

From: [Jesse Bledsoe](#)
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Subject: Comment on Adopt OAR 858-010-0019
Date: Monday, March 31, 2025 11:22:27 AM

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Hi Laree,

I received an email regarding whether a psychologist should be allowed to maintain a license after a criminal conviction. I strongly support the board's decision to withhold or deny a psychologist's license depending on the crime and factors of the case. We cannot allow a person who has engaged in criminal behavior to function as a psychologist without a full review from the Oregon Psychology Board. When medical/mental health professionals engage in criminal behavior it impacts the field in general and can negatively impact the impression of our profession to the broader community. This will lead to those in need of psychological services to dismiss the profession or make negative generalizations about psychological practice and providers. We need to maintain a high bar for professional practice and give the Board the freedom to revoke a license if appropriate.

Thank you,
Jesse Bledsoe

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From: [Melisa Finch](#)
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I am writing in support of this bill, which would allow the Board of Psychology to determine whether a criminal conviction would disqualify them *before* they complete the full licensure application.

Requiring applicants to pay costly fees and submit all required documentation—only to be denied due to a prior conviction—is financially burdensome. This bill would promote transparency and prevent unnecessary expenses by allowing early eligibility evaluations.

Best Regards,

Melisa L. Finch, PhD
Clinical Psychologist

From: [Ahmar Zaman](#)
To: [STASHEK LaRee * MHRA](#)
Subject: Fwd: [OBOPeNews] Notice- Proposed Board Rulemaking
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I don't believe this is being directly addressed but I do think it's tangentially related to this issue. I think it's very inappropriate that the initial application for licensure asks if a person has simply been charged ever. I've worked in numerous other legal and justice systems and the question is always framed as whether someone has been convicted but the Oregon psychology application is asking people to report whether they have been charged regardless of conviction. I would be glad to talk about this as well.

Thank you,

Ahmar Zaman, Ph.D. (He/Him/His)

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From: OBOP updates via OBPEeNews <obpeenews@omls.oregon.gov>
Date: Thu, Mar 27, 2025 at 12:21 PM
Subject: [OBOPeNews] Notice- Proposed Board Rulemaking
To: OBPE Listserve (obpeenews@omls.oregon.gov) <obpeenews@omls.oregon.gov>

NOTICE: PROPOSED BOARD RULEMAKING

Please find attached a rulemaking notice document from the Board of Psychology.

Rule Caption: Implements Senate Bill 1552, petition for predetermination based on criminal conviction, fee, and definitions.

Rule Summary

- Amend OAR 858-010-0001: Removes unused and obsolete terms. Clarifies that the most current version of the DSM is the fifth edition. Adds definition of “petitioner” for licensure predetermination based on criminal history. Updates the definition of regionally accredited institution (accrediting agency) to conform with a July 2020 change to federal rule that removed the distinction of “regional” versus “recognized” accrediting agencies.
- Adopt OAR 858-010-0019: Establishes procedures for filing of petition for licensure predetermination based on criminal conviction. Sets forth filing requirements, expiration, disclosure requirements, review process, reconsideration, and other provisions.
- Amend OAR 858-030-0005: Establishes petition for licensure predetermination fee of \$125.

Need for the Rule(s)

The Board needs to implement Senate Bill 1552 (2024), which at Section 44 creates ORS 670.280(4) and becomes operative on July 1, 2025. It requires the Board, upon request by a petitioner, to make a determination as to whether a criminal conviction will prevent the petitioner from receiving a license. The Board also determined that updates were needed to the definitions for clarity, consistency, and transparency.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The agency requests public comment on whether other options should be considered for achieving the rule's substantive goals while reducing negative economic impact of the rule on business. Please email your comments to laree.stashek@mhra.oregon.gov or mail them to the Board's office at 3218 Pringle Road SE, Ste. 130, Salem, OR 97302. All comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 23, 2025.

WEBSITE

The above documents are also available at the Board's [Rulemaking Webpage](#).

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Thank you,

OBOP Staff

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