



# Nova Scotia Board of Examiners in Psychology

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Dear Registrant:

Welcome to the most recent update from NSBEP. In this format of communication with registrants, the Board strives to provide updates on subjects of interest to registrants of the Board.

## **1. Creation of a Tool for Assessing Evidence Based Decision-Making (EBDM) Knowledge and Use in Healthcare Professionals**

You are being invited to participate in a research study; "Creation of a Tool for Assessing Evidence Based Decision-Making (EBDM) Knowledge and Use in Healthcare Professionals". The tool is a questionnaire which was developed by a panel of EBDM experts from across Canada and Australia using the Delphi process. This letter contains information to help you decide whether or not you wish to participate in an online survey. Please take the time to read this carefully and feel free to ask questions if anything is unclear or there are words or phrases you do not understand. Please [click here](#) to read the full letter.

## **2. Communication from Manulife Financial**

It has been indicated by Manulife Financial that some registrants were generating receipts without identifying themselves as psychologists. They requested that we circulate the following communication indicating that without having clear identifying information, there could be a denial/delay of claims. Please [click here](#) to view their request.

## **3. Website**

In 2013, the Board completed a revision to the website to improve functionality and user friendliness. Registrants are encouraged to take advantage of the various features of the website.

For instance, the website provides access to the majority of forms that would be required by registrants along with the Standards of Practice and guidelines that NSBEP has established to direct practice. Periodically the site will provide news releases or

other notices.

The NSBEP Directory of Psychologists is available from the website. Such information can be helpful for the public and other professionals. Please ensure that your information is accurate.

The site also offers a Registrant Portal, which will enable you to perform a variety of functions. If necessary you can update your contact information by using this Portal. To access the Portal, simply visit [nsbep.org](http://nsbep.org) and click on "Registrant Login" in the upper right hand screen. This section will also allow you to access a Confirmation of Registration document that you can save to your computer and/or print off if you wish to share it with others, e.g. insurance companies, agencies, etc. You can also pay a miscellaneous fee, if applicable, or renew your annual registration using this Portal.

If you have any feedback on how we can improve the website please feel free to contact Matthew Wagner, Assistant Registrar.

#### **4. Supervision and Committee Work**

The NSBEP extends sincere appreciation to all Registrants who give their time, knowledge and experience in acting as a Board Supervisor or assisting with Oral Examinations and Transfer Interviews.

In keeping with Standard IV.4 of the Canadian Code of Ethics for Psychologists, working with the Board in these capacities provides an excellent way to contribute to the continuing education and the professional and scientific growth of self and colleagues.

Here is some information about the various roles.

The purposes of supervision are to:

1. To monitor the performance of Candidates in the core competency areas to ensure standards are being met.
2. To provide opportunities for Candidates to further develop their skills, knowledge, professional attitudes, and sound professional judgment.

Psychologists can act as a Supervisor for the entire duration of the Candidacy period or for a limited period of time.

Those who have been on the Register of Psychologists for two years are eligible to volunteer as a NSBEP Supervisor.

Oral Examinations are conducted as Candidates take the final steps towards Registration. The Oral Examination provides an opportunity for face to face interaction between examiners and examinees to discuss areas of practice, professional behaviour and ethical dilemmas, and to assess the examinee's understanding of the core competencies required for psychological practice as well as the meaning of registration and the position of psychology as a profession.

Transfer Interviews are held for psychologists who are registered in another

jurisdiction and are eligible to transfer based on their full registration in another jurisdiction and their meeting certain criteria. The interviews do not result in a pass or fail but do focus on ethical practice and local jurisprudence issues.

The NSBEP encourages psychologists to consider becoming involved with the work of the Board. To obtain more information, or to volunteer as a Supervisor or member of a Committee, please contact Matthew Wagner, Assistant Registrar.

Sincerely,

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