurs between the
18 psychologist and the patient or client, including any electronic
19 communication for diagnostic, treatment or consultation purposes in a
20 secure platform, and that meets the requirements of telehealth pursuant to
21 section 36-3602. ~~Telepractice~~

22 (b) Includes supervision.

23 16. "Unprofessional conduct" includes the following activities
24 whether occurring in this state or elsewhere:

25 (a) Obtaining a fee by fraud or misrepresentation.

26 (b) Betraying professional confidences.

27 (c) Making or using statements of a character tending to deceive or
28 mislead.

29 (d) Aiding or abetting a person who is not licensed pursuant to
30 this chapter in representing that person as a psychologist.

31 (e) COMMITTING gross negligence in the practice of a psychologist.

32 (f) HAVING sexual intimacies or sexual intercourse with a current
33 client or patient or a supervisee or with a former client or patient
34 within two years after the cessation or termination of treatment. For the
35 purposes of this subdivision, "sexual intercourse" has the same meaning
36 prescribed in section 13-1401.

37 (g) Engaging or offering to engage as a psychologist in activities
38 that are not congruent with the psychologist's professional education,
39 training and experience.

40 (h) Failing or refusing to maintain and retain adequate business,
41 financial or professional records pertaining to the psychological services
42 provided to a client or patient.

- 1 (i) ~~Commission of~~ COMMITTING a felony, whether or not involving
2 moral turpitude, or a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude. In either
3 case, conviction by a court of competent jurisdiction or a plea of no
4 contest is conclusive evidence of the commission.
- 5 (j) Making a fraudulent or untrue statement to the board or its
6 investigators, staff or consultants.
- 7 (k) Violating any federal or state laws or rules that relate to the
8 practice of psychology or to obtaining a license to practice psychology.
- 9 (l) Practicing psychology while impaired or incapacitated to the
10 extent and in a manner that jeopardizes the welfare of the client or
11 patient or renders the psychological services provided ineffective.
- 12 (m) Using fraud, misrepresentation or deception to obtain or
13 attempt to obtain a psychology license or to pass or attempt to pass a
14 psychology licensing examination or in assisting another person to do so.
- 15 (n) COMMITTING unprofessional conduct in another jurisdiction that
16 resulted in censure, probation or a civil penalty or in the denial,
17 suspension, restriction or revocation of a certificate or license to
18 practice as a psychologist.
- 19 (o) Providing services that are unnecessary or unsafe or otherwise
20 engaging in activities as a psychologist that are unprofessional by
21 current standards of practice.
- 22 (p) Falsely or fraudulently claiming to have performed a
23 professional service, charging for a service or representing a service as
24 the licensee's own when the licensee has not rendered the service or
25 assumed supervisory responsibility for the service.
- 26 (q) Representing activities or services as being performed under
27 the licensee's supervision if the psychologist has not assumed
28 responsibility for them and has not exercised control, oversight and
29 review.
- 30 (r) Failing to obtain a client's or patient's informed and written
31 consent to release personal or otherwise confidential information to
32 another party unless the release is otherwise authorized by law.
- 33 (s) Failing to make client or patient records in the psychologist's
34 possession promptly available to another psychologist who is licensed
35 pursuant to this chapter on receipt of proper authorization to do so from
36 the client or patient, a minor client's or patient's parent, the client's
37 or patient's legal guardian or the client's or patient's authorized
38 representative or failing to comply with title 12, chapter 13, article
39 7.1.
- 40 (t) Failing to take reasonable steps to inform or protect a
41 client's or patient's intended victim and inform the proper law
42 enforcement officials in circumstances in which the psychologist becomes
43 aware during the course of providing or supervising psychological services
44 that ~~a~~ THE client or patient intends or plans to inflict serious bodily
45 harm on another person.

1 (u) Failing to take reasonable steps to protect a client or patient
2 in circumstances in which the psychologist becomes aware during the course
3 of providing or supervising psychological services that ~~a~~ THE client or
4 patient intends or plans to inflict serious bodily harm on self.

5 (v) Abandoning or neglecting a client or patient in need of
6 immediate care without making suitable arrangements for continuation of
7 the care.

8 (w) Engaging in direct or indirect personal solicitation of clients
9 or patients through the use of coercion, duress, undue influence,
10 compulsion or intimidation practices.

11 (x) Engaging in false, deceptive or misleading advertising.

12 (y) Exploiting a client or patient, a student or a supervisee.

13 (z) Failing to report information to the board regarding a possible
14 act of unprofessional conduct committed by another psychologist who is
15 licensed pursuant to this chapter unless this reporting violates the
16 psychologist's confidential relationship with the client or patient
17 pursuant to section 32-2085. Any psychologist who reports or provides
18 information to the board in good faith is not subject to an action for
19 civil damages. For the purposes of this subdivision, it is not an act of
20 unprofessional conduct if a licensee addresses an ethical conflict in a
21 manner that is consistent with the ethical standards contained in the
22 document entitled "ethical principles of psychologists and code of
23 conduct" as adopted by the American psychological association and in
24 effect at the time the licensee makes the report.

25 (aa) Violating a formal board order, consent agreement, term of
26 probation or stipulated agreement issued under this chapter.

27 (bb) Failing to furnish information in a timely manner to the board
28 or its investigators or representatives if requested or subpoenaed by the
29 board as prescribed by this chapter.

30 (cc) Failing to make available to a client or patient or to the
31 client's or patient's designated representative, on written request, a
32 copy of the client's or patient's record, ~~including~~ EXCLUDING raw test
33 data, psychometric testing materials and other information as provided by
34 law.

35 (dd) Violating an ethical standard adopted by the board.

36 Sec. 2. Section 32-2067, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
37 read:

38 32-2067. Fees; alternative payment methods

39 A. The board, by a formal vote at its annual fall meeting, may
40 establish fees and penalties that do not exceed:

41 1. ~~Four hundred dollars~~ \$400 for an application for an active
42 license to practice psychology.

43 2. ~~Two hundred dollars~~ \$200 for an application for a temporary
44 license to practice psychology.

- 1 3. ~~Two hundred fifty dollars~~ \$250 for reapplication for an active
2 license.
3 4. ~~Five hundred dollars~~ \$500 for issuing an initial license. The
4 board shall prorate this fee pursuant to subsection D of this section.
5 5. ~~Fifty dollars~~ \$50 for a duplicate license.
6 6. ~~Five hundred dollars~~ \$500 for biennial renewal of an active
7 license.
8 7. ~~Eighty-five dollars~~ \$85 for biennial renewal of an inactive
9 license.
10 8. ~~Three hundred dollars~~ \$300 for the reinstatement of an active or
11 inactive license.
12 9. ~~Three hundred fifty dollars~~ \$350 for any additional examination.
13 10. ~~Two hundred fifty dollars~~ \$250 for delinquent compliance with
14 continuing education requirements.
15 11. ~~Five dollars~~ \$5 for the sale of a duplicate renewal receipt.
16 12. ~~Five dollars~~ \$5 for the sale of a copy of the board's statutes
17 and rules.
18 13. ~~Two dollars~~ \$2 for verification of a license.
19 14. ~~Ten dollars~~ \$10 for the sale of each audiotape of board
20 meetings.
21 15. ~~Five cents~~ \$.05 per name for the sale of computerized discs that
22 contain the name of each licensee.
23 16. ~~Twenty-five cents~~ \$.25 per name for the sale of computerized
24 discs that contain the name and address of each licensee.
25 17. ~~Thirty-five cents~~ \$.35 per name for the sale of customized
26 computerized discs that contain additional licensee information that is
27 not required by law to remain confidential.
28 18. ~~Twenty-five cents~~ \$.25 per page for copying records, documents,
29 letters, minutes, applications, files and policy statements. This fee
30 includes postage.
31 B. The board may charge additional fees for services the board
32 deems necessary and appropriate to carry out this chapter. These fees
33 shall not exceed the actual cost of providing the service.
34 C. The board shall not refund fees except as provided in section
35 32-2073, subsection ~~G~~ H. On special request and for good cause the board
36 may return the license renewal fee.
37 D. The board shall prorate the fee for issuing an initial license
38 by dividing the biennial renewal fee by twenty-four and multiplying that
39 amount by the number of months that remain until the next biennial renewal
40 date.
41 E. Subject to the requirements of section 41-2544, the executive
42 director may enter into agreements to allow licensees to pay fees by
43 alternative methods, including credit cards, charge cards, debit cards and
44 electronic funds transfers.

1 Sec. 3. Section 32-2071, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
2 read:

3 32-2071. Qualifications of applicants; education; training

4 A. An applicant for licensure shall have a doctoral degree from an
5 institution of higher education in clinical or counseling psychology,
6 school or educational psychology or any other subject area in applied
7 psychology acceptable to the board and shall have completed a doctoral
8 program in psychology from an educational institution that has:

9 1. Been accredited by one of the following regional accrediting
10 agencies at the time of the applicant's graduation:

11 (a) The New England association of schools and colleges.

12 (b) The middle states association of colleges and schools.

13 (c) The north central association of colleges and schools.

14 (d) The northwest association of schools and colleges.

15 (e) The southern association of colleges and schools.

16 (f) The western association of schools and colleges.

17 2. A program that is identified and labeled as a psychology program
18 and that stands as a recognized, coherent organizational entity within the
19 institution with clearly identified entry and exit criteria for graduate
20 students in the program.

21 3. An identifiable psychology faculty in the area of health service
22 delivery and a psychologist responsible for the program.

23 4. A core program that requires each student to demonstrate
24 competence by passing suitable comprehensive examinations or by
25 successfully completing at least three or more graduate semester hours,
26 five or more quarter hours or six or more trimester hours or by other
27 suitable means in the following content areas:

28 (a) Scientific and professional ethics and standards in psychology.

29 (b) Research, which may include design, methodology, statistics and
30 psychometrics.

31 (c) The biological ~~basis~~ BASES of behavior, which may include
32 physiological psychology, comparative psychology, neuropsychology,
33 sensation and perception and psychopharmacology.

34 (d) The cognitive-affective ~~basis~~ BASES of behavior, which may
35 include learning, thinking, motivation and emotion.

36 (e) The social ~~basis~~ BASES of behavior, which may include social
37 psychology, group processes, cultural diversity and organizational and
38 systems theory.

39 (f) Individual differences, which may include personality theory,
40 human development and abnormal psychology.

41 (g) Assessment, which includes instruction in interviewing and
42 administering, scoring and interpreting psychological test batteries to
43 diagnose cognitive abilities and personality functioning.

1 (h) Treatment modalities, which include instruction in the theory
2 and application of a diverse range of psychological interventions to treat
3 mental, emotional, psychological and behavioral disorders.

4 5. A psychology program that leads to a doctoral degree requiring
5 at least the equivalent of three full-time academic years of graduate
6 study, two years of which are at the institution from which the doctoral
7 degree is granted.

8 6. A requirement that the student must successfully defend a
9 dissertation, the content of which is primarily psychological, or an
10 equivalent project acceptable to the board.

11 7. Official transcripts that have been prepared solely by the
12 institution and not by the student and, except for manifest clerical
13 errors or grade changes, have not been altered by the institution after
14 the student's graduation.

15 8. Given the student credit only for coursework that is listed on
16 its official transcripts and that is obtained only at regionally
17 accredited educational institutions as listed in paragraph 1 of this
18 subsection and does not give credit for continuing education experiences
19 or courses.

20 B. If the institution is located outside the United States, the
21 applicant shall demonstrate that the program meets the requirements of
22 subsection A, paragraphs 2 through 7 and subsections C through M of this
23 section.

24 C. The applicant shall complete relevant didactic courses of the
25 program required under subsection A, paragraph 4 of this section before
26 starting the supervised professional experiences as described pursuant to
27 subsection F of this section.

28 D. Each applicant for licensure shall obtain three thousand hours
29 of supervised professional work experiences. The applicant shall
30 demonstrate clearly how the applicant met this requirement. The applicant
31 shall obtain a minimum of one thousand five hundred hours through an
32 internship as described in subsection F of this section. The applicant
33 shall obtain the remaining one thousand five hundred hours through any
34 combination of the following:

35 1. Supervised preinternship professional experiences as described
36 in subsection E of this section.

37 2. Additional internship hours as described in subsection F of this
38 section.

39 3. Supervised postdoctoral experiences as described in subsection G
40 of this section.

41 E. If the applicant chooses to include up to one thousand five
42 hundred hours of supervised preinternship professional experience to
43 satisfy a portion of the three thousand hours of supervised professional
44 experience, the following requirements must be met:

1 1. The applicant's supervised preinternship professional
2 experiences shall reflect a faculty directed, organized, sequential series
3 of supervised experiences of increasing complexity that follows
4 appropriate academic coursework and that prepares the applicant for an
5 internship.

6 2. The applicant's supervised preinternship professional
7 experiences shall follow appropriate academic preparation. There must be
8 a written training plan between the student and the graduate training
9 program. The training plan for each supervised preinternship professional
10 experience training site must designate an allotment of time for each
11 training activity and must ensure the quality, breadth and depth of
12 training experience by specifying goals and objectives of the supervised
13 preinternship professional experience, the methods of evaluation of the
14 student and supervisory experiences. If supervision is to be completed by
15 qualified site supervisors at external sites, their approval must be
16 included in the plan.

17 3. More than one part-time supervised preinternship professional
18 experience placement of appropriate scope and complexity over the course
19 of the graduate training may be combined to satisfy the one thousand five
20 hundred hours of supervised preinternship professional experiences.

21 4. Every twenty hours of supervised preinternship professional
22 experience must include the following:

23 (a) At least fifty percent of the supervised preinternship
24 professional experiences must be in psychological service-related
25 activities. Psychological service-related activities may include
26 treatment, assessment, interviews, report writing, case presentations,
27 seminars on applied issues providing cotherapy, group supervision and
28 consultations.

29 (b) At least twenty-five percent of the supervised preinternship
30 professional experiences must be devoted to face-to-face patient-client
31 contact.

32 (c) At least one hour per week of regularly scheduled
33 contemporaneous in-person individual supervision per twenty hours of
34 supervised preinternship professional experience that addresses the direct
35 psychological services provided by the student.

36 (d) At least two hours of regularly scheduled contemporaneous
37 supervision per twenty hours of supervised preinternship professional
38 experience that addresses the direct psychological services provided by
39 the student. At least fifty percent of the supervision during the total
40 supervised preinternship professional experience shall be provided through
41 contemporaneous in-person individual supervision. Not more than fifty
42 percent shall be through in-person group supervision. At least
43 seventy-five percent of the supervision shall be by a psychologist who is
44 licensed or certified to practice psychology at the independent level by a
45 licensing jurisdiction of the United States or Canada and who is

1 designated by the academic program. Not more than twenty-five percent of
2 the supervision shall be by a licensed mental health professional who is
3 licensed or certified by a licensing jurisdiction of the United States or
4 Canada, a psychology intern currently under the supervision of a licensed
5 psychologist or an individual completing a postdoctoral supervised
6 experience currently under the supervision of a licensed psychologist.

7 5. The applicant must provide to the board the written training
8 plan developed by the applicant's program and documentation of the total
9 hours accrued by the applicant during the supervised preinternship
10 professional experience, including the number of face-to-face
11 patient-client contact hours and the amount of supervision and
12 qualifications of the supervisors for the entire supervised preinternship
13 professional experiences. Documentation must include an acknowledgement
14 that ethics training was included throughout the supervised preinternship
15 professional experience.

16 6. Supervised professional preinternship experiences must be
17 completed within seventy-two months.

18 F. The applicant shall have one thousand five hundred hours of
19 supervised professional experience, which shall be either an internship
20 that is approved by the American psychological association committee on
21 accreditation, an internship that is a member of the association of
22 psychology postdoctoral and internship centers or an organized training
23 program that is designed to provide the trainee with a planned, programmed
24 sequence of training experience, the focus and purpose of which are to
25 ensure breadth and quality of training, and that meets the following
26 requirements:

27 1. The training program has a clearly designated staff psychologist
28 who is responsible for the integrity and quality of the training and who
29 is licensed or certified to practice psychology at the independent level
30 by any licensing jurisdiction of the United States or Canada in which the
31 program exists.

32 2. The training program provides at least two psychologists on
33 staff as supervisors, at least one of whom is licensed or certified to
34 practice psychology at the independent level by a licensing jurisdiction
35 of the United States or Canada in which the program exists and at least
36 one of whom is directly available to the trainee in case of emergency.

37 3. Supervision is provided by the person who carries clinical
38 responsibility for the cases being supervised. At least half of the
39 training supervision shall be provided by one or more psychologists.

40 4. Training includes a range of assessment, consultation and
41 treatment activities conducted directly with clients or patients.

42 5. A minimum of twenty-five percent of a trainee's supervised
43 professional experience hours is in direct client or patient contact.

44 6. Training includes regular in-person, individual supervision
45 conducted on a contemporaneous basis, with a minimum of one hour of

1 in-person, individual supervision for each twenty hours of experience and
2 with the specific intent of dealing with psychological services rendered
3 directly by the trainee and at least two additional hours per week in
4 other learning activities. The supervisor shall ensure that the
5 telepractice supervision is conducted using secure, confidential real-time
6 visual telecommunication.

7 7. The training program includes interaction with other psychology
8 trainees.

9 8. Trainees have a title that designates their trainee status.

10 9. The applicant provides from the training organization a written
11 statement that describes the goals and content of the training program and
12 documents that clear expectations existed for the breadth, depth and
13 quality and quantity of a trainee's work at the time of the supervised
14 professional experience.

15 10. The supervised professional experience is completed within
16 twenty-four consecutive months.

17 G. Not more than one thousand five hundred hours of supervised
18 professional experience shall be postdoctoral and may start on written
19 certification by the applicant's education program that the applicant has
20 satisfied all requirements for the doctoral degree and on written
21 certification that the applicant has completed an appropriate supervised
22 professional experience as required in subsection F of this section. The
23 applicant may complete more than one thousand five hundred hours of a
24 supervised postdoctoral experience, but not more than one thousand five
25 hundred hours may count towards the requirements of this subsection. The
26 one thousand five hundred hours of supervised professional experience
27 shall meet the following requirements:

28 1. Supervision is conducted by a psychologist who is licensed or
29 certified to practice psychology at the independent level in any licensing
30 jurisdiction of the United States or Canada in which the supervision
31 occurs or by a psychologist who is on full-time active duty in the United
32 States armed services and who is licensed or certified by a board of
33 psychologist examiners in a United States jurisdiction, who has been
34 licensed or certified for at least two years and who is competent in the
35 areas of professional practice in which the supervisee is receiving
36 supervised professional experience.

37 2. The supervisor takes full legal responsibility for the welfare
38 of the client or patient as well as the diagnosis, intervention and
39 outcome of the intervention and takes reasonable steps to ensure that
40 clients or patients are informed of the supervisee's training and status
41 and that clients or patients may meet with the supervisor at the client's
42 or patient's request.

43 3. The supervisor or the appropriate custodian of records is
44 responsible for ensuring that adequate records of client or patient

1 contacts are maintained and that the client or patient is informed that
2 the source of access to this information in the future is the supervisor.

3 4. The supervisor is fully available for consultation in the event
4 of an emergency and provides emergency consultation coverage for the
5 supervisee.

6 5. Regular in-person, individual supervision is conducted on a
7 contemporaneous basis, with a minimum of one hour of in-person, individual
8 supervision for each twenty hours of supervised professional experience.
9 At least forty percent of the supervisee's time shall be in direct contact
10 with clients or patients. The supervisor shall ensure that the
11 telepractice supervision is conducted using secure, confidential real-time
12 visual telecommunication technology.

13 6. The supervised professional experience as described in this
14 subsection is completed within thirty-six consecutive months.

15 7. The applicant provides from the training organization a written
16 training plan that describes the goals and content of the training
17 experience and documents that clear expectations existed for the breadth,
18 depth and quality and quantity of a trainee's work at the time of the
19 supervised professional experience.

20 H. In meeting the supervised preinternship professional experience
21 as described in subsection E of this section and the supervised
22 professional experience as described in subsections F and G of this
23 section, an applicant shall not receive credit for more than forty hours
24 of experience per week.

25 I. An applicant who does not satisfy the supervised professional
26 experience requirements of subsection F of this section may qualify on
27 demonstration of twenty years' licensed or certified practice as a
28 psychologist in a jurisdiction of the United States or Canada.

29 J. An applicant who does not satisfy the supervised preinternship
30 professional experience requirements of subsection E of this section or
31 the supervised professional experience requirements of subsection G of
32 this section, or a combination of subsections E and G of this section, may
33 qualify on demonstration of ten years' licensed or certified practice as a
34 psychologist in a jurisdiction of the United States or Canada.

35 K. The applicant shall complete a residency at the institution that
36 awarded the applicant's doctoral degree. The residency shall require the
37 following:

38 1. The student's active participation and involvement in learning.

39 2. Direct regular contact with faculty and other matriculated
40 doctoral students.

41 3. Eighteen semester hours or thirty quarter hours or thirty-six
42 trimester hours completed within a twelve-month consecutive period at the
43 institution or a minimum of three hundred hours of student-faculty contact
44 that involves face-to-face educational meetings conducted by the
45 institution's psychology faculty and fully documented by the institution

1 and the student. These meetings shall include interaction between the
2 student and faculty and the student and other students and shall relate to
3 the program content areas specified in subsection A, paragraph 4 of this
4 section. These meetings shall be in addition to the supervised
5 preinternship professional experience, clerkship or externship supervision
6 hours or dissertation hours. On request by the board, the applicant shall
7 obtain documentation from the institution showing how the applicant's
8 performance was assessed and documented.

9 L. To determine whether an applicant satisfies the requirements of
10 subsection A of this section relating to subject areas in applied
11 psychology, the board may require the applicant to complete a
12 respecialization program in a program or professional school of psychology
13 that has either an established American psychological association
14 accredited doctoral program in clinical or counseling psychology or school
15 or educational psychology or an established doctoral program that meets
16 board rules. The applicant must also:

17 1. Meet all of the requirements of the new respecialization area.
18 The board shall give the applicant credit for coursework that the
19 applicant has previously successfully completed and that meets the
20 requirements of subsection A, paragraph 4 of this section.

21 2. Complete one thousand five hundred hours of supervised
22 professional experience as prescribed in subsection F of this section.

23 3. Present a certificate or letter from the department head,
24 training director or dean that verifies that the applicant completed the
25 program and that identifies the specialty area of applied psychology the
26 applicant completed.

27 M. For the purposes of subsection A, paragraph 4 of this section,
28 "other suitable means" means that an applicant demonstrates competence by
29 being a diplomate of the American board of professional psychology or, if
30 an applicant fails to demonstrate completion of coursework in two content
31 areas prescribed in subsection A, paragraph 4 of this section, the
32 applicant has fulfilled the two deficient requirements by successfully
33 passing a graduate course in each deficient content area as a
34 nonmatriculated student in a doctoral level psychology program at a
35 university that is accredited pursuant to subsection A, paragraph 1 of
36 this section.

37 Sec. 4. Section 32-2071.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
38 read:

39 32-2071.01. Requirements for licensure; remediation;
40 credentials

41 A. An applicant for licensure shall demonstrate to the board's
42 satisfaction that the applicant:

43 1. Has met the education and training qualifications for licensure
44 prescribed in section 32-2071 or subsection D of this section.

1 2. Has passed any examination or examinations required by section
2 32-2072.

3 3. Has a professional record that indicates that the applicant has
4 not committed any act or engaged in any conduct that constitutes grounds
5 for disciplinary action against a licensee pursuant to this chapter.

6 4. Has not had a license or a certificate to practice psychology
7 refused, revoked, suspended or restricted by a state, territory, district
8 or country for reasons that relate to unprofessional conduct.

9 5. Has not voluntarily surrendered a license in another regulatory
10 jurisdiction in the United States or Canada while under investigation for
11 conduct that relates to unprofessional conduct.

12 6. Does not have a complaint, allegation or investigation pending
13 before another regulatory jurisdiction in the United States or Canada that
14 relates to unprofessional conduct.

15 7. Beginning January 1, 2022, has applied for a fingerprint
16 clearance card pursuant to title 41, chapter 12, article 3.1.

17 B. If the board finds that an applicant committed an act or engaged
18 in conduct that would constitute grounds for disciplinary action in this
19 state, or if the board or any jurisdiction has taken disciplinary action
20 against an applicant, the board may issue a license if the board first
21 determines to its satisfaction that the act or conduct has been corrected,
22 monitored or resolved. If the act or conduct has not been resolved before
23 issuing a license, the board must determine to its satisfaction that
24 mitigating circumstances exist that prevent its resolution.

25 C. An applicant for licensure meets the requirements of section
26 32-2071, subsection A, paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8 if the applicant
27 earned a doctoral degree from a program that was accredited by the
28 American psychological association, office of program consultation and
29 accreditation, [THE CANADIAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION](#) or the psychological
30 clinical science accreditation system at the time of graduation.

31 D. An applicant for licensure who is licensed to practice
32 psychology at the independent level in another licensing jurisdiction of
33 the United States or Canada meets the requirements of subsection A,
34 paragraph 1 of this section if the applicant meets any of the following
35 requirements:

36 1. Holds a certificate of professional qualification in psychology
37 in good standing issued by the association of state and provincial
38 psychology boards or its successor.

39 2. Is currently credentialed by the national register of health
40 service providers in psychology or its successor ~~and submits evidence of~~
41 ~~having practiced psychology independently at the doctoral level for a~~
42 ~~minimum of five years.~~

43 3. Is a diplomate of the American board of professional psychology.

44 E. [THE BOARD MAY ACCEPT PRIMARY-SOURCE VERIFIED CREDENTIALS FROM A](#)
45 [CREDENTIALS VERIFICATION SERVICE APPROVED BY THE BOARD. THE BOARD IS NOT](#)

1 REQUIRED TO VERIFY ANY DOCUMENTATION OR INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE BOARD
2 FROM A CREDENTIALS VERIFICATION SERVICE THAT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE
3 BOARD.

4 Sec. 5. Section 32-2072, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
5 read:

6 32-2072. Examinations; exemptions

7 A. An applicant for licensure must pass the examination for
8 professional practice in psychology, which is the national examination
9 established by the association of state and provincial psychology boards.
10 An applicant is considered to have passed the national examination if the
11 applicant's score equals or exceeds either:

12 1. Seventy ~~percent~~ PERCENT on the written examination.

13 2. A scaled score of five hundred on the computer-based
14 examination.

15 B. The board may implement an additional examination for all
16 applicants to cover areas of professional ethics and practice consistent
17 with the applicant's education and experience, state law relating to the
18 practice of psychology or other areas the board determines are suitable.

19 C. An applicant may ~~not~~ take ~~an~~ THE KNOWLEDGE PORTION OF THE
20 examination administered for or by the board ~~until~~ AFTER the applicant
21 completes the education requirements of this article, WHICH DO NOT INCLUDE
22 THE DISSERTATION OR EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED IN THIS ARTICLE.
23 The board may approve an applicant who has obtained a doctoral degree in
24 psychology as required under section 32-2071 to take the national
25 examination before completing the experience requirements of this
26 article. Except as provided in subsection D of this section, an applicant
27 may not take an additional board examination until the applicant passes
28 the national examination. An applicant who fails the national examination
29 administered for or by any jurisdiction three times is not eligible to
30 take that examination again until the applicant meets additional
31 requirements prescribed by the board.

32 D. An applicant is exempt from taking the national examination
33 administered pursuant to this section if the applicant either:

34 1. Is a diplomate of the American board of professional psychology.

35 2. Holds a certificate of professional qualification in psychology
36 in good standing issued by the association of state and provincial
37 psychology boards or its successor.

38 Sec. 6. Section 32-2073, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
39 read:

40 32-2073. Temporary licenses; inactive status; reinstatement
41 to active status

42 A. If the board requires an additional examination, it may issue a
43 temporary license to a psychologist WHO IS licensed or certified under the
44 laws of another jurisdiction, if the psychologist applies to the board for

1 licensure and meets the educational, experience and first examination
2 requirements of this article.

3 B. The board may issue a temporary license to an individual who
4 submits an application for temporary licensure, who is working under
5 supervision for postdoctoral experience and who meets the requirements of
6 section 32-2071, subsections A, B, C and D, as applicable. The
7 individual's postdoctoral experience must meet the requirements of section
8 32-2071, subsection G. The applicant shall submit the written training
9 plan for the supervised professional experience required in section
10 32-2071, subsection G, paragraph 7 as part of the application for the
11 temporary license.

12 C. A temporary license issued pursuant to subsection A of this
13 section is effective from the date ~~that~~ the application is approved until
14 the last day of the month in which the applicant receives the results of
15 the additional examination as provided in section 32-2072.

16 D. A temporary license issued pursuant to subsection A of this
17 section shall not be extended, renewed, reissued or allowed to continue in
18 effect beyond the period authorized by this section.

19 E. A temporary license issued pursuant to subsection B of this
20 section is effective for thirty-six months after the date the application
21 is approved and is subject to an initial license fee pursuant to section
22 32-2067, subsection A, paragraph 4. A temporary license is not subject to
23 renewal.

24 F. A PERSON WHO HOLDS A VALID TEMPORARY LICENSE ISSUED PURSUANT TO
25 THIS SECTION SHALL USE THE TITLE "LICENSED ASSOCIATE PSYCHOLOGIST".

26 ~~F.~~ G. Denial of an application for licensure terminates a
27 temporary license.

28 ~~G.~~ H. The board may place on inactive status and waive the license
29 renewal fee requirements for a person who is temporarily or permanently
30 unable to practice as a psychologist due to physical or mental incapacity
31 or disability. An initial request for the waiver of renewal fees shall be
32 accompanied by the renewal fee for an active license, which the board
33 shall return if the waiver is granted. The board shall judge each request
34 for the waiver of renewal fees on its own merits and may seek the
35 verification it deems necessary to substantiate the facts of the
36 situation. A psychologist who is retired is exempt from paying the
37 renewal fee. A psychologist may request voluntary inactive status by
38 submitting to the board an application on a form prescribed by the board
39 and an affirmation that the psychologist shall not practice as a
40 psychologist in this state for the duration of the voluntary inactive
41 status and paying the required fee.

42 ~~H.~~ I. A psychologist who is on any form of inactive status shall
43 renew the inactive status every two years by submitting a renewal form
44 provided by the board and paying any applicable fee. A notice to renew is
45 fully effective by mailing the renewal application to the licensee's last

1 known address of record in the board's file. Notice is complete at the
2 time of its deposit in the mail. A psychologist on inactive status due to
3 physical or mental incapacity or disability or retirement shall use the
4 term "inactive" to describe the person's status and shall not practice as
5 a psychologist.

6 ~~I.~~ J. A psychologist on inactive status may request reinstatement
7 of the license to active status by applying to the board. The board shall
8 determine whether the person has been or is in violation of any provisions
9 of this chapter and whether the person has maintained and updated the
10 person's professional knowledge and capability to practice as a
11 psychologist. The board may require the person to take or retake the
12 licensure examinations and may require other knowledge or skill training
13 experiences. If approved for active status, the person shall pay a
14 renewal fee that equals the renewal fee for the license to be reinstated.

15 ~~J.~~ K. Beginning January 1, 2022, an applicant for a temporary
16 license pursuant to this section shall have applied for a fingerprint
17 clearance card pursuant to title 41, chapter 12, article 3.1.