

Concerns Regarding a Change to the Doctoral Level

The Board is aware the possibility of a change to the doctoral level for entry to practice psychology in Nova Scotia is a source of concern and uncertainty for some registrants. In particular, the Board has learned that there are two rumours circulating that are needlessly adding to these worries.

The first rumour is that the Board plans to remove from the Registers those who are currently registered at the Masters level, if the entry level changes to the doctoral level. I can assure you that psychologists registered with NSBEP will remain on the Registers if the Board decides to make such a change. Any change in entry level would apply to new applications only, with a suitable transition period.

The second rumour is that psychologists registered at the Masters level with NSBEP will no longer be able to use the title “Psychologist”, if the entry level changes to the doctoral level. Again, I can assure you that this is not the case. Individuals registered at the Masters level with NSBEP would continue to use the title “Psychologist”, if the Board decided to make such a change.

The Entry Level Committee, Chaired by Maureen Gorman, has considered the questions and concerns raised to date by the psychologists who have written or spoken to those involved with this process. The next step for the Committee is to continue to organize and summarize the information it has collected. The Board expects to receive a report and recommendations from this Committee in the early fall.

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