

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE REQUIREMENTS FOR
CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS, APPLICATIONS FOR COURTESY LICENSE,
AND DEFINITIONS
IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE ALASKA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGIST AND
PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATE EXAMINERS

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners proposes to change regulations to update continuing education requirements, repeal a checklist form adopted by reference for internal administrative purposes related to applications for courtesy licenses, and to update definitions.

The Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners (Board) proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 12, Chapter 60 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with continuing education requirements, administrative forms relating to applications for courtesy licenses, and definitions, including the following:

- (1) 12 AAC 60.065 is proposed for repeal in the section's entirety, to remove the form adopted by reference and used by the department when processing an application for a courtesy license. The purpose of the repeal is to allow the department the flexibility to make amendments to the form with ease and immediacy as required for internal administrative fluency.
- (2) 12 AAC 60.260 is proposed to add the requirement for at least half of required hours to be obtained by live interactive programs, courses, or training sessions, including a proposed definition for the term "live interactive".
- (3) 12 AAC 60.990 is proposed to add a definition for the term "face-to-face" as referenced in 12 AAC 60.080, 12 AAC 60.083, and 12 AAC 60.400.

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to Alison Osborne, Regulations Specialist, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, P.O. Box 110806, Juneau, AK 99811-0806. Additionally, the Board will accept comments by facsimile at (907) 465-2974 and by electronic mail at RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov. Comments may also be submitted through the Alaska Online Public Notice System by accessing this notice on the system using the comment link. **The comments must be received not later than 4:30 p.m. on February 14, 2025.**

You may submit written questions relevant to the proposed action to Alison Osborne, Regulations Specialist, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, P.O. Box 110806, Juneau, AK 99811-0806 and by e-mail at RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov. **The questions must be received at least 10 days before the end of the public comment period.** The Board will aggregate its response to substantially similar questions and make the questions and responses available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System and on the Board's website at <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardofPsychologists.aspx>.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Alison Osborne at (907) 465-6826 or RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov not later than February 7, 2025 to ensure that any necessary accommodation can be provided.

A copy of the proposed regulation changes is available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System and by contacting Alison Osborne at (907) 465-6826, RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov, or at <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/portals/5/pub/PSY-0824.pdf>.

After the public comment period ends, the Board will either adopt the proposed regulation changes or

other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action. The language of the final regulation may be different from that of the proposed regulation. **You should comment during the time allowed if your interests could be affected.**

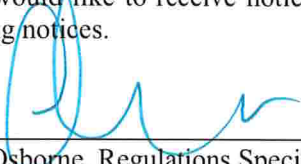
Statutory Authority: AS 08.01.062; AS 08.86.070; AS 08.86.080, AS 08.86.130, AS 08.86.204

Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: AS 08.86.070; AS 08.86.080, AS 08.86.130, AS 08.86.204.

Fiscal Information: The proposed regulation changes are not expected to require an increased appropriation.

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DATE: 01/15/2025




Alison Osborne, Regulations Specialist
Division of Corporations, Business and
Professional Licensing

ADDITIONAL REGULATION NOTICE INFORMATION
(AS 44.62.190(d))

1. **Adopting agency:** Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners - Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing.
2. **General subject of regulation:** Requirements related to continuing education, internal forms relating to courtesy applications, and definitions.
3. **Citation of regulation:** 12 AAC 60.065, 12 AAC 60.260 and 12 AAC 60.990.
4. **Department of Law file number:** 2024200481.
5. **Reason for the proposed action:** Update and clarify regulations; compliance with state statute.
6. **Appropriation/Allocation:** Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing – #2360.
7. **Estimated annual cost to comply with the proposed action to:**
A private person: None known.
Another state agency: None known.
A municipality: None known.
8. **Cost of implementation to the state agency and available funding (in thousands of dollars):**
No costs are expected in FY 2025 or in subsequent years.
9. **The name of the contact person for the regulation:**
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10. **The origin of the proposed action:** Staff of state agency.
11. **Date:** 1/15/2025

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Chapter 60. Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners.]

12 AAC 60.065 is repealed:

12 AAC 60.065. Review of application for courtesy license. Repealed [(a) AN APPLICANT WHO MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS ON THE APPROPRIATE CHECKLIST ESTABLISHED IN THIS SECTION HAS DEMONSTRATED THE NECESSARY QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE COURTESY LICENSE APPLIED FOR AND WILL BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD'S DESIGNEE FOR ISSUANCE OF THAT LICENSE. AN APPLICANT WHO DOES NOT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS ON THE APPROPRIATE CHECKLIST IN THIS SECTION WILL NOT BE ISSUED A COURTESY LICENSE UNLESS THE BOARD FURTHER REVIEWS THE APPLICATION AND DETERMINES THAT THE APPLICANT MEETS THE QUALIFICATIONS IN AS 08.86 AND 12 AAC 60 FOR THE COURTESY LICENSE APPLIED FOR.

(b) THE FORM TITLED "*PSYCHOLOGY COURTESY LICENSE CHECKSHEET - 12 AAC 60.035*," DATED NOVEMBER 2016, IS ADOPTED BY REFERENCE. THIS FORM IS ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD FOR USE BY AN EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT IN THE COMPLETION OF PROCESSING OF AN APPLICATION FOR A COURTESY LICENSE TO PRACTICE PSYCHOLOGY IN THIS STATE]. (Eff. 2/27/2005, Register 173; am 9/18/2022, Register 243; repealed ____/____/_____, Register _____)

[EDITOR'S NOTE: THE FORM SPECIFIED IN 12 AAC 60.065(b) IS AVAILABLE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING OFFICES IN ANCHORAGE AND JUNEAU.]

12 AAC 60.260 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

(c) At least half of the required continuing education hours must be obtained by means of live interactive programs, courses, or training sessions. The licensee shall provide verification of attendance.

(d) For the purposes of this section, "live interactive" means a program, course, or training session in which students and instructors engage with program, course, or session content and each other at the same time, in real time. A program, course, or training session may be in-person or through the Internet and may not be pre-recorded or obtained by means of self-study. (Eff. 4/22/83, Register 86; am 3/27/98, Register 145; am ____ / ____ / _____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.86.070

12 AAC 60.990(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(12) "face-to-face"

(A) means physically present in the same setting or location at the same time;

(B) does not include contact, supervision, or services facilitated through electronic media.

(Eff. 4/22/83, Register 86; am 6/29/87, Register 102; am 3/17/91, Register 117; am 3/27/98, Register 145; am 11/21/2001, Register 160; am 12/8/2005, Register, 176; am 7/29/2009, Register 191; am 10/18/2023, Register 248; am ____ / ____ / _____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.86.070 AS 08.86.130 AS 08.86.204

AS 08.86.080