



Update on Continuing Competence Program

Dear Registrant,

The NSBEP Continuing Competence Program came into effect on January 1, 2012. At that time, the Board indicated that the Continuing Competence Program would be reviewed regularly and that changes would be introduced based on feedback from registrants and as our knowledge of assessing competence increased.

During the past year the Board reviewed the audit process that it conducted in 2017 and considered feedback from registrants regarding the program.

The Board has decided to revise some of the Continuing Competence Activities and credit values for 2018. The changes to the credit values will come into effect on January 1, 2018.

The following changes to credit values have been made

The credit for Supervision of NSBEP Candidates will be increased from 9 to a maximum of 12 per year. And instead of providing three credits for each candidate supervised, the Board will provide one credit for every hour of supervision, up to the yearly maximum. This change better recognizes the value of supervision to the parties involved with the process and acknowledges the commitment of time.

The credit for "Practice Outcome Monitoring" (assessing patient/client outcomes via questionnaire) will change from a maximum of 10 to 5 credits per year. One credit will be provided for 10 clients. This change was made to reflect the reality that it generally did not take a great deal of work to accumulate credits under the previously allowed credit values.

The Board also changed and clarified the credits for "Professional Activities" to the following:

- Serving on the executive of a psychological association
- Serving on the board of a psychology regulatory body
- Serving on a committee of a psychological association
- Serving on a committee of a psychology regulatory body

One year per board/association/committee equals five credits. The maximum credits per year for "Professional Activities" remains at ten.

You can see the revised table of Continuing Competence Activities and Credit Values by visiting the [Continuing Competence section of the NSBEP website](#).

As in previous years, 10% of psychologists on the Register of Psychologists will be randomly selected to participate in the audit. Those selected for the audit will be notified by both email and by regular mail. If you are chosen for audit, you simply need to submit your completed Form 2, accompanied by the required documentation for the Activities that you are claiming credit (available from the [Continuing Competence section of the NSBEP website](#)).

The following changes to the process have been made

Registrants chosen for audit who complete the process successfully will have their names taken out of the pool of names for random selection for the subsequent year.

The Board has also established static dates for the audit process to allow consistency for all significant dates each year.

The audit notices will be sent on February 1st every year. Rather than providing the psychologist with 21 working days to respond, those chosen for audit will be required to complete their submission by February 28th.

This will provide the Board with time to review and send feedback to those chosen for audit. Feedback will be provided to registrants chosen for audit by May 15th of each year.

Finally, the Continuing Competence Guide has been updated to reflect the changes made to the program over the past several years. This is also available from the [Continuing Competence](#) section of the website.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Allan Wilson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Allan Wilson, Ph.D.
Registrar

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