1. Effective July 31, 2017, this bill amended existing law to provide for a four (4) year waiver, with a possible extension of one additional (1) year, (increased from three (3) years) from the licensing requirement by the Board of Psychology for professional personnel, employed or under contract, with the Department of Public Health and the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, who are in the profession of psychology and are gaining qualified experience for licensure. Additionally, this bill amended existing law to provide for a five (5) year waiver (increased from three (3) years) from the licensing requirement by the Board of Psychology for professional personnel employed or under contract with the Department of Health Care Services, who are in the profession of psychology and are gaining qualified experience for licensure, from the date of employment by, or contract with, a local mental health program.

2. **CHANGES TO SUPERVISION AGREEMENT**

   [http://www.psychology.ca.gov/forms_pubs/sup_agreement.pdf](http://www.psychology.ca.gov/forms_pubs/sup_agreement.pdf)

   - Effective October 1, 2017, regulations remove the pre-approval requirement for the Supervision Agreement for psychological assistants who are accruing supervised professional experience in a private practice setting.

   - The supervision agreement must identify, in addition to existing requirements, how and when the supervisor will provide periodic assessments and feedback to the supervisee as to whether the supervisee is performing as expected. (Effective October 1, 2017)

   - The regulation specifies that the supervision agreement must outline the structure and sequence of the planned program of supervision that guides supervisee to accomplish the training goals and objectives of the supervised professional experience. (Effective October 1, 2017)

*New Supervision Agreement forms are on website of BOP, effective October 1, 2017*

*You must use the new forms. (The following are excerpts from the new form)*

Both the primary supervisor and supervisee shall complete, review, and sign an agreement prior to the commencement of the supervised professional experience. Experience prior to preparation of a signed agreement will not count toward licensure.

The primary supervisor should maintain this agreement until the supervisee completes the SPE.

- Upon completion of the experience, the primary supervisor submits this original signed agreement with the original signed verification of experience form to the supervisee in a sealed envelope signed across the seal.
• The supervisee shall submit the sealed envelope containing the supervision agreement and verification of experience form to the Board along with their application.

On a separate page, type your responses to the following items:
1. Describe the specific duties the supervisee will perform as they engage in psychological activities that directly serve to prepare the supervisee for the independent practice of psychology once he or she is licensed.
2. Summarize the goals and objectives of this plan for SPE, including how socialization into the profession will be achieved.
3. Describe how and when the supervisor will provide periodic assessments and feedback to the supervisee as to whether or not he or she is performing as expected. When answering each of the above questions, describe how the plan will meet the requirements of SPE as:
• an organized program that consists of a planned, structured, and administered sequence of professionally supervised comprehensive clinical training experiences. SPE shall have a logical training sequence that builds upon the skills and competencies of the supervisee to prepare him or her for the independent practice of psychology once he or she becomes licensed.
• a plan that includes socialization into the profession of psychology and how this socialization will be augmented by integrated modalities including mentoring, didactic exposure, role modeling, enactment, observational/vicarious learning, supervision, and consultative guidance.
• planned activities that address the integration of current and evolving psychological knowledge, principles, and theories to the professional delivery of psychological services to the consumer public.

What kind of information must be reported to the Board on an annual basis by the psychological assistant’s supervisor?
Answer: Every supervisor of a psychological assistant must submit to the Board an update that is completed by the supervisor and signed by both the supervisor and the psychological assistant. The update must be submitted on or before the expiration of the registration for the preceding calendar year showing:
1) Name and license number of all primary supervisors
2) Address of all locations where psychological services are currently being provided
3) The location, type, extent and amount of supervision
4) An attestation from all current primary supervisors that the psychological assistant has demonstrated an overall performance at or above the level of competence expected for his or her level of education, training and experience. This information is required to be reported on the registration renewal form. [16 CCR § 1391.10]

NEW Psych Assistant Regulations 2017
http://www.psychology.ca.gov/laws_regs/sb1193.shtml
21. All existing psychological assistants will now only have one (1) registration with the Board of Psychology. This registration number will be used in all settings where psychological services will be provided. Previously, each employer of a psychological assistant was required to obtain a registration number for each psychological assistant under their employment/supervision.

22. This single registration will be renewed annually by the psychological assistant. Previously, the employer or supervisor was required to renew the registration annually.

23. New applicants requesting a psychological assistant registration will be required to submit their own application for registration. Previously, this application was submitted by the employer or supervisor on behalf of the psychological assistant.

24. There is no longer a restriction on the types of settings in which a psychological assistant can work. Previously psychological assistants were restricted to be employed in private practice settings or by Contract Clinics, Psychological Corporations, or Medical Corporations.

25. Psychological assistants may now be supervised by a licensed physician or surgeon who is certified in psychiatry (psychiatrist) by either the American College of Osteopathic Board of Neurology and Psychiatry or the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. Previously, psychological assistants were only able to be supervised by a psychiatrist certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology.

26. A board certified psychiatrist may supervise up to three psychological assistants, instead of one, at any given time.

**Regulations for ALL DISCIPLINES:**

48. Effective July 1, 2012, the California Board of Psychology and the Board of Behavioral Sciences are required to deny an application for licensure and to suspend the license/certificate/ registration of any applicant or licensee who has outstanding tax obligations due to the Franchise Tax Board (FTB) or the State Board of Equalization (BOE) and appears on either the FTB or BOE’s certified lists of top 500 tax delinquencies over $100,000. (AB 1424, Perea, Chapter 455, Statutes of 2011)

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Refer to respective website for complete regulations and more information.

[www.psychboard.ca.gov](http://www.psychboard.ca.gov)
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