

POLICY INVOLVING RESTRICTIONS ON INDEPENDENT PRACTICE

As of January 2008, applicants for placement on the Candidate Register will be subject to a new condition specifying that they are not permitted to engage in their own independent practice until they are placed on the Register of Psychologists.

Candidates who were placed on or who applied for placement on the Candidate Register prior to January 2008 are excluded from this restriction only because they were not alerted to this policy at the time of their acceptance on the candidate register. NSBEP, however, recommends that all candidates pay heed to this policy.

Policy statement:

Candidates are normally not permitted to conduct an independent private practice. A primary purpose of the candidacy period is to assess the candidate in the core competency areas. Until the candidate has been assessed as ready for independent practice and has passed the required examinations, all independent practice activities are viewed as inappropriate.

Candidates may have provided services under previously acquired credentials. Nonetheless, any related activities which fall within the scope of the practice of psychology are considered to be within NSBEP's jurisdiction and must be supervised. Accordingly, during the candidacy period, an independent practice of one's own, regardless of earlier qualifications or experience, is not permitted.

Candidates may, however, work in the private practice of a registered psychologist.

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