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NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Health and Hospitals
Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

Continuing Education
(LAC 46:LXIII. Chapter 8)

In accordance with R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Administrative Procedure Act, the Department of Health and Hospitals, State Board of Examiners of Psychologists hereby notices its intent to modify LAC 46:LXIII.Chapter 8, Continuing Education, Section 811 Extensions/Exemptions. This modification provides for an exemption for Emeritus licenses until 2015 and 2016. Emeritus licensees who hold an odd license will begin accruing continuing education hours on July 1, 2015 and will report by June 30, 2017. Emeritus licensees who hold an even license will begin accruing continuing education hours on July 1, 2016 and will report by June 30, 2018.

Continuing Education
(LAC 46:LXIII. Chapter 8)

§811. Extensions/Exemptions

A. Licensees on extended active military service outside the state of Louisiana during the applicable reporting period and who do not engage in delivering psychological services within the state of Louisiana may be granted in extension or an exemption if the board receives a timely confirmation of such status.

B. Licensees who are unable to fulfill the requirement because of illness or other personal hardship may be granted an extension or an exemption if timely confirmation of such status is received by the board.

C. Newly licensed psychologists are exempt from continuing professional development requirements for the remainder of the year for which their license or certification is granted.

D. Emeritus licensees will be exempt until reporting periods beginning July 1, 2015 and July 1, 2016.



AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:2354.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Examiners of Psychologists, LR 19:47 (January 1993), amended LR 32:1229 (July 2006), (February 2015)

Family Impact Statement

The State Board of Examiners of Psychologists hereby issues this Family Impact Statement as set forth in R.S. 49:972. The proposed rule and adoption of the rule related Emeritus licensees is being implemented to guarantee the licensing authority can safeguard the public welfare of this state and will have no known foreseeable impact on

the stability of the family; authority and rights of parents regarding the education and supervision of their children; functioning of the family; family earnings and family budget; behavior and personality responsibility of children; or the ability of the family or a local government to perform the function as contained in the proposed rule.

Poverty Impact Statement

The proposed Rule creates a new rule, LAC 46:LXIII. Chapter 8. The Rule should not have any known or foreseeable impact on any child, individual or family as defined by R.S. 49:973.B. In particular, there should be no known or foreseeable effect on:

1. the effect on household income, assets, and financial security;
2. the effect on early childhood development and preschool through postsecondary education development;
3. the effect on employment and workforce development;
4. the effect on taxes and tax credits;
5. the effect on child and dependent care, housing, health care, nutrition, transportation, and utilities assistance.

Provider Impact Statement

The proposed Rule should not have any known or foreseeable impact on providers as defined by HCR 170 of 2014 Regular Legislative Session. In particular, there should be no known or foreseeable effect on:

1. the effect on the staffing level requirements or qualifications required to provide the same level of service;
2. the total direct and indirect effect on the cost to the providers to provide the same level of service; or
3. the overall effect on the ability of the provider to provide the same level of service.

Public Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments to Kelly Parker, Executive Director, 8706 Jefferson Highway, Suite B, Baton Rouge, LA 70809. All comments must be submitted by 12 noon on March 5, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,

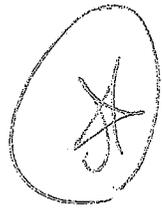

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Executive Director

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C. Documentation. Each licensee shall retain corroborative documentation of his or her continuing professional development for two years. Although this documentation is not routinely required as part of the licensee's submission, the board may, at its discretion, request such documentation. Any misrepresentation of continuing professional development will be cause for disciplinary action by the board.

D. Biennial Reporting Period. Psychologists holding even numbered licenses must submit to the board, in even numbered years, their continuing professional development report along with their license renewal form. Psychologists holding odd numbered licenses must submit to the board, in odd numbered years, their continuing professional development report along with their license renewal form. Continuing professional development reports shall be due July 1, and considered delinquent at the close of business July 31, in the year in which their continuing professional development report is due.

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§813. Noncompliance

A. Noncompliance shall include, in part, incomplete reports, unsigned reports, failure to file a report, and failure to report a sufficient number of acceptable continuing professional development credits as defined in LAC 46:LXIII.803.

B. Failure to fulfill the requirements of the continuing professional development rule shall cause the license to lapse pursuant to R.S. 37:2357.

C. If the licensee fails to meet continuing professional development requirements by the appropriate date, the license shall be regarded as lapsed at the close of business July 31 of the year for which the licensee is seeking renewal.

D. The State Board of Examiners of Psychologists shall serve written notice of noncompliance on a licensee determined to be in noncompliance. The notice will invite the licensees to request a hearing with the board or its representative to claim an