

February 7, 2023

Notice of Proposed Revisions to Proposed Amendments of College of Psychologists of BC Bylaws

On October 27, 2022, the College of Psychologists of British Columbia (CPBC) [posted proposed amendments to its bylaws](#) in response to the Ministry of Health's [recently approved changes to the Psychologists Regulation](#) that will remove the exemption for non-registrant use of the title "school psychologist" and will require all school psychologists to be registrants of CPBC after May 1, 2024. The changes to the *Psychologists Regulation* will also establish the restricted activities of psychology diagnosis and school psychology diagnosis for registered psychologists and school psychologists respectively. The proposed amendments were posted for a three-month public review and comment period in accordance with section 19(6.2) of the *Health Professions Act*.

Following its review of feedback received during the initial three-month notice period, the College has made several revisions to the proposed bylaw amendments.

The revisions include the following changes to the proposed amendments to Part 4 of the College's bylaws:

- The cut-off date for the requirement for membership in BCASP for the purpose of an expedited registration application under section 46(3) has been extended from May 1, 2023 to August 1, 2023.
- An additional subsection (6) has been added to section 46 to clarify that any grant of school psychologist registration will become effective on or after May 1, 2024 (to align with the coming into force date of the *Psychologists Regulation* amendments).
- Section 46(8) (as renumbered) has been revised:
 - to allow for the practice of school psychology by school psychologists outside of a learning environment setting, subject to limitation imposed by the *Psychologists Regulation* amendments that will only authorize school psychologists to perform the restricted activity of school psychology diagnosis within a learning environment; and
 - in further recognition that, while all registrants (including school psychologist registrants) of the College are expected to comply with the College's Code of Conduct in all of their professional work, regardless of what titles they may use, some school psychologists may continue to provide services within the scope of another profession or occupation that they are registered, licensed or otherwise legally authorized to practise.
- Section 46(9) (as renumbered) has been revised to allow school psychologists to use the additional title "licensed school psychologist" and the abbreviation "L.Sch.Psych."
- Section 52(3)(c) has been revised to add references to the appropriate criteria to be met by applicants for reinstatement of school psychologist registration.

The College also proposes to amend Schedule H.1 of its bylaws (Areas of Psychology Practice) to better align the description of "school psychology" in that schedule with the definition of "school psychology" in the *Psychologists Regulation* amendments.

Updated copies of the proposed amendments are available through the following links:

- [Updated copy of proposed bylaw amendments](#)
- [Proposed amendments to Schedule A](#)
- [Proposed amendments to Schedule C](#)
- [Proposed amendments to Schedule H](#)
- [Proposed amendments to Schedule H.1](#)
- [Proposed new Schedule I.1](#)

The updated version of the proposed bylaw amendments will be posted for a further period of 30 days (until March 9, 2023) to provide additional time for comments. All submissions will be reviewed and given full consideration. However, we may not respond to all submissions individually.

You may also provide comments directly to the Ministry of Health. Please see contact information below.

Notice date: February 7, 2023

Deadline for comments: March 9, 2023

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