

## Practice Directorate

### Information on Licensure

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The American Psychological Association (APA) Practice Directorate's Office of Legal and Regulatory Affairs addresses issues of licensure and certification for psychologists. Information requests specific to a particular state are best handled by that state's licensing board and/or state psychological association. This document contains the contact addresses and telephone numbers for these organizations, as well as other valuable information.

1. The practice of psychology is protected by *state* laws and regulations administered by each state's professional licensing board. The Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) has authored a brochure, *Entry Requirements for Professional Practice of Psychology: A Guide for Students and Faculty*, which contains information on the legal requirements for entry into the practice of psychology. This brochure gives an overview of typical licensing requirements, information on how to meet licensing requirements, and the content of the national exam. ASPPB can also answer specific questions regarding the exam dates and study programs. To obtain the brochure or for further information, you may call or write: ASPPB, 400 S. Union St., Suite 295, Montgomery, AL 36104, 334-832-4580.
2. A list of addresses and telephone numbers of boards and agencies for statutory licensure follows. The state boards should be contacted for answers regarding the state licensing examination, regulations governing the practice of psychology (e.g., definitions of scope of practice, supervision requirements, continuing education requirements), and reciprocity.

If you have received credentials outside the United States and would like information on how to obtain licensure, please consult the licensing board of the state(s) in which you would like to practice.

3. A list of addresses and telephone numbers of APA-affiliated state psychological associations is also available. The state psychological association is a resourceful organization which can help assimilate the new practitioner into the mental health community. Use these telephone numbers to find information about local mental health settings, health maintenance organizations, preferred provider organizations, and community mental health centers. Your state psychological association can also provide you with information on the professional issues affecting psychologists in your region