

EPPP FAQ

Who is ASPPB?

ASPPB is the association of psychology licensing boards in the United States and Canada and was formed in 1961 to serve the psychology boards in the two countries. ASPPB created and maintains the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP), which is used by licensing boards to assess candidates for licensure and certification.

What is the EPPP?

The EPPP is a standardized exam which is administered continuously in a computerized delivery format throughout the U.S., Canada, and Puerto Rico. The EPPP is intended to evaluate the knowledge that most recent practice analysis has determined as foundational to the competent practice of psychology. It covers eight content areas: biological bases of behavior; cognitive-affective bases of behavior; social and cultural bases of behavior; growth and lifespan development; assessment and diagnosis; treatment, intervention, prevention and supervision; research methods and statistics; and ethical, legal and professional issues. The exam consists of 225 questions (50 of which are unscored pretest items) with a 4 hour and 15 minute time allotment. More information can be found in [ASPPB's Candidate Handbook](#).

Who is required to take the EPPP?

Psychologist and psychologist associate candidates for licensure must achieve a passing score in order to be eligible for licensure. If you have already obtained a passing score in another state, you will not be required to retake the exam. If you qualify for licensure by endorsement for applicants who have maintained an active psychologist license for 15 years or more, and have never taken or passed the EPPP, then this requirement is waived.

What is a passing score in Oregon?

For exams taken after April 1993: A scaled score of 500 (i.e. raw score of 140) is required. For exams taken from April 20, 1990 through March of 1993, a passing score is at or above the national mean of first-time doctoral candidates for that exam date or 75 percent, whichever is lower. For exams taken prior to April 20, 1990, a passing score is at or above the national mean of first-time doctoral candidates for that exam date.

When can I take the EPPP?

Candidates for licensure are eligible once they have received notification from the Board that their application has been approved. ASPPB will not allow anyone to register without a state board's authorization.

How do I register?

When you are getting ready to take the exam (about 2-3 months prior is the best timing), you will need to submit a written request the Board's office. If you are eligible, the Board will submit your information to ASPPB's exam service. You will then receive an email with registration instructions. You'll need to follow the instructions in the email to verify your account within 90

days. If you do not, then you'll need to contact the Board and have your information re-submitted.

Do I have to take the exam with a certain time?

ASPPB requires that you take the exam within 90 days of the date of your "authorization-to-test (ATT) letter." The clock starts once you register and pay the exam fee. Candidates are strongly encouraged to schedule their exam as soon as they receive the ATT letter to increase the likelihood of securing a preferred time.

Can I take the exam in another state?

Yes. Once registered, you may sit for the examination at any of the many [Pearson Testing Centers](#) in the United States, United States territories, and Canada.

Can I request special accommodations for my disability?

Yes. The request must be made at the time your written request to take the exam is made, or when you become aware of your disability. You will need to include a written verification of your disability from a qualified care provider (i.e. a person certified or licensed by the state to provide such services) detailing the nature, extent and duration of your disability and his or her recommendation for an accommodation.

How and when do I get my score?

ASPPB will release your score to the Board during the week following your exam- usually by Wednesday. We then post your score to your applicant tracking page in the notes section. You just need to login to check your score. Also, an official score letter will be mailed to you. Scores are typically received on the Wednesday of the week following your exam date.

Will my "unofficial" score from the test center be the same score that I receive from the Board?

Yes, except in extraordinary circumstances (e.g., suspected cheating). It is the Board, rather than ASPPB, that has the authority to determine "pass" or "fail" based on the score.

If the EPPP is my last step to becoming licensed, when will my license be issued?

If your file is indeed otherwise complete, then the license effective date will be the date we receive your score from ASPPB. Board staff strives to review files and issue licenses as quickly as possible upon receipt of scores; it is unusual that this would take more than a week.

I took the EPPP and did not pass. How to I request to sit again?

You will need to send your request to sit for the exam to the Board the same way you did the first time. If you only request the exam through the ASPPB portal, it will not be approved. There is no required wait period, but ASPPB does recommend that you wait at least 60 days to allow sufficient preparation time. If it is your third exam attempt, then along with your request you will need to submit a detailed study plan that documents the activities you intend to pursue in order to pass the examination. A third exam failure will result in the denial of your application for licensure, and you must wait one year to reapply.