

A Bill for an Act Relating to Psychology.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Commission on Accreditation of the American Psychological Association has been accrediting programs in professional psychology for over sixty years, gaining formal recognition as an accrediting body by the United States Department of Education and the Council of Higher Education Accreditation. The Commission is responsible for the accreditation of education and training programs in professional psychology consistent with its recognized scope of accreditation practice, including doctoral level education, internship training in professional psychology, and post doctoral specialty training in professional psychology.

The purpose of this Act is to recognize American Psychological Association accredited doctoral programs that provide broad and general training in scientific psychology and in the foundations of practice and strive to prepare students for the practice of professional psychology.

SECTION 2. Section 465-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

“(a) Every applicant for a license as a psychologist shall submit evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant meets the following requirements:

- (1) The applicant for licensure shall possess a doctoral degree from:
 - (A) An American Psychological Association approved program in clinical psychology[;], counseling psychology, school psychology, or programs offering combinations of two or more of these areas; or
 - (B) A professional psychology training program, awarded by an institution of higher education, or from a regionally accredited institution;
- (2) The applicant for licensure shall demonstrate that the applicant has completed one year of post doctoral supervised experience in health service in psychology, and:
 - (A) An internship approved by the American Psychological Association; or
 - (B) One year of supervised experience in health service in psychology, in an internship or residency program in an organized health service training program; and
- (3) The applicant for licensure has passed an examination as may be prescribed by the board.”

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken.
New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
(Approved April 16, 2015.)