



Certificate of Professional Qualification in Psychology (CPQ®) Quick Guide

The CPQ:

- Is a means by which a doctoral-level licensed psychologist can demonstrate that they have met ASPPB-recommended standards for licensure, which include specific requirements relative to their educational background, supervised experience, and performance on the EPPP exam.
- Does not serve as a license to practice, but certain psychology licensing boards that recognize the CPQ will accept it as evidence of your educational background, supervised experience, and examination performance for licensure.
- Has two application options – Standard and American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP).
- Application processing fee is \$200 for standard or \$100 for ABPP certification holders. Both are non-refundable.
- Standard processing time is 2-3 weeks, but it could vary depending on the applicant and attestors.
- Can be accessed in your credentials bank at PSYPRO.org.

CPQ Application Checklist

- ☐ **Licensure:** You must hold a current, active psychology license, based on a doctoral psychology degree in an ASPPB member jurisdiction, with no disciplinary action listed on any license.
- ☐ **Education:** You must hold a doctoral degree in psychology from an institution of higher education that was, at the time the degree was conferred or within 18 months of the time the degree was conferred: (1) accredited by the American Psychological Association, the Canadian Psychological Association, or designated as a psychology program by the Joint Designation Committee of the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards and the National Register of Health Service Psychologists or (2) has been continuously licensed (active or inactive) for 15 years to practice psychology at the independent level in one or more ASPPB member jurisdictions based on a doctoral



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degree in psychology conferred prior to 1/1/2000 from a regionally accredited institution must meet the educational requirements identified in the Mobility Program Policies and Procedures.

Official doctoral transcripts must be sent to ASPPB directly from the university or its clearing house to transcripts@asppb.org or P.O. Box 849, Tyrone, GA. 30290.

Must demonstrate a minimum of one (1) continuous academic year of full-time residency at the educational institution granting the doctoral degree, meaning physical presence, in person, at the educational institution. Models that use in-person contact for shorter durations throughout a year or models that use video conferencing or other electronic means to meet the residency requirement are NOT acceptable.

- ☐ **Supervised Experience:** You must have two years of supervised experience, at least one of which shall have been completed after doctoral degree conferral, for a minimum of 3,000 total clock hours. The minimum standard requirement shall be one (1) hour per week of individual face-to-face supervision from a licensed doctoral psychologist. Each year [or equivalent] shall be comprised of no less than 10 months, but no more than 24 months, and at least 1,500 hours of professional service, including direct contact, supervision, and didactic training.
- ☐ **EPPP® Examination** – Successful completion of the EPPP exam with a score that meets or exceeds the established ASPPB recommended passing score.
- ☐ **Professional Work Experience:** You must demonstrate at least five (5) years of post-licensure work experience at the independent level under the authority of a license issued in an ASPPB member jurisdiction(s), verified by a licensed doctoral-level psychologist who was licensed during a minimum of five (5) years for which they are attesting.

Please review ASPPB's Mobility Policies and Procedures manual for details and exemptions [here](#).