

Application Requirements for Licensure as a Psychologist in Mississippi

Before submitting an application, applicants should review the Mississippi Board of Psychology's Rules and Regulations to make certain they meet all the education requirements for licensure in Mississippi. Application fees are not refundable, even if applicants do not meet licensure requirements.

The Mississippi Board of Psychology utilizes the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) Psychology Licensure Universal System (PLUS) application. As a result, the application process will provide applicants with a permanent record of the application and supporting documents that will be retrievable from ASPPB in the future.

The licensure application requirements and process are as follows.

Applicant will submit the Initial Request to Start Application Process form.

Applicant will submit the 300.00 Application Fee. Application fees are not refundable, and checks returned for insufficient funds will be assessed a service charge.

Applicant will submit the \$50.00 Criminal Background Check Fee. Fees are not refundable, and checks returned for insufficient funds will be assessed a service charge.

Upon receipt of the Criminal Background Check Fee, the Board will mail a fingerprint card to the applicant.

Applicant will complete the fingerprint card for criminal background check and submit the fingerprint card to the Board office (Mississippi Board of Psychology, PO Box 20, Jackson, MS 39205).

Upon receipt of the complete fingerprint card, the Board will send the fingerprint card to the Department of Public Safety for processing.

Once all documents, fees, and the clear criminal background check report have been received by the Board, the applicant's information will be submitted to ASPPB where the remainder of the application process will occur. ASPPB will contact the applicant directly, and the applicant will complete the PLUS application. ASPPB will review and verify the application and all required supporting documents. Following their review, ASPPB will notify the Board that the application is complete and verified.

For applicants never licensed previously, the Board will notify applicants of their eligibility to register for the Examination for Professional Practice of Psychology (EPPP). If applicants have a disability and require an examination accommodation, they should contact the Board office for a MSBOP Request for Examination Accommodations form. The applicant must pass the EPPP with or without accommodations.

The Board will notify the applicant of their eligibility to take the Oral Examination and Jurisprudence Examination. The Oral Examination is conducted by the Board, and the administration dates are available on the Board website. The Jurisprudence Examination is an open-book examination and is completed online. The applicant must pass the Oral Examination and Jurisprudence Examination.

After all the licensing requirements have been met and procedures have been completed and the applicant has been found to possess the qualifications necessary to be licensed as a psychologist under the Laws of Mississippi, the Board shall issue a license under the sign and seal of the Board.

The Board issues a generic license. It does not recognize specialty areas of practice through licensure. The Board expects the psychologist to practice only in areas in which the psychologist is deemed competent by virtue of the psychologist's education and training.

For applicants previously licensed in another state or jurisdiction:

The applicant previously licensed in another state or jurisdiction may be exempt from the EPPP requirements and some educational requirements. Therefore, the applicant may be allowed to complete an abbreviated Oral Examination if the applicant meets the following criteria.

- A. Is licensed as a psychologist by another state or jurisdiction;
- B. Is a diplomat in good standing of the American Board of Examiners in Professional Psychology (ABPP); or
- C. Holds a valid Certificate of Professional Qualification (CPQ) by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards; and
- D. Has completed the appropriate application and paid fees as required by the Board.

The applicant must pass the abbreviated Oral Examination and Jurisprudence Examination.

The applicant who is licensed in another state or jurisdiction and who has passed the EPPP but who has not yet taken the Oral Examination and Jurisprudence Examination may request a Temporary License. A Temporary License may be requested once the application with ASPPB is complete and the clear criminal background check report has been received by the Board. The Temporary License Fee is \$50.00. The applicant should review the Mississippi Board of Psychology's Rules and Regulations to make certain the applicant meets all the education requirements for a Temporary License in Mississippi. The Temporary License will expire on the date of the next administration of the Oral Examination.