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Local Practice Support Requirements during Candidate Residency

During the period of Candidate Registration, it is generally expected that candidates and their NSBEP Supervisor will be a resident* of Nova Scotia, to enable meaningful connections with a local practice in NS and obtain NSBEP supervision from a psychologist who is a registrant of and consequently accountable to the NSBEP. To further support these requirements, it is also necessary for candidates to ensure there are arrangements in place to provide them with supervision and consultation in the local workplace, in addition to the support and supervision that candidates receive from their NSBEP Supervisor (who must also be a resident of NS). It is an expectation of NSBEP that the NSBEP supervisor regularly contacts the NS employer for input into the candidate's progress. These requirements help candidates more easily network with other psychologists in NS and assists them with practice and ethical issues in order to develop an understanding of local practice and conditions in the province. Ultimately these requirements are in place to ensure the public in NS is protected while an individual is on the NSBEP Register of Candidates.

For continuity of care, exceptions may be granted on a temporary basis, subject to the review and approval of the Board, if a candidate is able to provide services to clients in NS via telepsychology from another jurisdiction, but this allowance is only for exceptional purposes and limited to a six-month period. This is also conditional on the candidate meeting any requirements in place in the other jurisdiction in relation to providing these services. If there are exceptional circumstances that a candidate or applicant wishes the Board to consider, final decisions on this matter can be reviewed by the Board's Registration Subcommittee.

There may be instances where individuals may feel it is desirous to apply to become a registrant in NS if the title or registration requirements are different in NS than in their home province, and such individuals may be looking to provide services via telepsychology only, and not have any real affiliations with a local practice in NS. The NSBEP has been established by the NS Government to oversee the registration of psychologists in Nova Scotia. Given the NSBEP's position on telepsychology, registered psychologists and candidates (those provisionally registered for supervised practice elsewhere working under supervision) can see clients virtually in Nova Scotia and do not require registration in NS to provide virtual service in NS. Consequently, there is generally no reason to obtain Candidate Registration with the NSBEP if one has registration elsewhere and does not intend to be located here while providing telepsychological services only. For all of these reasons, the NSEBP does not view registration

of non-resident psychologists (i.e., who possess registration in another province) as part of its mandate.

*Interpretation of Provincial Government Position stated in the Personal Health Information Act and as defined in Health Services and Insurance Act.

1(m) "resident" means a person who is legally entitled to remain in Canada and who makes his home and is ordinarily present in Nova Scotia, but does not include a tourist, a transient, or a visitor to Nova Scotia; for the purposes of the Act and these regulations a person who is a resident of Nova Scotia and who moves from Nova Scotia to acquire residence in another part of Canada, herein called the "new province", shall be deemed to continue to be a resident of Nova Scotia during normal travelling time and any waiting period, not exceeding three months, which may be necessary in order to qualify for benefits under the hospital insurance legislation of the new province if the new province is a participating province, as defined in subsection (2) of Regulation 7, or shall be deemed to continue to be a resident of Nova Scotia for a period of three months from the date of his departure from Nova Scotia if the new province is not a participating province.

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