



International Psychology – Division 52 Of The  
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**International Licensing Guidelines:  
Working and Volunteering in International  
Settings**

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## *Letter from Dr. Brigitte Khoury*

Dear colleagues,

In this age of globalization, psychologists are often seeking employment or volunteering positions outside their own country. However, traveling psychologists often find themselves in the difficult situation of being unable to practice or volunteer their services due to specific licensing requirements and practice guidelines in the host country. American Psychological Association's (APA) Division 52 (Division of International Psychology) receives a significant amount of inquiries around this topic from individuals moving to a different country and planning to work in it. Little information is provided in a comprehensive manner, and there is no international reference individuals can use to prepare for working abroad. Hence, we proposed to map these laws and regulations around the practice of psychology in different countries in the world, which would lead to a comprehensive document for psychologists to use as a reference.

An online survey was created regarding licensure requirements in various countries.

Target participants were professional associations, members of international organizations such as International Union of Psychological Science, International Social Science Council, APA Division 52, and members of collaborating divisions.

The results are compiled into this document, which is meant to be as comprehensive as possible. We hope that this project will benefit psychologists, students, clinical trainees, and volunteers who are interested in practicing psychology globally.

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Brigitte Khoury, PhD

President Division 52 (International), 2020

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## *Guidelines for Readers*

As you browse through this document, kindly make note of the following guidelines:

1. If there were multiple responses for some countries, this number has been indicated in parentheses next to the country title and we have tried our best to collate the information from multiple respondents.
2. Because there were conflicting responses on the Temporary Licensing area for some countries, "No information available" has been indicated under this section, for those countries. This will be updated in due course, as new and consistent information becomes available.
3. Licensure information of respondents has been indicated next to an "\*" at the end of that country write up. If there were multiple respondents and some held licenses in other countries beyond their own, this has been mentioned too.
4. Similar to point 3, if respondents belonged to licensing bodies/boards beyond those in their home county, this information has been listed (and collated if there were multiple respondents).

## *Africa*

*Democratic Republic of Congo*

**Professional title for a Practicing Psychologist:**

Clinical psychologist

**Criteria, Regulations and Procedures to obtain a License:**

There are no criteria, regulations, or procedures to obtain the license in the DR Congo. The country has very few PhD clinical psychologists and master levels. This issue is not yet discussed. I am the first and only neuropsychologist in the country and there is a neuropsychologist board.

**Any Supplemental Resources regarding procedures for Licensure:**

There are no official resources on this matter.

**Reciprocity of Licenses:**

This issue has not yet been discussed.

**Temporary/Short-Term Licenses (which are often needed for psychologists doing humanitarian work in foreign countries):**

Since there is no regulation on the license issue, any license from any country of any level seems to be accepted.

**Name and Website of the Licensing Body/Bodies To Which You Belong:**

There is no licensing body in the DR Congo.

*Kenya*

**Professional title for a Practicing Psychologist:**

Psychologist

**Criteria, Regulations and Procedures to obtain a License:**

We have a Standing Committee on Registration and Licensing that champions the process

**Any Supplemental Resources regarding procedures for Licensure:**

N/A

**Reciprocity of Licenses:**

Yes. If it is a university recognized by the Commonwealth

**Temporary/Short-Term Licenses (which are often needed for psychologists doing humanitarian work in foreign countries):**

Yes

**Name and Website of the Licensing Body/Bodies To Which You Belong:**

[www.kenyanpsychology.org](http://www.kenyanpsychology.org); [www.papu.org](http://www.papu.org)

(\*licensed in Kenya and all African States)

*Morocco*

**Professional title for a Practicing Psychologist:**

The title is not yet established in our country

**Criteria, Regulations and Procedures to obtain a License:**

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**Any Supplemental Resources regarding procedures for Licensure:**

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**Reciprocity of Licenses:**

Psychologists actually practice without the title of psychologist in Morocco

**Temporary/Short-Term Licenses (which are often needed for psychologists doing humanitarian work in foreign countries):**

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**Name and Website of the Licensing Body/Bodies To Which You Belong:**

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## *Nigeria*

### **Professional title for a Practicing Psychologist:**

Registered psychologist

### **Criteria, Regulations and Procedures to obtain a License:**

All applicants must have a minimum of a first degree and a master's degree in any of the substantive areas of specialization in psychology from a recognized university in Nigeria. Candidates must have also completed the requisite internship and recommended by the appropriate state chapter of Nigerian Psychological Association for registration. Persons that trained in psychology outside the country will be required to undergo culture and process orientation courses with successful performance.

### **Any Supplemental Resources regarding procedures for Licensure:**

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### **Reciprocity of Licenses:**

Yes but some orientation courses will be required

The orientation course helps to assess the appropriateness of the applicant to practice in Nigeria in terms of content, competence, language, skills and so on. If someone did not perform satisfactorily, the permission is denied.

At the moment, this is open to all psychologists so long as the individual is approved or licensed in his or her home country.

There is a plan to make this arrangement mutual between the Nigerian Psychological Association and other country psychological associations but that is yet to happen.

### **Temporary/Short-Term Licenses (which are often needed for psychologists doing humanitarian work in foreign countries):**

Not to my knowledge

### **Name and Website of the Licensing Body/Bodies To Which You Belong:**

[www.Npa.com.ng](http://www.Npa.com.ng)

(\*licensed in Nigeria)

## *Rwanda*

### **Professional title for a Practicing Psychologist:**

Clinical psychologist

### **Criteria, Regulations and Procedures to obtain a License:**

All requirements and standards for registration and licensing are listed here

<https://www.rahpc.org.rw/registration>

### **Per document:**

The application for registration is addressed to the Chairperson of the National Council Board together with the following documents:

1. A duly filled RAHPC APPLICATION FORM available here: ***Professional Registration Form***
2. A copy of Identification/ valid passport
3. All qualifications ( originals with notified copies).
4. One passport photo in color on a white background (with 3 cm x 3 cm format)-Good Quality Scan
5. Copies of academic transcripts.
6. Certificate from the employer for those who are currently practicing
7. Criminal record Clearance (Extrait du Casier Judiciaire);
8. Proof of previous registration where applicable
9. Proof of payment of all applicable fees as determined by the Council as per category ( Fees are paid at BK under the Council's account)
10. CPD Booklet available at the Council (CPD Booklet fee: 1000 Rwf payable at Council Bank Account)
11. Internship certificate where applicable.

### **Foreign applicants**

- The candidate with foreign nationality is provisionally registered with a validity that corresponds with that of his initial contract.
- The registrar shall not register a person whose name has been removed from the register in the country in which he or she has been registered.
- The Council shall not refuse to register an Allied Health Professional on motives based on rank, ethnicity, social or religious affiliations, opinion, political inclinations, gender or due to the fact that the professional originates from some grouping or based on any other sort of discrimination.

### **Application fees ( Non-refundable)**

1. Certificate Level- 15.000 Rwf

2. Diploma and above- 20.000 Rwf
3. Applicants/Graduates from foreign Higher Learning Institutions- 40.000 Rwf

**Any Supplemental Resources regarding procedures for Licensure:**

All the documents are posted RAHPC.org.rw

**Reciprocity of Licenses:**

Yes

**Temporary/Short-Term Licenses (which are often needed for psychologists doing humanitarian work in foreign countries):**

No

**Name and Website of the Licensing Body/Bodies To Which You Belong:**

[www.rahpc.org.rw](http://www.rahpc.org.rw)

(\*licensed in Rwanda)

## *Senegal*

### **Professional title for a Practicing Psychologist:**

Psychologist (though there are few - Psychiatrist is more common)

### **Criteria, Regulations and Procedures to obtain a License:**

Does not exist. Psychology as well. For psychiatry, there is 1 training center in the capital, CHNU at Fann Hospital (criteria and regulations unknown). No online presence found.

### **Any Supplemental Resources regarding procedures for Licensure:**

No resources. If a person is licensed abroad, they can practice in Senegal. It's very common.

### **Reciprocity of Licenses:**

Yes

### **Temporary/Short-Term Licenses (which are often needed for psychologists doing humanitarian work in foreign countries):**

Not needed

### **Name and Website of the Licensing Body/Bodies To Which You Belong:**

BACB : [www.bacb.com](http://www.bacb.com)

(\*licensed in the United States of America)

## *Seychelles*

### **Professional title for a Practicing Psychologist:**

Registration is under the title 'Practitioner Psychologist' and individual practitioners can use the titles 'Clinical Psychologist', 'Educational Psychologist', etc. depending on their postgraduate qualifications. A person who holds a Bachelor Degree in Psychology can register as a 'Provisional Psychologist' and works under the supervision of a 'Practitioner Psychologist'.

### **Criteria, Regulations and Procedures to obtain a License:**

You need to have completed postgraduate training that would qualify you to practice as a psychologist. This should include a period of supervised practice within the field. To register as a Practitioner Psychologist, you need to complete an HPC Registration form (can be downloaded from [www.hpcseychelles.org](http://www.hpcseychelles.org)) and provide the required supporting documents (including certified copies of degree certificates, transcripts, evaluation of qualifications certificate from the Seychelles Qualifications Authority, and evidence of registration in another country if applicable).

### **Any Supplemental Resources regarding procedures for Licensure:**

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### **Reciprocity of Licenses:**

Not currently. A license from a different country may facilitate the process of registration as it would increase credibility but the professional would still need to go through the registration process.

### **Temporary/Short-Term Licenses (which are often needed for psychologists doing humanitarian work in foreign countries):**

Currently, according to the Health Professionals Act (2006), a psychologist can register to practice for 6 months or 24 months but it is the same process either way. The registration process typically takes around 2 weeks and costs 600 Seychelles rupees (300 for processing and 300 for registration for 6 months/2 years), equivalent to around 35 US Dollars.

### **Name and Website of the Licensing Body/Bodies To Which You Belong:**

Health Professionals Council (HPC), Seychelles, [www.hpcseychelles.org](http://www.hpcseychelles.org)

(\*licensed in Seychelles)

*Tanzania*

**Professional title for a Practicing Psychologist:**

Therapist, Psychologist

**Criteria, Regulations and Procedures to obtain a License:**

1. At least master's degree in a field of Clinical Psychology
2. 1 year internship
3. Pay a non refundable fee of \$50 for resident

**Any Supplemental Resources regarding procedures for Licensure:**

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**Reciprocity of Licenses:**

Yes it does

**Temporary/Short-Term Licenses (which are often needed for psychologists doing humanitarian work in foreign countries):**

Yes it does

**Name and Website of the Licensing Body/Bodies To Which You Belong:**

[www.mct.go.tz](http://www.mct.go.tz)

(\*licensed in Tanzania)

*Togo*

**Professional title for a Practicing Psychologist:**

Clinical Psychologist

**Criteria, Regulations and Procedures to obtain a License:**

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**Any Supplemental Resources regarding procedures for Licensure:**

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**Reciprocity of Licenses:**

Yes

**Temporary/Short-Term Licenses (which are often needed for psychologists doing humanitarian work in foreign countries):**

Yes

**Name and Website of the Licensing Body/Bodies To Which You Belong:**

[www.univ-lome.tg](http://www.univ-lome.tg)

(\*licensed in Togo)

*Uganda*

**Professional title for a Practicing Psychologist:**

Psychologist

**Criteria, Regulations and Procedures to obtain a License:**

Yet to be established.

**Any Supplemental Resources regarding procedures for Licensure:**

Not shared yet.

**Reciprocity of Licenses:**

No licensing yet

**Temporary/Short-Term Licenses (which are often needed for psychologists doing humanitarian work in foreign countries):**

Not in place

**Name and Website of the Licensing Body/Bodies To Which You Belong:**

No Licensing Board in Uganda yet

(\*No Licensing Board Yet in Uganda)

## *Zimbabwe*

### **Professional title for a Practicing Psychologist:**

Psychologist (preceded by area of specialization)

### **Criteria, Regulations and Procedures to obtain a License:**

Posses Ordinary Level Mathematics and English

Posses a minimum of 2 advanced levels

Complete an Honors degree in Psychology (4 years)

Complete a 2 year masters degree in Psychology area of intended specialization (clinical, educational, occupational, counseling, community, neuro) (2 years)

1 year internship under a registered Psychologist with similar area of specialization following an outlined syllabus

Submit an internship file at the end of the internship to the Psychology Education Committee Board under Allied Health Practitioners Council.

If the file goes through, proceed to an oral and written examination.

### **Any Supplemental Resources regarding procedures for Licensure:**

[www.ahpcz.co.zw](http://www.ahpcz.co.zw).

### **Reciprocity of Licenses:**

Yes, you will be asked to submit a letter of good standing from the Licensing board of your country, current practicing certificate, copy of educational certificates and internship syllabus. You will then be given an in-country practicing certificate.

### **Temporary/Short-Term Licenses (which are often needed for psychologists doing humanitarian work in foreign countries):**

Yes

### **Name and Website of the Licensing Body/Bodies To Which You Belong:**

Allied Health Practitioners Council Zimbabwe [www.ahpcz.co.zw](http://www.ahpcz.co.zw)

(\* licensed in Zimbabwe)

*Asia*

*Armenia*

**Professional title for a Practicing Psychologist: ----**

**Criteria, Regulations and Procedures to obtain a License:** Licensing of psychological services is not legally required in the Republic of Armenia.

**Any Supplemental Resources regarding procedures for Licensure: ---**

**Reciprocity of Licenses: ----**

**Temporary/Short-Term Licenses (which are often needed for psychologists doing humanitarian work in foreign countries): ----**

***Bahrain***

**Professional title for a Practicing Psychologist:** Counseling Psychologist

**Criteria, Regulations and Procedures to obtain a License:** National Health Regulatory Authority (NHRA) in Bahrain (<https://www.nhra.bh/>). Covers licensure in Jordan.

**Any Supplemental Resources regarding procedures for Licensure: --**

**Reciprocity of Licenses:** No

**Temporary/Short-Term Licenses (which are often needed for psychologists doing humanitarian work in foreign countries):** No

*Cambodia*

**Professional title for a Practicing Psychologist:** None

**Criteria, Regulations and Procedures to obtain a License:** None

**Any Supplemental Resources regarding procedures for Licensure:** --

**Reciprocity of Licenses:** As there are no licensure requirements in the country, individuals are allowed to practice their profession without licensure from Cambodia as well as international licensure from any other country.

**Temporary/Short-Term Licenses (which are often needed for psychologists doing humanitarian work in foreign countries):** None

*China (Hong Kong)*

**Professional title for a Practicing Psychologist:** Registered IO Psychologist (RIOP)

**Criteria, Regulations and Procedures to obtain a License:** [www.hkps.org.hk](http://www.hkps.org.hk); covers Singapore and HK. Licensing body - Singapore Psychological Society

**Any Supplemental Resources regarding procedures for Licensure:** N/A

**Reciprocity of Licenses:** Yes

**Temporary/Short-Term Licenses (which are often needed for psychologists doing humanitarian work in foreign countries):** No

## *India*

**Professional title for a Practicing Psychologist:** Clinical psychologist, Counseling Psychologist, Counselor, Psychotherapist.

**Criteria, Regulations and Procedures to obtain a License:** A license is only offered for a clinical psychologist for which one needs to obtain an MPhil degree in clinical psychology from an institute approved by the Rehabilitation Council of India. Online, face to face and teletherapy are the modalities of practice in India.

**Any Supplemental Resources regarding procedures for Licensure: ---**

**Reciprocity of Licenses:** No, anyone who has a PhD or PsyD from anywhere outside India doesn't qualify for the RCI license. Rehabilitation council of India and a newly approved bill- National Allied Healthcare Professionals Bill will have a provision of licensing non-Clinical Psychology specializations.

**Temporary/Short-Term Licenses (which are often needed for psychologists doing humanitarian work in foreign countries):** Unknown

## *Indonesia*

### **Professional title for a Practicing Psychologist:**

In Indonesia, M.Psi, Psychologist (completed master program of clinical psychology, course work)

### **Criteria, Regulations and Procedures to obtain a License:**

Recently in Indonesia there are 2 licensing applications for a Clinical Psychologist. By default, after our graduation, from the university we will get the first 2 years license for graduated students (this license applies for industrial, developmental, social and clinical psychology, this one allows us to practice within the country. But then specifically for Clinical Psychologists, we need to register under the Ministry of Health at state level, and the city level to allow us practice in the city where we are staying).

Master of Clinical Psychology (course work, not the science course), by default after we completed the exam for our Master's Thesis and pass the exam under Indonesia Psychological Association, we will get our first license (2 years). After 2 years we should extend our license but must sit at the exam with some panelist. If we pass, we will get a 5 years license extension. This process applies every 5 years after the second extension.

### **Any Supplemental Resources regarding procedures for Licensure:**

N/A

### **Reciprocity of Licenses:**

Not sure, but I think we need to do a matriculation exam to get the certification or be eligible to practice in the country (Indonesia).

### **Temporary/Short-Term Licenses (which are often needed for psychologists doing humanitarian work in foreign countries):**

I don't think they have it

### **Name and Website of the Licensing Body/Bodies To Which You Belong:**

HIMPSI (Indonesian Psychological Association) : <https://himpsi.or.id>

(\*licensed in Indonesia)

## *Israel*

### **Professional title for a Practicing Psychologist:**

There are six areas of specialization in psychology, which are under the responsibility and supervision of the Ministry of Health.

The following pages provide information on the process of specialization in each one of the areas:

- [Developmental psychology](#)
- [Social - occupational - organizational psychology](#)
- [Educational psychology](#)
- [Clinical psychology](#)
- [Medical psychology](#)
- [Rehabilitation psychology](#)
- [Social - occupational - organizational psychology protocol of final exam](#) (HE)

The board of psychologists in the Ministry of Health is responsible for the process of training specialists in the above areas of specialization.

### **Criteria, Regulations and Procedures to obtain a License:**

<https://www.health.gov.il/English/Services/MedicalAndHealthProfessions/Psychology/Pages/default.aspx>

The process of obtaining a license to practice psychology and registration in the “Registry of Psychologists” includes the following steps:

1. Submission of an application by the candidate, with the required documents attached
2. Assessment of the candidate’s eligibility by the board of registration
3. Temporary license (in some of the cases - see details below)
4. Permanent license

For persons who have completed a master’s degree or higher overseas, it is recommended to read the “[Conditions for Registration in the Registry of Psychologists for Students who Studied Overseas](#)”.

### NOTE

The conditions required to license registrations for international psychology masters’ graduates, have been updated for those who begin their master's degree studies in psychology abroad as of September 2021.

**Any Supplemental Resources regarding procedures for Licensure:---**

**Reciprocity of Licenses:**

[https://www.health.gov.il/Subjects/MedicalAndHealthProfessions/Psychology/Documents/Psych\\_abroad\\_EN.pdf](https://www.health.gov.il/Subjects/MedicalAndHealthProfessions/Psychology/Documents/Psych_abroad_EN.pdf)

**Temporary/Short-Term Licenses (which are often needed for psychologists doing humanitarian work in foreign countries): ---**

### *Jordan (3)*

#### **Professional title for a Practicing Psychologist:**

At present: Counselor, Clinical psychologist, and Counseling Psychologist. There will be more titles approved as explained in the following part.

#### **Criteria, Regulations and Procedures to obtain a License:**

- The licensing regulation in Jordan states that the qualified applicant for licensing either to have a Master degree or Ph.D in Counseling or Clinical Psychology or Mental Health This is a regulation from 2000. An amendment to it in 2019 included all applied psychological specialties, i.e behavioral therapy, cognitive therapy, child therapy, assessment psychology, etc. Another amendment added BS degree in psychology as intern. But these amendments are still waiting for the prime ministry's approval. The regulation is posted in Arabic on this site: <https://www.moh.gov.jo/Pages/viewpage.aspx?pageID=165> . And the specific page is this: <https://www.moh.gov.jo/Echobusv3.0/SystemAssets/1033a390-c8ea-43e7-a0b3-631ab7347ec9.pdf>
- National Health Regulatory Authority (NHRA) in Bahrain: <https://www.nhra.bh/>

#### **Any Supplemental Resources regarding procedures for Licensure:**

Jordanian Psychological Association, [www.jpajo.org](http://www.jpajo.org)- email: [webmaster@jpajo.org](mailto:webmaster@jpajo.org) .  
And Ministry of Health, [www.moh.gov.jo](http://www.moh.gov.jo) ,

#### **Reciprocity of Licenses:**

No. it does not. The practitioner has to pass a licensing exam consisting of two parts, written and oral, a kind of appraisal interview.

#### **Temporary/Short-Term Licenses (which are often needed for psychologists doing humanitarian work in foreign countries):**

NGO's started recently requiring psychological services providers to have a license but the government is not strict about this concerning specialists working in humanitarian support. But this is worth considering in the very short future. We have many NGOs that cater to Iraqi and Syrian refugees.

#### **Name and Website of the Licensing Body/Bodies To Which You Belong:**

Jordanian Psychological Association, [www.jpajo.org](http://www.jpajo.org)- email: [webmaster@jpajo.org](mailto:webmaster@jpajo.org) . And Ministry of Health, [www.moh.gov.jo](http://www.moh.gov.jo), [abpn.com](http://abpn.com), [jam.org.jo](http://jam.org.jo)

(\*licensed in Jordan; licensed in Jordan and UAE; licensed in Jordan, previously was licensed in Illinois and Massachusetts).

*Kazakhstan*

**Professional title for a Practicing Psychologist:** Counseling Psychologist

**Criteria, Regulations and Procedures to obtain a License:** ---

**Any Supplemental Resources regarding procedures for Licensure:** ---

**Reciprocity of Licenses:**

In our country we work on a University diploma without additional licensing

**Temporary/Short-Term Licenses (which are often needed for psychologists doing humanitarian work in foreign countries):** ---

**Name and Website of the Licensing Body/Bodies To Which You Belong:**

www.ksu.kz

(\*licensed in Kazakhstan)

*Korea*

**Professional title for a Practicing Psychologist:**

Health Psychologist

**Criteria, Regulations and Procedures to obtain a License:**

[http://www.koreanpsychology.or.kr/eng/KPA-Regulation/sub\\_02.asp](http://www.koreanpsychology.or.kr/eng/KPA-Regulation/sub_02.asp)

**Any Supplemental Resources regarding procedures for Licensure:**

None

**Reciprocity of Licenses:**

Evaluate the level of license from a different country and decide to give a Korean certificate immediately or additional internship.

**Temporary/Short-Term Licenses (which are often needed for psychologists doing humanitarian work in foreign countries):**

No

**Name and Website of the Licensing Body/Bodies To Which You Belong:**

Korean Psychological Association

<http://www.koreanpsychology.or.kr>

(\*South Korea: not licensed, but has certificate)

## *Lebanon*

### **Professional title for a Practicing Psychologist:**

Clinical Psychologist and Educational Psychologist

### **Criteria, Regulations and Procedures to obtain a License:**

1. Master's degree in Clinical or Educational psychology
2. 400 hours of training at least (Observation and patient contact) under a university affiliated training program
3. Being Lebanese
4. Passing the licensing exam

### **Any Supplemental Resources regarding procedures for Licensure:**

Not applicable

### **Reciprocity of Licenses:**

There is no reciprocity of licenses in Lebanon. Anyone who wants to practice as a psychologist needs to meet the criteria above.

### **Temporary/Short-Term Licenses (which are often needed for psychologists doing humanitarian work in foreign countries):**

No it does not as of yet.

### **Name and Website of the Licensing Body/Bodies To Which You Belong:**

Ministry of Public Health, Lebanon

<https://www.moph.gov.lb/en/>

(\*licensed in Lebanon)

*Mongolia*

**Professional title for a Practicing Psychologist:**

Psychologist

**Criteria, Regulations and Procedures to obtain a License:**

We don't have an official licensed statute.

**Any Supplemental Resources regarding procedures for Licensure:**

**Reciprocity of Licenses: –**

**Temporary/Short-Term Licenses (which are often needed for psychologists doing humanitarian work in foreign countries):**

**Name and Website of the Licensing Body/Bodies To Which You Belong:**

<https://www.iupsys.net/about/members/national-members/mongolia.html>

(\*Mongolia, we don't have the official licensed statute)

## *Myanmar*

### **Professional title for a Practicing Psychologist:**

In Myanmar no professional title yet since we are still developing and I am here not providing direct clinical services.

### **Criteria, Regulations and Procedures to obtain a License: --**

### **Any Supplemental Resources regarding procedures for Licensure: --**

### **Reciprocity of Licenses:**

In Myanmar, since we have no Clinical Psychology course work, most of the Clinicians here got their education abroad. They are eligible to practice because there is still no rule and regulation yet from the government, and no licensure body in the country.

### **Temporary/Short-Term Licenses (which are often needed for psychologists doing humanitarian work in foreign countries):**

I don't think they have it.

### **Name and Website of the Licensing Body/Bodies To Which You Belong:**

Indonesia (because from Indonesia): HIMPSI (Indonesian Psychological Association)  
<https://himpsi.or.id>

(\*licensed in Indonesia)

## *Nepal (Kathmandu)*

### **Professional title for a Practicing Psychologist:**

Teaching and Psychologist- Providing services on demand as therapist, trainer, therapist and researcher.

### **Criteria, Regulations and Procedures to obtain a License:**

We need some guidelines and websites to follow as an example and develop in Nepalese context.

### **Any Supplemental Resources regarding procedures for Licensure:**

We don't have it related to license issuing, but we have other official resources and documentation.

### **Reciprocity of Licenses:**

No we don't have a license even our neighboring country India has no licensing system. We just rely on their education, training and skill.

### **Temporary/Short-Term Licenses (which are often needed for psychologists doing humanitarian work in foreign countries):**

We are working on our own guidelines and action plan in an emergency. But it is needed to make it authentic, so we can update and modify it based on circumstances every year.

### **Name and Website of the Licensing Body/Bodies To Which You Belong:**

Association of Psychologists in Nepal (APN) we are altogether nine executives and nearly 20 members. Our website: apn org.com.np (but for the time being it is not working). We are working on Facebook.

(\*licensed in Kathmandu)

## ***Oman (4)***

### **Professional title for a Practicing Psychologist:**

Psychologist/Clinical Psychologist/Health Psychologist/Cognitive Behavioral Therapist/EMDR Practitioner

### **Criteria, Regulations and Procedures to obtain a License:**

Data flow <https://www.dfomsb.com/>

Upload your certifications and credentials to the Oman medical specialty board and they verify your certificates then you have an interview with a panel of psychologists and sometimes there's a written exam

### **Any Supplemental Resources regarding procedures for Licensure:**

<https://www.dfomsb.com/>

### **Reciprocity of Licenses:**

Yes

### **Temporary/Short-Term Licenses (which are often needed for psychologists doing humanitarian work in foreign countries):**

No information available

### **Name and Website of the Licensing Body/Bodies To Which You Belong:**

We don't have one in Oman.

- Associate member of the American Psychological Association
- British Psychological Society
- The Ministry of Health in Oman

(\*licensed in Oman; Netherlands and Oman; UK and Oman)

*Pakistan (2)*

**Professional title for a Practicing Psychologist:**

Clinical Psychologist; Counseling Psychologist; Therapist

**Criteria, Regulations and Procedures to obtain a License:**

No License required in Pakistan, only certification is required from a University

**Any Supplemental Resources regarding procedures for Licensure:**

N/A

**Reciprocity of Licenses:**

Yes Degree in Psychology is enough to practice in our COR (There is no Licensure Board till present)

**Temporary/Short-Term Licenses (which are often needed for psychologists doing humanitarian work in foreign countries):**

No information available

**Name and Website of the Licensing Body/Bodies To Which You Belong:**

- Pakistan Psychological Society, <http://pkps.org>
- Board of Behavioral Health MT USA

## *Philippines*

### **Professional title for a Practicing Psychologist:**

Psychologist

### **Criteria, Regulations and Procedures to obtain a License:**

Must have a Masters Degree in Psychology and passed the licensure exam (<https://www.prc.gov.ph/psychology>)

### **Any Supplemental Resources regarding procedures for Licensure: ---**

### **Reciprocity of Licenses:**

The Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualification (MRPQ) is still being discussed by the members of the ASEAN Regional Union of Psychological Societies (ARUPS)

### **Temporary/Short-Term Licenses (which are often needed for psychologists doing humanitarian work in foreign countries):**

Not yet

### **Name and Website of the Licensing Body/Bodies To Which You Belong:**

Professional Regulation Commission (<https://www.prc.gov.ph>)

### Per Document:

Licensure is on two levels:

- for those with at least a Master's Degree in Psychology who can be called a **Psychologist**.
- for those with at least a Bachelor's degree in Psychology who can work under the supervision of a psychologist, called a **psychometrician**.

A **Psychologist** as defined by law, is duly registered and holds a valid Certificate of Registration and a valid Professional Identification Card as Professional Psychologist, issued by the Professional Regulatory Board of Psychology (PRBP) and the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) pursuant to Section 3(c), Article III, of R.A. No. 10029, for the purpose of delivering the different psychological services defined under the IRR.

A **Psychometrician** is a person who has been registered and issued a valid Certificate of Registration and a valid Professional Identification Card as psychometrician by the PRBP and the PRC in accordance with Sec. 3 (d), Article III of R.A. No. 10029, and is authorized to do any of the following activities; Provided, that these activities shall at all times be conducted under the supervision of a licensed professional psychologist: (1) administering and scoring objective personality tests, structured personality tests, excluding projective tests and other higher level forms of psychological tests; (2) interpreting the results of these tests and preparing a written

report on these results; and (3) conducting preparatory intake interviews of clients for psychological intervention sessions.

All the assessment reports prepared and done by the psychometrician, shall always bear the signature of the supervising psychologist who shall take full responsibility for the integrity of the report.

(\*licensed in Philippines)

## *Singapore*

### **Professional title for a Practicing Psychologist:**

Psychologist

### **Criteria, Regulations and Procedures to obtain a License:**

Criteria 1: (a) Has a Master/Doctorate Degree in an applied Psychology, (b) Is a Full Member of the Singapore Psychological Society. Criteria 2: A) Applicant met practicum requirements of 1000 hours (client contact:400, supervision:180, others:420) or B) Applicant is a licensed psychologist in the UK, US, Australia, Canada, or New Zealand. 3. (C) If none of the above (2A and 2B) points are met, the SRP committee will assess if the applicant has training that is substantially equivalent to either 2A or 2B

### **Any Supplemental Resources regarding procedures for Licensure:**

Singapore Register of Psychologists: <https://singaporepsychologicalsociety.org/singapore-register-of-psychologists/>

### **Reciprocity of Licenses:**

Yes, at the moment

### **Temporary/Short-Term Licenses (which are often needed for psychologists doing humanitarian work in foreign countries):**

Yes

### **Name and Website of the Licensing Body/Bodies To Which You Belong:**

Singapore Psychological Society; <https://singaporepsychologicalsociety.org>

(\*licensed in Singapore)

*Sri Lanka*

**Professional title for a Practicing Psychologist:**

Clinical psychologist, counseling psychologist etc

**Criteria, Regulations and Procedures to obtain a License:**

Have to have a 1st degree in psychology and a masters in clinical psychology. But the criteria are somewhat vague

**Any Supplemental Resources regarding procedures for Licensure:**

N/A

**Reciprocity of Licenses:**

No

**Temporary/Short-Term Licenses (which are often needed for psychologists doing humanitarian work in foreign countries):**

No

**Name and Website of the Licensing Body/Bodies To Which You Belong:**

Sri Lanka Medical Council

(\*licensed in Sri Lanka)

### ***United Arab Emirates (4)***

We received responses from 4 different respondents with discrepant information. “United Arab Emirates (Unified)” has combined information taken from the respondents and from the different links and resources provided. In the UAE, there are 3 main licensing boards 1) CDA (Community Development Authority), 2) DHCR (Dubai Healthcare City Authority - Regulatory), and 3) DHA/DOH (Dubai Health Authority/Department of Health). The answers below cover all three boards.

#### **Professional title for a Practicing Psychologist:**

1. CDA: Psychologist or Psychotherapist (this is under the ‘social therapist’ category)
2. DHCR: Psychologist
3. DHA/DOH: Psychologist

#### **Criteria, Regulations and Procedures to obtain a License:**

Note: These bodies set different eligibility criteria for UAE Nationals (requirements for a license are lower) compared to expats from other countries.

1. CDA
  - Equalization of transcripts through the Ministry of Education
  - Applicant must hold a Master’s degree in the various fields of psychology
  - The degree or its equivalent must be from an educational institution recognized in the country
  - One year experience is required
  - New graduates from UAE are to be under supervision for a minimum of 1 year
  - Forty hours of continuing professional development is required for renewal of license
  - Passing an exam
2. DHCR (this licensing board has 2 options for licensing)

#### **DHCR Option #1:**

- A Doctor of Psychology (PsyD) or A Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology (PhD) from an accredited institute.(The program must at least be of three (3) years duration, and include both a practicum and an internship.)
- One (1) year postgraduate experience.
- A current license to practice and/or registration as a Psychologist.
- Certificate of Good Standing: Issued in the last six (6) months from jurisdictions (licensing authority/professional membership body) in which the Applicant holds a current license to practice and/or registration.
- English Proficiency Test: Required if the graduate’s education was not taught in English. TOEFL – a minimum score of 500 or IELTS – a minimum band of 5.0, or Occupational English Test (OET) - minimum of grade C or equivalent, or Cambridge Assessment English– minimum score of 169 on the scoring scale

- No exam required

#### DHCR Option #2

- A Master's degree in Psychology/Clinical Psychology following a Bachelor's degree in Psychology.
- A minimum of two (2) years of experience as a Psychologist in a clinical setting.
- A current license to practice and/or registration as a Psychologist.
- Certificate of Good Standing: Issued in the last six (6) months from jurisdictions (licensing authority/professional membership body) in which the Applicant holds a current license to practice and/or registration.
- English Proficiency Test: Required if the graduate's education was not taught in English. TOEFL – a minimum score of 500 or IELTS – a minimum band of 5.0, or Occupational English Test (OET) - minimum of grade C or equivalent, or Cambridge Assessment English– minimum score of 169 on the scoring scale
- DHCA licensing exam required

#### 3. DHA/DOH (this licensing board has 2 options for licensing)

##### DHA/DOH Option #1:

- Bachelor degree in the field of psychology
- Postgraduate Doctoral degree (example: Ph.D., Psy.D., Ed.D., D.Clin.Psy) from an approved psychology faculty or an educational faculty with focus on psychology
- Minimum of two (2) years' experience post qualification in related field
- Take written exam

##### DHA/DOH Option #2:

- Bachelor degree in the field of psychology
- Postgraduate full time Master's degree (includes MSc, MA, M.Phil) of minimum two (2) years course duration from a psychology faculty or an educational faculty with focus on psychology provided that the bachelor degree is minimum four (4) years duration
- Minimum of two (2) years' experience post qualification in related field
- Take written exam

#### **Reciprocity of Licenses:**

No

#### **Temporary/Short-Term Licenses (which are often needed for psychologists doing humanitarian work in foreign countries):**

No (a separate license is required for this)

(\* Licensed in UAE; UAE and Washington State, USA; UAE and Australia; UAE, Canada, USA)

## *Uzbekistan*

### **Professional title for a Practicing Psychologist:**

Practical Psychologist

### **Criteria, Regulations and Procedures to obtain a License:**

As I mentioned there is no licensing system in Uzbekistan. You can practice after completing your bachelor degree. However bachelor study is much more complicated than studying in the US. Situation is changing, but up to this year students attended lots of various courses in psychology, which were mandatory and they started to do research in the second year of their study. Since last year they can enter their bachelor psychology study in three fields: youth psychology, family psychology and practical psychology.

### **Any Supplemental Resources regarding procedures for Licensure: ----**

### **Reciprocity of Licenses:**

Since you do not need a license, having a bachelor diploma allows you to work as a psychologist.

### **Temporary/Short-Term Licenses (which are often needed for psychologists doing humanitarian work in foreign countries): ---**

### **Name and Website of the Licensing Body/Bodies To Which You Belong:**

Not licensed.

(\* We do not have licensure system, so I am not licensed)

## *Europe*

## *Belgium (2)*

**Professional title for a Practicing Psychologist:** Psychologist or Clinical psychologist

**Criteria, Regulations and Procedures to obtain a License:** Masters degree in clinical psychology (5 years) for the provisional license, then 1 year of supervised practice through a professional internship after which the final license is obtained at the regional (state) level.

License is covered in Belgium/ Flanders, for all kinds of modalities; the license of clinical psychologist allows for the autonomous exercise of clinical psychology: prevention, screening, psycho-diagnostic, counseling and treatment of psychosomatic and mental suffering.

**Any Supplemental Resources regarding procedures for Licensure:**

### Licensing Bodies

Commission of Psychologists [www.compsy.be](http://www.compsy.be)

Federal Public Service for Healthcare: <https://www.health.belgium.be/en/node/35295>

Flemish Agency for Care & Health: <https://www.zorg-en-gezondheid.be/erkenning-van-klinisch-psychologen-en-klinisch-orthopedagogen>

**Reciprocity of Licenses:** Not yet, licenses from abroad are always individually compared and validated. Sometimes additional training and/or internships are required.

**Temporary/Short-Term Licenses (which are often needed for psychologists doing humanitarian work in foreign countries):** No

## *Cyprus*

**Professional title for a Practicing Psychologist:** 5 Fields of Psychology: 1. Clinical Psychologist, 2. Counseling Psychologist, 3. Educational Psychologist, 4. Forensic Psychologist, 5. Industrial-Organizational Psychologist

**Criteria, Regulations and Procedures to obtain a License:**

1. BSc in Psychology (recognised by the responsible national board in Cyprus) &
2. A postgraduate degree in 1 of the 5 psychology fields recognised in Cyprus. The post-graduate degree should last at least 2 years (and be recognised by the responsible national board in Cyprus). It should also include 1000 practicum hours of which at least 500 hours are integral part of the curriculum. If there are remaining hours the candidate can apply for a supervised practicum in Cyprus in order to complete the 1000 hours.

Licensing body - <http://www.seps.org.cy>

**Any Supplemental Resources regarding procedures for Licensure: ---**

**Reciprocity of Licenses:** No, but there are provisions in the law for someone to apply for acquiring a license in Cyprus.

**Temporary/Short-Term Licenses (which are often needed for psychologists doing humanitarian work in foreign countries):** No, however the Council of Ministers has the authority for providing temporary/short-term licenses in Cyprus.

## *Faroe Islands*

**Professional title for a Practicing Psychologist:** Psychologist or authorized psychologist (if authorized)

**Criteria, Regulations and Procedures to obtain a License:** Because we don't have a psychology university degree in the Faroe Islands, we follow the Danish regulations and procedures. To obtain a license, a 5-year university master's degree is needed, and then minimum 2 years of clinical practice with supervision (website: <https://ast.dk/naevn/psykolognaevnet/authorisation-as-a-psychologist>). People are, however, allowed to practice without a license, but an authorization is preferred in most jobs. So most of the Faroese psychologists sooner or later obtain an authorization. Covers all modalities in Denmark and the Faroe Islands

Licensing body- Psykolognævnet in Denmark: [www.psykolognaevnet.dk](http://www.psykolognaevnet.dk)

**Any Supplemental Resources regarding procedures for Licensure:**

- <https://ast.dk/naevn/psykolognaevnet/authorisation-as-a-psychologist>
- <https://www.dp.dk/about-the-danish-psychological-association/>

**Reciprocity of Licenses:** If you have obtained a degree and license from a country other than Denmark, you would have to get the license assessed by the Danish authorities.

**Temporary/Short-Term Licenses (which are often needed for psychologists doing humanitarian work in foreign countries):** No

## *Finland*

**Professional title for a Practicing Psychologist:** Psychologist is the most common title (includes all clinical as well as counseling or consulting areas).

**Criteria, Regulations and Procedures to obtain a License:** Under Finnish law, licensing is granted to the following professions: physician, dentist, pharmacist, psychologist, speech therapist, dietician, dispenser, nurse, midwife, public health nurse, physiotherapist, medical laboratory technologist, radiographer, dental hygienist, occupational therapist, optician and dental technician (17 titles in total). The practice of these professions is restricted to licensed professionals only.

Licensing is granted, upon application, by the National Supervisory Authority for Welfare and Health ([https://www.valvira.fi/web/en/healthcare/professional\\_practice\\_rights](https://www.valvira.fi/web/en/healthcare/professional_practice_rights)). The laws regulating these standards can be found here:

<https://www.finlex.fi/en/laki/kaannokset/1994/en19940559>.

**Procedure:** When you get your Master's degree in Psychology from the Finnish university, you grant licensing from Valvira. The Finnish degree guarantees that you get it, because the degree has very high standards. The high quality of the education rests on cooperation with the six Finnish departments/sections of psychology through the Psykonet Network: <http://www.psykonet.fi/english>. Master's degree in Psychology consists of a minimum 300 ECTS, including 30 ECTS clinical practice. The practice part of studies is very important, and Valvira especially calls for that. If you study abroad, you must seek licensing from Valvira, before you can practice as a psychologist in Finland, and the licensing requires that your studies correspond to the studies here in Finland. If they don't, Valvira can demand some complementary studies or practical training.

**Licensing body:** The Finnish Psychological Association, but this does not offer official psychologist licensing. The licensing organization is called Valvira, National Supervisory Authority for Welfare and Health (<https://www.valvira.fi/web/en/front-page>).

**Any Supplemental Resources regarding procedures for Licensure:** Valvira grants the licensing, and the demands are very strict.

**Reciprocity of Licenses:** No, only persons to whom Valvira has granted the right to practice may work as licensed health care professionals.

**Temporary/Short-Term Licenses (which are often needed for psychologists doing humanitarian work in foreign countries):** No, Valvira does not allow short-term licenses.

*Greece*

**Professional title for a Practicing Psychologist:** Psychologist

**Criteria, Regulations and Procedures to obtain a License:** Degree in Psychology from an Institution recognized by the EC. Covered in European Community Countries; Licencing body - ELPSE <https://elpse.com/en/>

**Any Supplemental Resources regarding procedures for Licensure:** EC regulation on professional /academic qualification in Psychology

**Reciprocity of Licenses:** Yes

**Temporary/Short-Term Licenses (which are often needed for psychologists doing humanitarian work in foreign countries):** Yes

## *Hungary*

**Professional title for a Practicing Psychologist:** Clinical Psychologist, Applied Health Psychologist, Psychotherapist, Forensic Psychologist

### **Criteria, Regulations and Procedures to obtain a License:**

1. In Hungary, if one acquires an M.A. diploma in psychology, he/she can work in the field of healthcare professions only under strict supervision of a psychologist being registered in the operational registry of healthcare professionals. For that reason, the psychologist having an M.A. diploma shall conclude an employment contract with a healthcare service provider who ensures the required supervision.
2. A further requirement is that the psychologist having an M.A. diploma shall carry on postgraduate psychology studies in the field of healthcare professions, or at least commence such studies within 2 years from entering into the employment relationship with the given employer. (see: comments in 60/2003 ESzCsM ministerial decree, under profession code 7107 - The students having commenced or having undertaken to commence post-graduate studies within 2 years and working at a healthcare service provider under strict supervision, they shall notify the competent authority that holds the operational permit of the employer (healthcare service provider) on the commencement of work and shall submit the required data to the authority).
3. Summarizing the above, the psychologists having an M.A. diploma may work under supervision, as set out above, and shall – instead of being registered by ÁEEK – notify the competent authority issuing the operational permit of their employer. For the sake of clarity, besides the medical degrees, if one acquires a post-graduate diploma of clinical psychology, neuropsychology or applied health-psychology, he/she can be registered in the operational register of healthcare professionals, held by ÁEEK (to the basic register of healthcare professionals only the students having an M.A. diploma of medical studies are registered).
4. Additional Note: An individual holding a license in clinical psychology, applied health psychology and psychotherapy as well as in forensic psychology can work as a supervision for post graduate MA students in clinical and health psychology and psychotherapy as well.

The license is covered all over Europe for hypno-psychotherapy, and in Hungary for diagnostic work and psychotherapy, counseling, telemedicine etc.

### Licensing body

- <https://kereso.enkk.hu/>
- <https://ecp.europsyche.org/wstore/memberServlet>

**Any Supplemental Resources regarding procedures for Licensure:** Concerning the education and profession of psychologists The purpose of these questions is to clarify some questions relating to candidates with a master's degree in Clinical and Health Psychology from the ELTE-university.

1. *Hungarian legislation provides that anyone working in health care with clinical psychology must be a specialist in clinical psychology or under/committed to enter specialization and work under supervision. What does the supervision entail in practice? Are there any guidelines or other official documents that explains the content of this supervision?*

According to Hungarian legislation a psychologist with M.A. diploma can work at a healthcare service provider if he/she is committed to start the specialist clinical psychologist education within 2 years. Further to that working at a healthcare service provider (full or at least half time job) is a substantial prerequisite of starting specialist education. It is the healthcare service provider's responsibility to assign a properly educated senior staff member (specialist clinical psychologist) to provide supervision to the candidate at the workplace. The content of the supervision is not specified in any legal documents, neither for clinical psychology, nor for other healthcare professions. It is aimed at supporting the independently working psychologist by providing consultancy opportunities in different formats (individual consultation, case study discussion groups, etc.). According to the general regime within the field of Hungarian healthcare services the candidate, who already attends one of the specialized courses is provided with a supervisor, who has already a specialist diploma in the respective healthcare profession, and who has a valid registration as healthcare professional within the respective profession. As referred to above, the rules, content, conditions, etc. of supervision are not wet neither by law, nor by the professional rules of clinical psychology. According to this, the form of supervision may vary from case-by-case as it depends on the exact operational environment of the healthcare service provider. The healthcare service providers elaborate their own system for ensuring supervision for the candidates.

2. *Is it correct that the requirement of supervision is part of the employment regulation concerning healthcare establishments, and not part of the regulation of the psychologist's profession? Does the requirement concern an organizational matter at the workplace, rather than a patient safety issue?*

To provide supervision for the psychologist is part of the employment regulation (organizational matter). However, it of course contributes to the professional development of the candidate. As mentioned above, the requirement of supervision is a general one that obliges all healthcare professions.

3. *Does the requirement of supervision also apply to the private sector? Can a candidate with an MA. in Clinical and Health Psychology establish themselves in the private sector and diagnose and treat patients alone?*

A psychologist with an M.A. diploma obtained at Clinical and Health Psychology specialization can start working in a private practice as well, if the above described conditions are met. Private sector healthcare service providers are also part of the

Hungarian healthcare system; the Healthcare Act is applicable to any healthcare activity, irrespective of financial matters. All the enlisted activities can be done by the psychologist with the MA diploma if employed by a validly and lawfully operating healthcare service provider but a person entitled to do supervision should be assigned in these cases as well.

4. *Given the requirement on supervision, please explain the extent of responsibility and independence of the candidate with a master degree in clinical and health psychology within the health care services. Please specify whether they can work independently and alone, or only in collaboration with other health personnel. Can they determine a diagnosis alone, or must they consult or have approval from other health personnel, for instance a doctor?*

A psychologist with M.A. degree can do the same activities as a specialist clinical psychologist if he/she has a supervisor (specialist clinical psychologist); if he/she is having a full or at least half time employment at a lawfully and validly operating healthcare service provider and the candidate has committed his/herself to start the specialist clinical psychologist's education within 2 years, or already attends such specialized course. Such candidates can work as employees at a healthcare service provider under supervision. They can work independently to the extent it is allowed in the hierarchy of an employment.

5. *What are the requirements to enter practice under supervision and commit to a post-degree specialization as clinical psychologist in Hungary, besides a master degree in psychology? Is there for instance a language requirement?*

The requirements of specialist clinical psychologist's education (post-degree specialization) are as follows: to work in the healthcare system; the healthcare service provider shall provide supervision for the candidate; the candidate shall have the knowledge (that's included in the BA/MA curriculum) in certain diagnostic methods (MAWI, MMPI, Rorschach). No language requirements are in place according to our knowledge.

6. *According to the Internet pages of the ELTE University, acceptance into the English MA program Clinical and Health Psychology is closed for Hungarian citizens. What is the reason for this?*

According to our best knowledge the reason for this solution is merely technical and it is related to the application procedure and other administrative issues which are different in case of Hungarian and non-Hungarian citizens.

7. *Are there any aptitude tests before the titles psychologist or clinical psychologist are granted?*

This question falls rather within the competency of ELTE, but according to our knowledge no prior aptitude tests are taken before the certificate/diploma is provided. When someone starts working at a workplace it may be a requirement of the employer to pass a labor suitability test. It would even raise ethical concerns to introduce an aptitude test during the education and not before entering the health care system.

8. *Are there any differences in the qualifications of a clinical psychologist and a psychologist? If yes, please specify. Are there any differences in the activities they perform and if they can carry them out alone?*

As we have described, in Hungary, the clinical specialist can work independently without a supervisor and is licensed by the Medical Board (ENKK). He/She may apply for further vocational training, such as vocational training in psychotherapy, which is an upper level professional training course in our country. At the same time, it is obligatory for a clinical specialist to regularly undergo further training to maintain his/her license. Furthermore, also a clinical specialist has to have supervision in psychotherapy (such as hypnosis or relaxation psychotherapy) before acquiring the upper level diploma therein. However, he/she can already lead basic psychotherapy, such as crisis intervention, autogain training, life coaching or counseling on the basis of his/her clinical specialist diploma. The MA psychologist can work in the field of healthcare only under supervision and has to start his/her post graduate qualification within 2 years if he/she wants to work in the healthcare system. Until graduating as a clinical specialist, under supervision he/she can do the same activities as a clinical specialist.

**Reciprocity of Licenses:** There is a registration procedure in Europe and in Hungary as well, if someone has an M.A. diploma or any other degree in Psychology. The official registration procedure is led by "Oktatási Hivatal" (Education Office) in Hungary. In the USA the State's Medical Board gives the license, and examines the diplomas and the efficacy. A Hungarian clinical psychologist can apply for a medical license in the USA, if she/he has a PhD in the field. In other cases more postgraduate courses should be taken.

**Temporary/Short-Term Licenses (which are often needed for psychologists doing humanitarian work in foreign countries):** Generally humanitarian work is allowed with an M.A. psychology degree quite easily.

## *Ireland*

**Professional title for a Practicing Psychologist:** Clinical Counseling or Educational Psychologist

**Criteria, Regulations and Procedures to obtain a License:** Psychology is not a protected title or profession yet unfortunately. Our professional registration board is in the process of being set up but is not active as of yet. To work in the public health service as a psychologist you must have minimum educational and professional training criteria as judged by the psychological society of Ireland but this is not a requirement for private practice.

Covers all of Ireland and all modalities. Licensing body - [www.psychologicalsociety.ie](http://www.psychologicalsociety.ie)

**Any Supplemental Resources regarding procedures for Licensure:**

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/jobs/validation/>

**Reciprocity of Licenses:** To practice in the health service in Ireland your qualifications first have to be validated by an expert validation committee. There are no such requirements at present to work in private practice

**Temporary/Short-Term Licenses (which are often needed for psychologists doing humanitarian work in foreign countries):** Not for work in the health service

## *Italy*

### **Professional title for a Practicing Psychologist:** Forensic Psychologist

**Criteria, Regulations and Procedures to obtain a License:** In Italy, in order to join a Regional Order, the professional needs to take a specific exam (“Esame di Stato per Psicologi”, literally translated as “State Examination for Psychologists”). This examination is taken in front of a board of experts and academics, and can be taken after a 5 year-degree in Psychology and 1000 hrs of professional training. To become a psychotherapist an Italian psychologist needs to enroll in a psychotherapy school (4 years training). <https://www.psy.it/esame-di-stato-aggiornamenti.html> In Britain, to join the BPS one is required to have: a specific curriculum in which psychology is one of the key subjects studied and a professional training in a specific area of competence. There are three levels of membership: Chartered Membership (CPsychol), Graduate Membership, Student Membership.

Even though for a psychologist in Italy it is required that one joins a specific Regional Order of Psychologists, depending on where one is most likely to practice, the license to practice is national. The British Psychological Society allows a psychologist to practice around the country within his/her specific area of competence. In the case of both Italy and Britain a qualified psychologist is allowed to use tele-therapy combined with therapy face-to-face, individual or in-group.

Licensing body - Order of Psychologists of Piedmont (Italy).

**Any Supplemental Resources regarding procedures for Licensure:** EuroPsy is a qualification standard developed by the European Federation of Psychologists’ Associations (EFPA). Psychologists who meet the standard receive the EuroPsy Certificate and are listed in a public EuroPsy Register. The EuroPsy Certificate serves as a Professional Card that aims to facilitate the recognition of the psychologist’s qualifications in other European countries (EU Directive 2005/36/EC). <https://www.europsy.eu/>

**Reciprocity of Licenses:** In Italy the reciprocity of licenses is not automatic and it is assessed and approved at the level of the Minister of Health. In Britain psychologists' licenses in another country may be asked to integrate a specific area of competence. The EuroPsy system now makes it easier for psychologists graduated and trained in any part of Europe to practice in a different country if they have completed a specific university and training programme.

**Temporary/Short-Term Licenses (which are often needed for psychologists doing humanitarian work in foreign countries):** Professional Psychologists in Italy have a license to practice within their area of competence. It is most likely that those psychologists who do humanitarian work are specialized in emergency psychology. The Regional Order of Psychologists does not provide short-term licenses.

## *Macedonia*

### **Professional title for a Practicing Psychologist:**

Therapist, Clinical Psychologist

### **Criteria, Regulations and Procedures to obtain a License:**

<http://komoranapsiholoji.mk/%D0%B8%D0%B7%D0%B4%D0%B0%D0%B2%D0%B0%D1%9A%D0%B5-%D0%BD%D0%B0-%D0%BB%D0%B8%D1%86%D0%B5%D0%BD%D1%86%D0%B8/>

Per document:

1. Graduated psychologists are obliged to do a one-year internship and take a professional exam. **Follow this link for more information** : [Trainee Psychologists](#)
2. Psychologists who hold a general license (meet the criteria for a general license) and have: postgraduate education, specialization or specific education in psychotherapy, and perform a specific psychological activity, acquire the right to a **special license to perform a psychological activity**.

**THEY NEED TO ATTEND A CERTIFICATE FOR THE PROFESSIONAL TRAINING IN AN INSTITUTION WITH Adequate PROGRAM, TOGETHER WITH OST .**

### **Any Supplemental Resources regarding procedures for Licensure:**

Until now we did not have such a situation. And this is not provided in any document

### **Reciprocity of Licenses:**

Until now we did not have such a situation. And this is not provided in any document

### **Temporary/Short-Term Licenses (which are often needed for psychologists doing humanitarian work in foreign countries):**

Until now we did not have such a situation. And this is not provided in any document

### **Name and Website of the Licensing Body/Bodies To Which You Belong:**

<http://komoranapsiholoji.mk/> Chamber of psychologists of Macedonia,  
<https://www.eagt.org/joomla/index.php/eagt-home> , EAP <https://www.europsyche.org/>

(\*licensed in Macedonia, but also I am EAGT and EAP member)

## *Portugal*

### **Professional title for a Practicing Psychologist:**

Clinical psychologist

### **Criteria, Regulations and Procedures to obtain a License:**

Complete the master in psychology and have at least one year of supervised internship

### **Any Supplemental Resources regarding procedures for Licensure:**

<https://www.ordemdospsicologos.pt/en>

### **Reciprocity of Licenses:**

Yes. You have to prove experience in practice and validate your diploma.

This procedure in Portugal includes countries from outside the EU; as a professional psychologist from the EU, you can get a European Certificate that allows you to practice (in your field of speciality) in any European country and it has to be renewed from time to time. I've attached mine so you can see. But for psychologists from outside Europe, you have to validate your diploma (in Portugal it means your university degree in psychology plus a Master's degree, that is needed to practice) and then get the registration on OPP (Portugal Psychologists Board), once you can demonstrate at least 3 years of professional experience. That's what I've done, because I am originally from Brazil and got my degrees and first 15 years of experience there.

Registration on OPP is mandatory for all psychologists, even those from the EU.

### **Temporary/Short-Term Licenses (which are often needed for psychologists doing humanitarian work in foreign countries):**

No

### **Name and Website of the Licensing Body/Bodies To Which You Belong:**

CRP 12 (<http://www.crp.org.br>) and OPP (<https://www.ordemdospsicologos.pt/pt>)

(\*licensed in Brazil and Portugal)

Date of issue: 08 August 2019  
Registration Number: PT-059558-201908

This is to certify that

**Marucia Bardagi**

having demonstrated the required scientific knowledge and professional competences, and having agreed to abide by the principles of professional conduct set out in the Ethics Meta-Code of the European Federation of Psychologists' Associations (EFPA) and pledged to act in accordance with the national code of ethics of the country of practice

meets the requirements to be called

**Registered EuroPsy Psychologist**

and is hereby considered qualified for independent practice as a psychologist, within the field(s) of practice specified in the EuroPsy Register, and below, in any European Country in which the EFPA Member Association has accepted the EFPA Regulations on EuroPsy, in as far as there are no restrictions from national regulations in the country concerned.

We, the undersigned, have satisfied ourselves that the said evidence is in accordance with the EFPA Regulations on EuroPsy concerning the award of the EuroPsy Certificate in Psychology, approved by EFPA on July 10 2011.

This Certificate is valid until 08 August 2026

Field of practice:  
EDUCATION  
WORK & ORGANISATION

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Chair of the National Awarding Committee

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Member of the National Awarding Committee

## *Ukraine*

### **Professional title for a Practicing Psychologist:**

Usually psychologist

### **Criteria, Regulations and Procedures to obtain a License:**

Psychotherapy schools and institutes (private) decide their regulations on their own. There is no national regulatory system. Only specialists with medical degrees (psychiatrist, medical psychotherapist, medical psychologist, etc) have national license for medical practice. But psychological or psychotherapeutic practice - is a private institution issue.

### **Any Supplemental Resources regarding procedures for Licensure:**

I'm coordinator of the component of the project (Mental Health for Ukraine (MH4U) which is responsible for developing such regulations. So, we are developing legal procedures for licensing practitioner psychologists and psychotherapists. I'll be glad to explain the situation deeply.

### **Reciprocity of Licenses:**

Yes, but there is no legal procedure. Only for medical specialization.

### **Temporary/Short-Term Licenses (which are often needed for psychologists doing humanitarian work in foreign countries):**

Never heard about such practice in Ukraine. We have short-term programs, such as CETA. But no short-term license

### **Name and Website of the Licensing Body/Bodies To Which You Belong:**

Ukrainian Institute of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (<https://i-cbt.org.ua/>)

(\*licensed in Ukraine (there is no license for psychological practice in Ukraine))

## *United Kingdom*

### **Professional title for a Practicing Psychologist:**

Chartered Psychologist

### **Criteria, Regulations and Procedures to obtain a License:**

The UK requires a BPS accredited postgraduate degree and chartership with the British Psychological Society.

#### For UK applicants:

1. Must have achieved at least a 2:2 on an undergraduate honors degree (recognised as meeting Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership) or have completed a society-accredited conversion qualification
2. One of the following three options:
  - have undertaken society-accredited postgraduate qualifications and training
  - have appropriate postgraduate training and experience of teaching psychology
  - have completed psychology research to doctoral level

For Non-UK Applicants: There are two routes available for non-UK applicants to apply.

#### Route 1 - Traditional Study

Applicants must:

- hold a qualification, or a combination of qualifications, which provide eligibility for GBC
- hold an additional postgraduate qualification in psychology at least equivalent to a UK masters degree
- have relevant supervised training and experience undertaken outside the UK equivalent to UK professional doctorate level

#### Route 2 - Teaching/Research

Applicants must:

- hold a qualification, or a combination of qualifications, which provide eligibility for GBC
- have appropriate postgraduate training and experience of teaching psychology
- or have completed psychology research to doctoral level

### **Any Supplemental Resources regarding procedures for Licensure:**

Please refer to British Psychological Society (BPS) and Health & Care Professions Council (HCPC) websites

### **Reciprocity of Licenses:**

Overseas psychologists from any country in the world can register with the HCPC in the UK and use the protected 'practitioner psychologist' titles such as clinical psychologist or counseling

psychologist, thus qualifying them to practice in the UK (as per <https://www.imgconnect.co.uk/news/2020/06/hcpc-route-to-the-uk-a-guide-for-overseas-psychologists/76>) .

**Temporary/Short-Term Licenses (which are often needed for psychologists doing humanitarian work in foreign countries):**

No

**Name and Website of the Licensing Body/Bodies To Which You Belong:**

Health & Care Professions Council (HCPC) <https://www.hcpc-uk.org>; British Psychological Society (BPS) [www.bps.org.uk](http://www.bps.org.uk)

## *North America*

## *Bahamas*

**Professional title for a Practicing Psychologist:** Licensed Clinical Psychologist

**Criteria, Regulations and Procedures to obtain a License:** Complete the application form, attach the supporting documents and submit with fees. Covers all modalities in The Bahamas - private and public.

**Any Supplemental Resources regarding procedures for Licensure:**

- Licensing Body: Health Professionals Council  
[www.bahamas.gov.bs/wps/wcm/connect/mof\\_content](http://www.bahamas.gov.bs/wps/wcm/connect/mof_content)

**Reciprocity of Licenses:** No

**Temporary/Short-Term Licenses (which are often needed for psychologists doing humanitarian work in foreign countries):** No/Unknown

## ***Bermuda***

**Professional title for a Practicing Psychologist:** Clinical Psychologist, Counseling Psychologists, Forensic Psychologist

**Criteria, Regulations and Procedures to obtain a License:** Bermuda does not have the authority to license individuals as practitioners do not sit a board examination. We register individuals to practice as psychologists. They must submit a host of notified documents:

1. They have successfully completed a program of academic training in Psychology at an institution approved by the Council; it should be an accredited program of study.
2. they have completed 1,000 hours of relevant experience with a registered psychologist in Bermuda or (where supervised abroad) an equivalent person as determined by the Council\*\*;
3. they have completed at least 500 of those 1,000 hours after completion of the academic training\*\*;
4. they have currency of professional knowledge and skills, as demonstrated by: a. at least 100 hours of psychological services per year in two of the three years preceding this application; or b. such evidence relating to refresher programmes or professional development as may be accepted by the Council; and 5. they have evidence of good character, provide police records, letters of recommendations (see [www.gov.bm/psychology](http://www.gov.bm/psychology))

Licensing body: Bermuda Psychologists Council ([Bdapsychcouncil@gov.bm](mailto:Bdapsychcouncil@gov.bm))

**Any Supplemental Resources regarding procedures for Licensure: --**

**Reciprocity of Licenses:** No

**Temporary/Short-Term Licenses (which are often needed for psychologists doing humanitarian work in foreign countries):** Yes

## *Canada*

**Professional title for a Practicing Psychologist:** Licensed Psychologist, Registered Psychologist, Psychologist, Clinical Psychologist

### **Criteria, Regulations and Procedures to obtain a License:**

- Undergraduate degree in Psychology; membership of the British Psychological Association recommended, not mandatory. Application to Doctoral training in Clinical Psychology, this takes three years. Typically this does not occur following undergraduate although it is possible. You must apply to be an Assistant Psychologist, either in a clinical or researcher setting; typically there will be four years in this setting prior to entering doctoral training. Following qualification applicants must apply for entry to the Health Professional Council (HPC). Two Clinical Psychologist referees may be needed.
  
- You must have a Ph.D in Clinical Psychology from a Canadian Psychological Association accredited program (which includes some course requirements and minimal supervision hours requirement). Once Ph.D complete you must pass the EPPP (Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology) Licensing Exam (a standard score of 500 or above): <https://www.asppb.net/page/EPPPSignup>. You have to do another full year of supervised practice POST completion of Ph.D. and then finally you must pass an oral exam focused on ethical practice and practice areas. The rules have recently changed. You used to only need a Master's degree but that required 3 years of post-graduate supervised practice instead of one year. Resource link:  
<https://www.cpnb.ca/en/definitions/guidelines-for-licensing/>;  
<https://www.cpmb.ca/documents/GUIDELINES%20FOR%20APPLICANTS%20for%20REGISTRATION.pdf>
  
- There are no national standards for licensing in Canada. The practice of psychology is regulated by provincial/territorial bodies. Licensure to practice is granted by regulatory bodies in each Canadian jurisdiction. Due to the Agreement on Internal Trade, mobility across jurisdictions is no longer an issue in Canada.
  - Overview of the situation in Canada: <https://cpa.ca/practice/practiceregulation/>
  - Listing of all the provincial and territorial licensing requirements: <https://cpa.ca/accreditation/PTlicensingrequirements/>
  - Link to the territorial bodies: <https://cpa.ca/public/whatisapsychologist/regulatorybodies/>

### Licensing bodies:

- College of Psychologists of New-Brunswick [www.cpnb.ca](http://www.cpnb.ca)
- College of Psychologists of Ontario <http://www.cpo.on.ca/>
- College of Alberta Psychologists <https://www.cap.ab.ca/>
- Saskatchewan college of Psychologists [www.skcp.ca](http://www.skcp.ca)
- Canadian Psychological Association, [www.cpa.ca](http://www.cpa.ca)

- College of Psychologists of BC: <https://collegeofpsychologists.bc.ca/>

Modalities covered:

- New Brunswick (any modality), and Atlantic provinces (NS, PEI, NL) for online and tele-therapy. Must register in other provinces to provide services to clients in other jurisdictions. Some sharing through Maritime provinces - only need to notify them, as opposed to having to pay fees/set exams.
- Manitoba: Psychologists can use in-person or telepsychology (i.e., telephone, video conference) options, although the latter was uncommon prior to COVID-19 concerns. In Manitoba, obligations surrounding the use and collection of personal information, including personal health information (PHI), is governed by both the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA) and The Personal Health Information Act (PHIA). While these Acts have some things in common with the US legislation, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), Manitobans are not governed by HIPAA and the legislative schemes are not the same. In Manitoba, the obligation is to ensure that you have taken reasonable steps to protect the privacy and security of the information collected or within your custody or control.

**Any Supplemental Resources regarding procedures for Licensure:**

- New Brunswick: If you are educated and registered as a psychologist outside of Canada and wish to become licensed in New Brunswick, you will need to apply to CPNB for Interim Membership by completing the Interim Forms above (Application for Interim Member and Reference Form for Interim Member). You will also need to have your academic credentials to be evaluated so that we may see they are equivalent to a Canadian academic credential. World Education Services (WES) is the organization we recommend for you to use for academic credential evaluations. Their website is <https://www.wes.org/ca>. You need to apply for the Course-by-Course ICAP Evaluation Report and select CPNB as a recipient. Once WES have evaluated your academic credentials, WES will send CPNB your evaluation report and the authenticated academic documents. If you have any questions about CPNB, please contact Renée Turner, Assistant Registrar, at [renee.turner@cpnb.ca](mailto:renee.turner@cpnb.ca). If you need to contact WES, please submit your questions at <https://www.wes.org/ca/contact-us>.
- Association of Canadian Psychology Regulatory Organizations: <http://www.acpro-aocrp.ca/>
- Courtesy Register (Temporary) Recognition of Internationally Registered Applicants
- Eligibility for Registration by Reciprocity: <https://www.cpmc.ca/documents/Information%20on%20Reciprocity.pdf>

**Reciprocity of Licenses:**

- There is a reciprocity agreement across the Canadian provinces and territories. <https://cpa.ca/documents/MRA.pdf>
- Some provinces have different educational requirements for licensure (e.g., master's

degree versus doctoral degree). There has been a push to make them uniform across Canada as people would get licensed in a province with master's level requirements and then move. There is less reciprocity for people coming to Canada from other countries. Canada has some of the highest standards internationally.

- For those trained in psychology outside of Canada, and who want to move to a Canadian jurisdiction to practice psychology, it is highly recommended that they contact the regulatory body in the jurisdiction in which they want to practice to determine if they have the necessary qualifications for registration. The College or Association of the province would need to be contacted before practice and most provinces would require you to complete an oral examination with them before practicing.

**Temporary/Short-Term Licenses (which are often needed for psychologists doing humanitarian work in foreign countries):**

- Canada does not operate as a whole. It depends on the actual province (e.g. Alberta provides short term licenses).
- Application must be made in the state in which temporary work is being contemplated.

*Cuba*

**Professional title for a Practicing Psychologist:**

Clinical and Health Psychologist

**Criteria, Regulations and Procedures to obtain a License:**

I finished licensed in Psychology in University of the Rostov of Don, Russia. And in Cuba everybody have option work after finish University. This is regulation in my country.

**Any Supplemental Resources regarding procedures for Licensure:**

Currently Term Scholar University of Connecticut UCONN. Post Doc in Institute for Collaboration on Health, Intervention and Policy INCHIP to conduct research in the field of Psychology

**Reciprocity of Licenses:**

My PhD degree was recognized in Ukraine and Europa

**Temporary/Short-Term Licenses (which are often needed for psychologists doing humanitarian work in foreign countries):**

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**Name and Website of the Licensing Body/Bodies To Which You Belong:**

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## *Jamaica*

**Professional title for a Practicing Psychologist:** Clinical, Counseling, Applied-Social, Education or School Psychologist and Professional Counselor and Mental Health Practitioner (latter to be added soon).

**Criteria, Regulations and Procedures to obtain a License:** Submission of documentation: diploma, transcript, log of supervised hours, passport size photo, application form, police record, references. **Covers** Jamaica and Cayman - both tele-therapy and face to face

**Licensing body** - [www.cpsmja.com](http://www.cpsmja.com); [www.dhrs.gov.ky/](http://www.dhrs.gov.ky/)

**Any Supplemental Resources regarding procedures for Licensure:** --

**Reciprocity of Licenses:** No

**Temporary/Short-Term Licenses (which are often needed for psychologists doing humanitarian work in foreign countries):** Yes there is a short term volunteer license available from any country as long as they are licensed elsewhere, no restrictions on country, just requires approval from the Council especially the perusal of the Psychology rep.

## *Nicaragua*

### **Professional title for a Practicing Psychologist:**

Psicología clínica (clinical psychologist)

### **Criteria, Regulations and Procedures to obtain a License:**

To study for a bachelor's degree for 5 Years at the university, once you have obtained a bachelor's degree in psychology, you enroll in the MINSA and receive the code.

Website: [www.minsa.gob.ni](http://www.minsa.gob.ni)

### **Any Supplemental Resources regarding procedures for Licensure:**

The Law does not allow or prohibit it, they are gaps that must be worked in Nicaragua

### **Reciprocity of Licenses:**

If it is allowed

### **Temporary/Short-Term Licenses (which are often needed for psychologists doing humanitarian work in foreign countries):**

If it is allowed

### **Name and Website of the Licensing Body/Bodies To Which You Belong:**

In Nicaragua it is regulated by the ministry of health, MINSA

## *Panama*

### **Professional title for a Practicing Psychologist:**

Psicólogo general (general psychologist)

### **Criteria, Regulations and Procedures to obtain a License:**

ley de psicólogos ley 55 de 2002 (law of psychologists, law 55 of 2002)

<https://docs.panama.justia.com/federales/leyes/55-de-2002-dec-6-2002.pdf>

### **Any Supplemental Resources regarding procedures for Licensure:**

[https://www.gacetaoficial.gob.pa/pdfTemp/28723\\_B/GacetaNo\\_28723b\\_20190227.pdf](https://www.gacetaoficial.gob.pa/pdfTemp/28723_B/GacetaNo_28723b_20190227.pdf)

### **Reciprocity of Licenses:**

To be able to practice in Panama, it is necessary to be Panamanian, have a degree in Psychology, and have professional qualifications. Practicing in other countries depends on the legal norms that the country has.

### **Temporary/Short-Term Licenses (which are often needed for psychologists doing humanitarian work in foreign countries):**

No

### **Name and Website of the Licensing Body/Bodies To Which You Belong:**

Asociación panameña de psicólogos, correo (email): [presidenteapp@gmail.com](mailto:presidenteapp@gmail.com)

Consejo Técnico de Psicología: [info@ctppanama.com](mailto:info@ctppanama.com); <https://ctppanama.com/>

## *United States*

### **Professional title for a Practicing Psychologist: Psychologist**

#### **Criteria, Regulations and Procedures to obtain a License:**

It is recommended to see the respective websites of each state in the U.S., as the licensing criteria for the different states are very detailed and differ greatly from one state to another. Most states in the U.S. require at minimum, a doctoral degree in psychology and a certain number of hours of practice, but the hours of practice vary by state. The National Register is a good source for information on requirements by state.

To practice psychology in a state, province or territory (jurisdiction) of the U.S. or Canada, an individual must be licensed or registered as a psychologist according to the laws and regulations in effect in that particular jurisdiction. The legal basis for licensure lies in the right of a jurisdiction to enact legislation to protect its citizens - in this case to identify qualified psychologists and to discipline or remove from practice incompetent or unethical psychologists. Licensure as a psychologist generally involves meeting requirements in three areas: education, examination(s), and supervised experience.

#### **Education**

Licensure for the independent practice of psychology requires a doctoral degree in psychology in most states, provinces, and territories of the U.S. and Canada. About half the states, provinces and territories also have a category of licensure for the practice of psychology under the supervision of a doctoral level licensed psychologist, often called Psychological Associate, which usually requires at least a master's degree in psychology. Degrees must be obtained from programs that meet specific criteria, such as regional accreditation and certain course work requirements, set out in laws and regulations.

#### **Examinations**

Sixty two states, provinces and territories in the U.S. and Canada require licensure applicants to pass the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP). The content of the EPPP is based on results of a survey of practicing psychologists in the U.S. and Canada that was completed in 2010 and is used to determine the knowledge about the field of psychology that an entry-level psychologist should have to practice competently.

Many states and provinces require a jurisprudence examination (i.e., an examination covering the laws and rules governing the practice of psychology in that jurisdiction) and/or an oral examination in addition to the EPPP. Information on which jurisdictions require supplemental examinations, as well as other licensure-related information, is available in [PSY|Book](#).

#### **Supervised Experience**

Psychology licensure requires supervised experience, in the majority of jurisdictions, one year during the doctoral program (internship in most cases) and another year after receipt

of the doctoral degree ("postdoc"). Most states, provinces and territories have specific criteria that must be met for supervised experience to qualify.

**Any Supplemental Resources regarding procedures for Licensure:**

The following website (<http://psybook.asppb.org>) has multiple resources and websites that detail the specific criteria for 50 states in the US.

**Reciprocity of Licenses:**

It depends. Each state is different. Please see the website of each respective state licensing board. PSYCPACT is currently working on allowing reciprocity across different states, but not outside of the country. Working in federal systems also allows reciprocity across different states, but more specific information can be inquired across systems.

**Temporary/Short-Term Licenses (which are often needed for psychologists doing humanitarian work in foreign countries):**

It depends on the state.

**Name and Website of the Licensing Body/Bodies To Which You Belong:**

Belonging to a licensing body is not an option in the U.S. since licensing bodies are not membership organizations. However, psychologists can be members of the American Psychological Association (APA), state psychological associations, or other psychological organizations, however, none of which are licensing bodies.

## *Oceania*

## *Australia*

**Professional title for a Practicing Psychologist:** Psychologist

**Criteria, Regulations and Procedures to obtain a License:** Minimum of 4 year degree in psychology plus 2 years supervised practice. License covers all cities, states and online therapy in Australia.

**Any Supplemental Resources regarding procedures for Licensure:**

- Licensing body: <https://www.ahpra.gov.au/>
- Pathways to Registration:  
<https://www.psychologyboard.gov.au/Registration/General.aspx>
- Forms: <https://www.psychologyboard.gov.au/Registration/Forms.aspx>.

**Reciprocity of Licenses:** No, but you can apply to be recognized. Resource as listed above:  
<https://www.psychologyboard.gov.au/Registration/General.aspx>

**Temporary/Short-Term Licenses (which are often needed for psychologists doing humanitarian work in foreign countries):** Not offered

## *Fiji*

**Professional title for a Practicing Psychologist:** Counselor, Psychologist

**Criteria, Regulations and Procedures to obtain a License:** None currently - counselors generally work within social and community development roles or NGO medical services. There are only a handful of full 'psychologists' working in the region. Two in-country qualifications for counseling - the largest one is a pre-bachelors foundation diploma in counseling which is recognised for school and pastoral counselors; some universities also run a post graduate diploma in psychology which includes courses in counseling (not practicum), this covers those who go into community counseling. Others will train overseas in 'proper' masters routes and return. No licensing or regulations yet, but the government is tabling proposals to introduce regulation of all counseling services which would then fall under the role of the Fiji Psychological Society. It is intended to work towards master's level and supervision pathways but will take time

**Any Supplemental Resources regarding procedures for Licensure:** This would be based on the regulations of the employers themselves currently

**Reciprocity of Licenses:** Yes, by default because there is no licensing here yet. However, individual employers may have their own regulations and requirements.

**Temporary/Short-Term Licenses (which are often needed for psychologists doing humanitarian work in foreign countries):** N/A

## *New Zealand (2)*

### **Professional title for a Practicing Psychologist:**

Registered Psychologist (this shows the minimum level of competence. With additional training psychologists register as specialists in clinical, educational, community, etc.)

### **Criteria, Regulations and Procedures to obtain a License:**

Supervised Training; qualifications, experience criteria all specified in NZ regulations and Act. Compliance with Health Practitioners competence assurance Act.

Registered Psychologist - A minimum of a Master's degree in Psychology from an accredited educational organization, or an equivalent qualification. Eligibility for a general scope of practice requires a Board approved practicum or internship involving 1500 hours of supervised practice.

Specialist Scope (Clinical, educational, etc.) - A minimum of a Master's degree in Psychology from an accredited educational organization and an accredited [specialist qualification entered here], or equivalent qualification. Eligibility for a [name of specialist scope entered here] Psychologist scope of practice shall require a Board approved practicum or internship involving 1500 hours of supervised practice.

### **Any Supplemental Resources regarding procedures for Licensure:**

<http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1997/0060/latest/DLM410793.html>

<http://www.psychologistsboard.org.nz/registration-information2#Info%204%20o/s>

[http://www.psychologistsboard.org.nz/cms\\_show\\_download.php?id=595](http://www.psychologistsboard.org.nz/cms_show_download.php?id=595)

### **Reciprocity of Licenses:**

There is a reciprocal agreement with Australia that allows registration in each country. Others are approved on a case-by-case basis on the grounds of "substantial equivalence" of qualifications, training and experience.

In New Zealand (we have a trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition Agreement between NZ and Australia which means if I am registered in NZ I can also work in Australia).

### **Temporary/Short-Term Licenses (which are often needed for psychologists doing humanitarian work in foreign countries):**

No information available

### **Name and Website of the Licensing Body/Bodies to Which You Belong:**

NZ Psychologists Board - <http://www.psychologistsboard.org.nz>

(\*licensed in New Zealand)

## *Samoa*

**Professional title for a Practicing Psychologist:** Psychologist or Clinical psychologist

**Criteria, Regulations and Procedures to obtain a License:** To the best of my knowledge there are no clinical psychologists working in Samoa, so it is highly doubtful that there are any licensing requirements in place.

**Any Supplemental Resources regarding procedures for Licensure:** —

**Reciprocity of Licenses:** No licensing criteria in Samoa.

**Temporary/Short-Term Licenses (which are often needed for psychologists doing humanitarian work in foreign countries):**

No licensing criteria in Samoa.

## *South America*

## *Peru*

### **Professional title for a Practicing Psychologist:**

Clinical psychologist

### **Criteria, Regulations and Procedures to obtain a License:**

A 5 year university degree ("Licenciatura" which is the professional title) in psychology, registry of professional degree from SUNEDU (The National Superintendence of Higher Education for Universities), proof of the authenticity of the signature on the professional degree, four (04) copies of the professional degree (one has to be certified by the General Secretary of the University with no more than 1 year of issuance, one has to be notarized by a Notary Public with no more than 6 months of issuance and two are simple copies), 03 passport photos with a white background (men in suit and tie and women in blouse and suit jacket, \*no glasses\*), 1 copy of the Bachelors Diploma (which is obtained after 5 years of study but before submittal of dissertation) certified by the General Secretary of the issuing University (no more than 1 year since issuance), 1 copy of transcripts certified by the General Secretary of the university (no more than 1 year since issuance), 1 legible and legalized copy of the person's ID (Documento Nacional de Identificación-"DNI") or a legalized copy of the passport (for foreigners)-both must not be expired, a current copy of criminal record, 02 forms that are downloaded from the School of Psychologist's website "Anexo 02 y 03" (one is a letter to the Dean and another is an Affidavit), proof of participation in a course given by the School of Psychologists and payment in cash of S/.387.00 (Peruvian Soles) in the National branch and of S/. 903.00 (Peruvian Soles) in cash in the regional branch (Lima & Callao). Both receipts as proof of payment must be kept and presented.

### **Any Supplemental Resources regarding procedures for Licensure:**

Legal Statutes ([http://www.cpsp.pe/documentos/marco\\_legal/estatuto\\_nacional.pdf](http://www.cpsp.pe/documentos/marco_legal/estatuto_nacional.pdf))

### **Reciprocity of Licenses:**

No. A foreigner with a degree from their country must go to a Peruvian University to have their degree validated and then go to SUNEDU. They then go to the School of Psychologists to go through the above mentioned process.

### **Temporary/Short-Term Licenses (which are often needed for psychologists doing humanitarian work in foreign countries):**

No.

### **Name and Website of the Licensing Body/Bodies To Which You Belong:**

Colegio de Psicólogos del Peru (C.Ps.P.) / <http://cpsp-lima.com>

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