

## Nova Scotia Board of Examiners in Psychology

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## **Notice of Removal**

The Investigation Committee has concluded its investigation into a complaint against Mr. Hans Asche, dated August 25, 2021.

Based on information made available through its investigation, the Investigation Committee suspected that Mr. Asche failed to comply with conditions, limitations, and restrictions imposed on his registration pursuant to a Settlement Agreement approved by the Hearing Committee in 2017.

Given the circumstances, the Investigation Committee referred the matter to the Board with the recommendation for Mr. Asche's removal from the Register pursuant to section 14(7) of the Psychologists Act. Section 14(7) of the Psychologists Act permits the Board to remove from the Register a psychologist that fails to comply with a condition, limitation or restriction on their registration.

On April 29, 2022, a Subcommittee of the Board considered the Investigation Committee's recommendation for removal of Mr. Asche's name from the Register of Psychologists. Based on its review of the materials associated with the complaint, the Subcommittee determined that Mr. Asche failed to comply with conditions, limitations, and restrictions imposed on his registration pursuant to the 2017 Settlement Agreement. Accordingly, the Subcommittee removed Mr. Asche from the Register of Psychologists.

Removal from the Register of Psychologists is one of the most serious measures available to the Board in disciplining a psychologist. Removal from the Register means that Mr. Asche is no longer a Registered Psychologist. He is prohibited from practising psychology in Nova Scotia. Mr. Asche is also prohibited from using the title "Registered Psychologist".

From NSBEP's perspective, removing Mr. Asche from the Register of Psychologists fully protects the public interest as he will no longer be entitled to provide psychology services to clients.