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Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation

**BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS**

2025-2026 Regulatory Agenda

AGENCY UMBRELLA-UNIT NUMBER: **02-415**

AGENCY NAME: Department of Professional & Financial Regulation, Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation, **Board of Examiners of Psychologists**

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**EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTED SINCE THE LAST REGULATORY AGENDA:** None.

**EXPECTED 2025-2026 RULE-MAKING ACTIVITY:**

Expected rulemaking will be to implement legislation governing licensure by endorsement and provisional licensure and telehealth services. A review for conformance with statutes and current rules will be conducted and updated as may be necessary, including an update to discontinue the use of the terms “handicap,” “handicapped” and “hearing impaired” pursuant to 36 M.R.S. § 2557, sub-§2.

**CHAPTER 1**: **Definitions**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. § 3824(2)

PURPOSE: This chapter defines terms used throughout the board’s rules. The board may review this chapter for clarity and conformance with current statutes and make updates as may be necessary.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and members of the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A.

**CHAPTER 2**: **Advisory Rulings**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 5 M.R.S. §§ 8051, 9001(4)

PURPOSE: This chapter provides for the discretionary issuance of advisory rulings by the board. The board may review this chapter for clarity and conformance with current statutes and make updates as may be necessary.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and members of the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A.

**CHAPTER 3**: **Application, Examination and the Licensure Process**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. §§ 3824(2), (5); 3831-3832

PURPOSE: This chapter sets forth the application and examination sequence for persons applying for licensure as a psychologist or psychological examiner, including authorization for acceptance of the ASPPB Certificate of Professional Qualification in Psychology (CPQ), ASPPB Psychology Licensure Universal System (PLUS) and the National Register (NR). This chapter also contains limitations on the conditional and temporary licenses, and provisions relating to licensure generally and supervision. The board may review this chapter for clarity and conformance with current statutes and make updates as may be necessary.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Applicants for licensure and Licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A.

**CHAPTER 4**: **Licensure of Psychologists**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. §§ 3824(2); 3831-3832

PURPOSE: This chapter establishes standards for the education and pre- and post-doctoral supervised experience of psychologists, supervision program requirements and supervisor responsibilities. The board may review this chapter to amend pre- and post-doctoral supervised experience requirements and review the rules for clarity and conformance with current statutes and make updates as may be necessary. The board may consider establishing procedures for licensees in another state to be licensed in this State by written agreement with another jurisdiction under a written licensing compact or any other method of license recognition.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Applicants for licensure and Licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A.

**CHAPTER 5**: **Licensure of Psychological Examiners**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. §§ 3811(1), 3824(2)

PURPOSE: This chapter establishes standards for the education and supervised experience of psychological examiners. This chapter also addresses the provision of intervention services by psychological examiners. The board may review this chapter for clarity and conformance with current statutes and make updates as may be necessary.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Applicants for licensure and Licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A.

**CHAPTER 6**: **Supervision of Unlicensed Personnel**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. §§ 3812-A(1), 3824(2)

PURPOSE: This chapter establishes standards for the supervision of unlicensed persons who participate in the provision of psychological services. The board may review this chapter for clarity and conformance with current statutes and make updates as may be necessary.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A.

**CHAPTER 7**: **Qualifications of Supervisors**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. § 3824(2)

PURPOSE: This chapter sets forth qualification standards for supervising psychologists. The board may review this chapter for clarity and conformance with current statutes and make updates as may be necessary.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A.

**CHAPTER 8**: **Continuing Professional Education**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. §§ 3824(2), (6); 3835

PURPOSE: This chapter requires licensees to update and advance their skills through continuing professional education so that the public may benefit from the most current and effective standards of professional practice. The board may review this chapter for clarity and conformance with current statutes and make updates as may be necessary.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A.

**CHAPTER 9**: **Ethical Standards and Practice Requirements**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. §§ 3816, 3824(2)

PURPOSE: This chapter establishes ethical standards for psychologists and psychological examiners. The board may review this chapter for clarity and conformance with current statutes and make updates as may be necessary.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and members of the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A.

**CHAPTER 10**: **Enforcement and Disciplinary Procedures**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. § 3824(2)

PURPOSE: This chapter specifies the enforcement and disciplinary procedures used by the board, sets forth grounds for discipline that interpret or supplement the statutory grounds for discipline contained in 10 M.R.S. § 8003(5-A) and 32 M.R.S. § 3837-A, and provides for the psychological evaluation of psychologists who may be impaired. The board may review this chapter for clarity and conformance with current statutes and make updates as may be necessary.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and members of the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A.

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: N/A**

STATUTORY BASIS: 32 M.R.S. § 3850-I

PURPOSE: To adopt rules to establish standards of practice and appropriate restrictions for the various types and forms of telehealth services.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and members of the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER NUMBER and Title: N/A**

STATUTORY BASIS: 10 M.R.S. § 8003-H, § 8003-5-A(D)(7)

PURPOSE: The Board may adopt rules to establish a process to issue a license by endorsement or to grant provisional licenses to applicants from other jurisdictions.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within the year.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and members of the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A