

Notice of Proposed Bylaw Amendment

Bylaw 21.1.3 — Currency of Practice Hours

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Proposed Amendment

The Nova Scotia Regulator of Psychology (NSRP) is providing notice of a proposed amendment to Bylaw 21.1.3, which governs the minimum hours of practice required to demonstrate currency of practice for licensure.

The proposed reduction reflects a review of comparable regulatory standards within Nova Scotia and across Canadian jurisdictions.

The proposed amendment would reduce the minimum hours threshold from 1,500 hours to 450 hours, measured over the same three-year reference period. No other element of Bylaw 21.1 would be affected, including the alternative currency of practice pathways in subclauses 21.1.1, 21.1.2, and 21.1.4.

Current Bylaw 21.1.3	Proposed Bylaw 21.1.3
An applicant for a licence or renewal of a licence must demonstrate that they have engaged in practice for a minimum of 1,500 hours within the previous three years prior to applying to the Registrar for a licence or renewal of licence.	An applicant for a licence or renewal of a licence must demonstrate that they have engaged in practice for a minimum of 450 hours within the previous three years prior to applying to the Registrar for a licence or renewal of licence.

Note: This amendment relates solely to the currency of practice hours requirement in Bylaw 21.1.3. It has no bearing on the period of supervised practice that candidate registrants on the Conditional Register are required to complete as a condition of their registration. Those requirements are entirely separate and are not affected by this proposed change.

Legislative Authority

This notice is provided in accordance with section 12(3) of the Regulated Health Professions Act, S.N.S. 2023, c. 15, which requires the Registrar to publish notice of any proposed bylaw or amendment on the regulatory body's website for a minimum of 30 days with a request for feedback.

The proposed amendment is made under the authority of section 12(1)(m) of the RHPA, which authorizes the Board to make bylaws respecting currency of practice requirements.

Feedback

NSRP invites written feedback on the proposed amendment from registrants and interested parties. Feedback must be received no later than:

April 30, 2026

Feedback may be submitted by email to nsbep@nsbep.org. Please include "Bylaw 21.1.3 Feedback" in the subject line.

Following the close of the feedback period, the Board will consider any submissions received before deciding whether to approve the proposed amendment.

Registrants who wish to review the full text of Bylaw 21.1 or contact the office with questions may reach us at nsbep@nsbep.org.

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