



## **Nova Scotia Board of Examiners in Psychology**

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### **Academic Equivalency Evaluation**

#### ***Purpose of Academic Equivalency***

The purpose of the statement from the evaluation service is to indicate to the Board whether the academic credentials are comparable in **academic level** to degrees granted by a Canadian university.

Evaluation results must demonstrate that your highest degree in psychology is at the required academic level in order for you to become registered on that basis. In other words, the Board registers individuals with the minimum of a master's degree in psychology, but also registers those with a doctoral degree in psychology. However, individuals wishing to use the title of "doctor" or "Dr." when working as a psychologist in Nova Scotia must have received an evaluation that indicates their doctorate is equivalent in academic level to a Canadian doctoral degree. Individuals registering on the basis of a master's degree must have evaluation results indicating that their master's degree is equivalent in academic level to a master's degree granted by a Canadian University.

#### ***Where to obtain an Evaluation***

Applicants are responsible for paying all fees directly to the organization. Evaluations of Canadian academic equivalency can be completed by either of the below organizations. Some additional information is provided about each organization which may assist you.

***World Education Service***

Web: <http://www.wes.org/ca/>

Applicants concerned about the duration of the evaluation process should check directly with WES; however, information retrieved from the WES website in February 2014 indicated:

*The standard processing time is seven (7) business days after receipt, review and approval of all documents and payment in full. If additional research, correspondence or verification is required, the evaluation will take longer.*

*To ensure the timely completion of your evaluation report, it is strongly recommend that you arrange for your documents to arrive at WES as soon as possible. Some institutions can take several weeks to provide documentation.*

**When completing your application with WES, you must name the Nova Scotia Board of Examiners in Psychology as a recipient to ensure that we receive a copy of your evaluation directly from WES.**

**Tip:** WES source verifies transcripts from the university to confirm they are authentic. Therefore if WES is being used by the applicant, it is important for the applicant to ensure that WES receives the appropriate documentation from the respective universities; otherwise this will delay the evaluation process. However, when an evaluation is completed by WES, NSBEP is assured that the transcripts have been source verified and is able to have access to them through AccessWES. Therefore, if all transcripts have been provided to WES and source verified, you do not need to provide another copy of the transcripts to NSBEP.

**Note:** Applicants from the United Kingdom have offered feedback to the Board indicating that the evaluation of credentials happened more smoothly with the Comparative Education Service (CES) at the University of Toronto than with WES. We would therefore recommend to applicants with a graduate degree from the UK that they send their credentials to the Comparative Education Service (CES) at the University of Toronto.

*or you may obtain such an evaluation from the following organization:*

***Comparative Education Service (CES) of the University of Toronto***

Web: <http://learn.utoronto.ca/ces.htm>

Applicants concerned about the duration of the evaluation process should check directly with CES. However, information retrieved from the CES website in February 2014 indicated that Rush services were not available at present. It also stated that CES estimates current processing timeframes for general assessments was approximately 12 weeks. CES noted that weekly updates are provided on their website.

**When completing your application with CES, you must name the Nova Scotia Board of Examiners in Psychology as a recipient to ensure that we receive a copy of your evaluation directly from CES.**

**Tip:** CES does not provide us with copies of transcripts from your universities. Therefore you will need to ensure that our Board receives original transcripts of your degrees directly from the respective universities.

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