

# OREGON BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY



## Oregon Jurisprudence Examination CANDIDATE HANDBOOK

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**OREGON JURISPRUDENCE EXAMINATION**  
**- INFORMATION FOR EXAMINEES -**

This Candidate Handbook is designed to provide candidates who qualify to take the Oregon Jurisprudence Examination with general information regarding the examination process.

***SECTION I: EXAMINATION AUTHORITY, PURPOSE, & DEVELOPMENT***

**AUTHORITY**

ORS 675.110 In addition to the powers otherwise granted under ORS 675.010 to 675.150, the Oregon Board of Psychology has all powers necessary or proper to:

- (1) Determine qualifications of applicants to practice psychology in this state, prepare, conduct and grade examinations and license qualified applicants who comply with the provisions of ORS 675.010 to 675.150 and the rules of the board.
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ORS 675.045 Examination Rules:

- (1) The Oregon Board of Psychology shall adopt rules governing examinations required by the board.
- (2) When the board requires a board administered examination, the board shall:
  - (a) Maintain a complete record of the proceedings and of the questions asked and responses given; and
  - (b) Inform applicants in writing of the examination results for each tested subject area.
- (3) Upon written request to the board, an applicant who fails a board administered examination may review the record of the examination. To ensure and maintain test security, the applicant shall sign a confidentiality agreement prior to reviewing the record of the examination.
- (4) Any applicant who fails a board administered examination shall be:
  - (a) Allowed to petition the board to reconsider the results of the entire examination or the results of a particular tested area.
  - (b) Reexamined...

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the examination is to determine the competency of each candidate to practice psychology safely and responsibly in Oregon, with knowledge of applicable laws and regulations, including the APA Ethical Principles and Code of Conduct.

## **EXAMINATION DEVELOPMENT**

The Oregon Jurisprudence Examination was developed by Oregon licensed psychologists under the direction of the Board. All items were created and refined by a small task force and a sub-committee of the Board. Psychometric evaluation was conducted using an expert panel of senior psychologists, with assistance from Portland State University's Psychology Department.

## ***SECTION II: STRUCTURE, CONTENT AREAS, AND SCORING SYSTEM***

### **EXAMINATION STRUCTURE and CONTENT**

The Oregon Jurisprudence Examination is an open book, multiple-choice exam. Copies of the *Board Statutes (ORS 675.010-.150)*; *Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter 858*; *APA Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct*, and the *Statutes Pertaining to the Practice of Psychology* are available on the Board's website and may be referenced by candidates during the examination. Candidates shall not refer to notes or other resources.

The examination evaluates a candidate's knowledge of:

- Oregon Revised Statutes enacted by the Oregon State Legislature that direct psychological practice, including but not limited to: privilege, confidentiality of protected health information parental authority, rights of minors, mandated abuse reporting for special populations, duty to report prohibited or unprofessional conduct, records, rights of mentally ill persons, commitment and least restrictive care, practice regulations, licensure regulations.
- Oregon Administrative Rules (Chapter 858) that implement, interpret, or prescribe law or policy or describe a procedure or practice requirement, including but not limited to: licensure and renewal requirements and procedures, continuing education, maintenance of records, Board notification requirements, and investigations.
- APA Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct, including but not limited to: resolving ethical issues, competence, avoiding harm, multiple relationships, conflict of interest, privacy and confidentiality, advertising practices, record keeping and fees, education and training, research and publication standards, bases for assessments and therapy, and informed consent.

## **EXAMINATION ITEMS**

The examination consists of 60 multiple-choice items. There is only one correct answer for each item. There are no "trick" questions in the examination.

### **Sample Items**

Each multiple-choice item requires the examinee to select the correct answer from the options provided. The following are examples of the type of items candidates will encounter in the examination:

1. You are treating a client for depression. The client asks you if he could work off his balance of payment by helping you upgrade your electronic billing and documentation system. You recognize that this request might present a problem. The ethical principle that best describes the problem is:
  - A. Conflict of Interest
  - B.\* Maintaining Confidentiality
  - C. Conflicts between Ethics and Organizational Demands
  - D. Bartering
  
2. A psychologist, Dr. Gray, had been treating a client, Linda Johnson, for anxiety and panic attacks. Ms. Johnson dropped out of treatment without explanation, even though Dr. Gray attempted to make contact with her. Recently, Ms. Johnson contacted Dr. Gray's office requesting her records in preparation for a court custody case with her ex-husband. Which of the following most accurately describes Dr. Gray's obligations according to Oregon law:
  - A. Provide her with a written summary.
  - B. Refuse to allow Ms. Johnson to have a copy of her records, but agree to review them with her in a session.
  - C.\* Provide Ms. Johnson with a copy of her records.
  - D. Refuse to allow her to have a copy of her records, but agree to provide the records to her attorney.

\*Denotes the correct answer.

## ***SECTION III: ADMINISTRATION PROCEDURES***

### **EXAMINATION ELIGIBILITY**

The Oregon Jurisprudence Examination is administered online. Once candidates have met the requirements to take the examination and are approved by the Board, they may submit the required fee to the Board's office. Candidates will then receive instructions for completing the examination. The examination fee is not refundable.

A candidate for licensure who was formerly licensed in Oregon must re-take and pass the examination if their application for licensure is received more than 2 years after their license expired. A candidate for licensure must re-take and pass the examination if the candidate does not become licensed within 2 years of passing the exam.

## **SECURITY PROCEDURES**

The following security procedures will apply:

- Candidates are not allowed to refer to any materials during the exam, other than the Board Statutes (ORS 675.010-.150); Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter 858; APA Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct, and the Statutes Pertaining to the Practice of Psychology.
- Candidates are not allowed to communicate verbally or otherwise with any other person during the examination.
- Candidates are prohibited from sharing any of the content of the examination to anyone else after the examination, including their residency supervisor.
- By completing the examination, candidates agree to abide by the Oregon Jurisprudence Examination rules detailed in the last page of this handbook.

Any violation of the security procedures shall result in disqualification of the candidate's examination and denial of the candidate's licensure application.

## **EXAMINATION SCORING AND RESULTS PROCEDURES**

The Board shall determine the passing score for each administration of the examination. Each item has been carefully scrutinized by a group of experts in terms of its difficulty and content validity. The passing score is based on the distribution of weighted scores for each form of the examination. Board staff shall notify each candidate in writing regarding the results of their examination within 7-10 days of the exam.

## **REVIEW AND RE-EXAMINATION**

**Review.** A candidate who does not pass the examination may review the examination record of incorrect questions and answers at the Board's office within a period of ninety days following the date of the examination and upon written request to the Board. The purpose of the review is to assist the candidate in preparing to retake the examination. To maintain test security, the candidate shall sign a confidentiality agreement. No more than one inspection shall be allowed.

**Reexamination.** A candidate who does not pass the examination may be reexamined following a mandatory waiting period of 30 days following each exam failure to allow the candidate to sufficiently prepare for a reexamination. The exam fee is required for each examination attempt. If candidate does not pass the second examination and

wishes to take a third examination, the candidate must submit a study plan prior to being approved for the third examination. If a candidate fails to pass the third examination, the candidate's application for licensure shall be denied. The Board's decision shall be final.

## **OREGON JURISPRUDENCE EXAMINATION RULES**

A candidate taking the Oregon Jurisprudence Examination administered by the Oregon Board of Psychology for licensure as a psychologist or psychologist associate is required to comply with Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 675.010–675.150 and Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) Chapter 858, and is not allowed to do any of the following:

1. Have an impersonator take the examination on his/her behalf.
2. Impersonate another to take the examination on that person's behalf.
3. Communicate examination content with another examinee or with any person other than the examination staff.
4. Copy questions or make notes of examination materials.
5. Provide copies of questions or notes of examination materials to any other person, including but not limited to:
  - a. Others who are preparing to take the examination for licensure as a psychologist or psychologist associate, or
  - b. Persons who are preparing others to take the examination for licensure as a psychologist or psychologist associate.
6. Obstruct in any way the administration of the examination.

A violation of any of the above rules or directives of the Board or Board staff will disqualify the candidate and the Board will initiate appropriate administrative action to deny issuance of a license.