

NSRP POLICY AND PROCEDURE

Note on Legislative Transition: Effective November 24, 2025, the *Psychologists Act* was repealed and replaced by the Regulated Health Professions Act (RHPA). All references to the Regulator's authority, registration decision makers, and licensing requirements in this policy have been updated to align with the RHPA and the Psychology Regulations.

Transitional Provision (Approved January 7, 2026): Any individual approved for registration or currently on the Register with an outstanding interview condition prior to January 1, 2026, shall be evaluated under the "Pass/Pass with Conditions" framework, regardless of whether their interview occurs after the March 1, 2026 transition date. The new "Pass/Fail" Transfer Exam outcome applies only to applications approved on or after **January 1, 2026**.

Date of Board Approval: 17th June 2005; 26th February 2015; September 19, 2025; January 7, 2026.

Implementation Date: March 1, 2026

SUBJECT: TRANSFERS THAT DO NOT QUALIFY UNDER THE CANADIAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT (CFTA) BUT WHERE THE APPLICANT IS REGISTERED OR LICENSED AS A PSYCHOLOGIST AND MEETS ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- Holds a degree from a graduate program accredited by the Canadian Psychological Association (CPA) or American Psychological Association (APA) at the time of graduation and is registered or licensed as a psychologist in their home jurisdiction,
- Holds a Certificate of Professional Qualification (CPQ) issued by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB),
- Is registered with the Canadian Register of Health Service Psychologists,
- Is registered with the National Register of Health Service Psychologists,
- Holds full licensure as a psychologist, in good standing, with a psychology regulatory body in a US state or territory (see: <https://www.asppb.net/page/BdContactNewPG>),
- Is registered as a psychologist with the UK Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) with continuous registration for at least 1 year (doctoral degree) or 4 years (master's degree) leading up to the NSRP Transfer Application, or
- Holds a certificate of registration from another province, state, or country with standards deemed equivalent by the NSRP.

POLICY STATEMENT:

Applicants who are registered or licensed as a psychologist and meet one of the above criteria are typically eligible for a streamlined transfer process, subject to the review of the Registration and Licensing Decision-Make in relation to [registration requirements](#). Transfer Interviews

completed before March 1, 2026, require a six-month supervised practice period for all applicants approved for transfer, except those licensed in a US state or territory. Transfer Interviews completed on or after March 1, 2026, require the Transfer Examination and a six-month supervised practice period for all applicants. Supervision occurs while registered on the Register of Psychologists and ensures familiarity with Nova Scotia's jurisprudence (e.g., The Children and Family Services Act), referral/healthcare systems, and assessment/intervention methodologies.

PROCEDURE:

1. Application Process:

Applicants must submit the Online Transfer Application Form: <http://www.ns-rp.ca>) with all required documentation per NSRP guidelines (e.g., licensure verification, background checks). The Registration and Licensing Decision-Maker reviews evidence of equivalence for international applicants.

2. Courtesy Register:

Upon request, the Registrar may place applicants with verified good standing on the [Courtesy Register](#), allowing temporary practice based on their registration remaining in good standing where they hold registration/licensure. In such a case, applicants are advised this is a roster allowing temporary practise based on their registration(s) remaining in good standing elsewhere; this is not a guarantee of registration with NSRP.

3. Attestation and Transfer Evaluation:

Applicants must complete the [NSRP Attestation Process](#) (reviewing Standards of Practice and signing an attestation) before evaluation.

- **Transfer Interviews (Before March 1, 2026, or under Transitional Provision):** Complete a transfer interview by February 28, 2026, assessing familiarity with the Canadian Code of Ethics for Psychologists and Nova Scotia jurisprudence (e.g., The Children and Family Services Act). Outcomes:
 - Pass: Eligible for the Register of Psychologists, subject to payment of the registration fee and six-month supervision for all applicants approved for transfer, except US-licensed applicants.
 - Pass with Conditions: The Registration and Licensing Decision-Maker may impose conditions or restrictions.
- **Transfer Interviews Completed on or After March 1, 2026:** Complete the Transfer Examination, assessing knowledge of the Canadian Code of Ethics for Psychologists (four principles, ethical decision-making process) and Nova Scotia jurisprudence. Outcomes:
 - Pass: Eligible for the Register of Psychologists, subject to payment of the registration fee and six-month supervision.

- **Pass with Conditions:** The Registration and Licensing Decision-Maker may impose conditions or restrictions.
- **Fail:** Not placed on the Register. The Transfer Examination Committee will provide detailed feedback, encouraging remediation (e.g., studying the Canadian Code of Ethics or Nova Scotia jurisprudence) and retaking the examination for \$500.

4. Supervised Practice:

- **Transfer Interviews Completed before March 1, 2026:** All applicants approved for transfer, except those licensed in a US state or territory, must complete a six-month supervised practice period in Nova Scotia under a NSRP-registered psychologist while registered on the Register of Psychologists.
- **Transfer Interviews Completed on or After March 1, 2026:** All applicants approved for transfer on or after January 1, 2026, must complete a mandatory **six-month supervised practice period** in Nova Scotia under an NSRP-registered psychologist. Supervision addresses differences in jurisprudence, referral/healthcare systems, and methodologies specific to Nova Scotia.

As per the **Transitional Provision**, applicants approved prior to January 1, 2026, will have their supervised practice requirements governed by the framework in place at the time of their approval, unless a period of supervised practice is otherwise specified as a condition of their registration by the Registration and Licensing Decision-Maker.

5. Final Registration:

Upon successfully completing the transfer interview or Transfer Examination, submitting required documentation, paying the registration fee, and completing supervision (if required), the applicant will be placed on the Register of Psychologists.

6. Conditions or Issues:

If issues arise, the Registration and Licensing Decision-Maker may impose conditions or restrictions on a licence as authorized under the RHPA.

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