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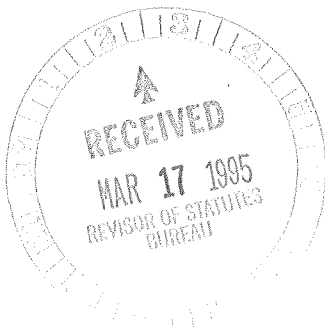
CERTIFICATE

**STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF REGULATION AND LICENSING**

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

I, Alfred J. Hall, Jr., Director, Bureau of Health Service Professions in the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing and custodian of the official records of the Psychology Examining Board, do hereby certify that the annexed rules were duly approved and adopted by the Psychology Examining Board on the 17th day of March, 1995.

I further certify that said copy has been compared by me with the original on file in this office and that the same is a true copy thereof, and of the whole of such original.

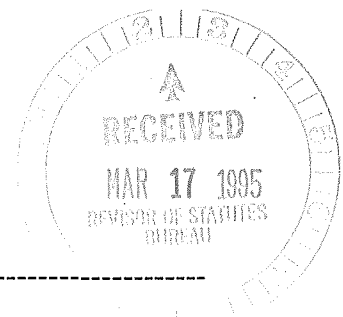


IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the board at 1400 East Washington Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin this 17th day of March, 1995.

Alfred J. Hall, Jr.

**Alfred J. Hall, Jr., Director
Psychology Examining Board,
Department of Regulation and
Licensing**

6-1-95



STATE OF WISCONSIN
PSYCHOLOGY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF RULE-MAKING : ORDER OF THE
PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE : PSYCHOLOGY EXAMINING BOARD
PSYCHOLOGY EXAMINING BOARD : ADOPTING RULES
: (CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 94-140)

ORDER

An order of the Psychology Examining Board to repeal Psy 2.09 (1) (b), 2.10 and 2.11; to renumber Psy 2.09 (1) (a) (intro.), 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, (2), (3) and (4); and to create Psy 2.09 (2) relating to requirements for licensure for persons holding a doctoral degree in an area related to psychology and for persons holding a master's degree in psychology.

Analysis prepared by the Department of Regulation and Licensing.

ANALYSIS

Statutes authorizing promulgation: ss. 15.08 (5) (b) and 227.11 (2), Stats.

Statutes interpreted: s. 455.04 (1), Stats.

In this proposed rule-making order, the Psychology Examining Board repeals ss. Psy 2.09 (1) (b), 2.10 and 2.11 that allow for the consideration of psychology licensure for persons with master's degrees or doctoral degrees other than doctoral degrees in psychology. This change does not eliminate licensure of persons having academic training or specialized experience which, in the opinion of the board, is equivalent to a doctoral degree in psychology.

The board determined that offering licensure as psychologists to individuals with a master's degree in psychology or a doctoral degree in an area related to psychology once served a purpose in protecting the consumers of mental health services. Licensing this class of practitioners would bring them under the jurisdiction of either the Department of Regulation and Licensing or one of the regulatory authorities it provides administrative services to, and subject them to reasonable rules of conduct. With the recently enacted law for the certification of social workers, marriage and family therapists and professional counselors, mental health practitioners who do not have a doctoral degree in psychology are still able to pursue a license for the independent practice in their field. As such, these practitioners would still fall under the jurisdiction of the department or the appropriate regulatory authorities. The result is adequate protection of the consumer.

While it was not uncommon for individuals to pursue a master's degree in psychology as a terminal degree to their education 20 years ago, this is rarely done at this point. Indeed, most graduate programs in psychology no longer offer this option. It is generally felt that the scope of information and training needed to practice as a psychologist (whether in the private or academic

setting) generally demands a doctoral degree. Offering psychology licensure to these individuals no longer reflects the development of the field.

Currently licensure as a psychologist with a master's degree is available in Wisconsin, Alberta, Missouri (being phased out), Nova Scotia, Pennsylvania (until December 3, 1995), and Quebec. No other states or provinces allow for licensing of these individuals. Other than Wisconsin, there are only two *states* that allow for licensing of individuals without a doctoral degree in psychology, and both of these states are phasing this out as an option.

Current licensees would be unaffected by the rule changes, regardless of their degree status. For a number of years there have been no new applications by applicants with a master's degree in psychology. The number of new applications by individuals holding a doctoral degree related to psychology has been dropping very significantly, particularly since the advent of the Examining board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors. Therefore, the number of practitioners affected by this change is likely to be quite small.

TEXT OF RULE

SECTION 1. Psy 2.09 (1) (a) (intro.), 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 are renumbered Psy 2.09 (1) (intro.), (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i) and (j).

SECTION 2. Psy 2.09 (1) (b) is repealed.

SECTION 3. Psy 2.09 (2), (3) and (4) are renumbered 2.09 (3), (4) and (5).

SECTION 4. Psy 2.09 (2) is created to read:

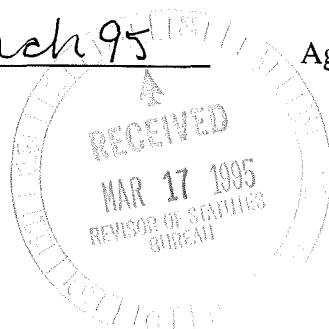
Psy 2.09 (2) EXEMPTION. Psychologists licensed under former ss. Psy 2.09 (1) (b), 2.10 and 2.11 shall not be affected by repeal of these sections.

SECTION 5. Psy 2.10 and 2.11 are repealed.

(END OF TEXT OF RULE)

The rules adopted in this order shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin administrative register pursuant to s. 227.22 (2) (intro.), Stats.

Dated 17 March 95 Agency Stephen J Seaman, Ph.D. / R.J.H.
Chairperson
Psychology Examining Board



CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

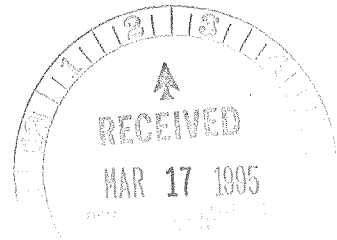
STATE OF WISCONSIN

DATE: March 17, 1995

TO: Gary Poulson
Assistant Revisor of Statutes

FROM: Pamela A. Haack, Rules Center Coordinator
Department of Regulation and Licensing
Office of Administrative Rules

SUBJECT: Final Rule-Making Order



Agency: PSYCHOLOGY EXAMINING BOARD

Clearinghouse Rule: 94-140

Attached is a copy and a certified copy of a final order adopting rules. Would you please publish these rules in the code.

Please stamp or sign a copy of this letter to acknowledge receipt.

Thank you.