

Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology[®] (EPPP) Frequently Asked Questions

Applies to both the EPPP Beta Test and the integrated EPPP	
Full Exam Format	Q: What will be the format of the EPPP Beta and the integrated EPPP?
	<p>A: Both the EPPP Beta and the integrated EPPP are computer-based exams administered in a single session. Total testing time for both is five (5) hours, plus an optional 30-minute break.</p> <p>Both exams include 215 questions: 175 scored and 40 unscored (pretest) items. They include a variety of item types designed to evaluate candidates' ability to apply knowledge in professional settings.</p> <p>These item types may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traditional multiple-choice questions with three or four response options • Extended multiple-choice questions • Scenario-based case studies accompanied by a series of related questions • Questions based on multimedia content, such as audio or video materials. <p>By incorporating multiple item formats, the EPPP Beta Test is designed to evaluate both foundational knowledge and the practical application of psychological principles in real-world contexts.</p>
Blueprints	Q: What blueprint would EPPP Beta candidates need to use to prepare for the EPPP Beta Test and the integrated EPPP?
	<p>A: The blueprint for the EPPP Beta Test, which is the same for the integrated EPPP, is available on the ASPPB website.</p>

Content / Domains	Q: Which domain areas are included in the new exam framework?
	<p>A: The integrated EPPP and EPPP Beta Test are organized into six competency domains that reflect the knowledge and skills required for entry-level independent practice in psychology:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scientific Orientation to Practice – 15% • Assessment – 20% • Intervention – 20% • Consultation and Supervision – 10% • Interpersonal Relationships – 15% • Ethical and Professional Practice – 20% <p>These domains were established through the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Board’s® (ASPPB) Job Task Analysis and represent the core competencies considered essential for safe and effective psychological practice.</p>
Item Types	Q: What types of exam items are included in the EPPP Beta Test and the integrated EPPP?
	<p>A: The item types on both the EPPP Beta Test and the integrated EPPP are the same. The items are designed to evaluate candidates' ability to apply knowledge in professional settings and collectively assess competencies across six domains, each representing important knowledge and skills required for entry-level psychology practice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Item types include: Traditional multiple-choice questions with three or four response options; extended multiple-choice questions; scenario-based case studies accompanied by a series of related questions; and questions based on multimedia content, such as audio or video materials.

Number of Questions	Q: How many questions will there be on the EPPP Beta Test and the integrated EPPP?
	<p>A: Since the EPPP Beta Test and the integrated EPPP are the same exam, they both consist of 215 questions administered during a single testing session. Of these, 175 questions are scored and contribute to a candidate's result, while 40 questions are unscored pretest items.</p> <p>Pretest items help ASPPB evaluate the performance of potential future exam questions. Candidates will not know which questions are scored or unscored, and responses to pretest items do not affect a candidate's result.</p>
Development	Q: Why does the integrated EPPP include application-based questions when candidates gain practical skills through training and supervision?
	<p>A: The integrated EPPP (and thus the EPPP Beta) is designed to assess the competencies required for entry-level independent practice in psychology, including both knowledge and the application of that knowledge. While many professional skills develop and are refined through graduate education, supervised training, internship, and postdoctoral experience, licensure examinations play an important role in providing a standardized assessment of whether candidates are prepared to apply those competencies in practice.</p> <p>The content and structure of the integrated EPPP are informed by industry testing standards and ASPPB's most recent Job Task Analysis (JTA), which gathered input from thousands of licensed psychologists across the United States and Canada. The JTA identified the knowledge, skills, and professional competencies considered essential for safe and effective entry-level practice and serves as the foundation for the examination blueprint.</p>

Preparation Resources	<p>Q: What resources are available to help candidates prepare for the EPPP Beta Test and the integrated EPPP?</p> <p>A: ASPPB recommends that candidates use the integrated EPPP blueprint, sample examination, and Candidate Handbook as primary resources when preparing for both the EPPP Beta Test and the integrated EPPP. ASPPB published the integrated EPPP blueprint in Spring 2026. The blueprint, which will also serve as the foundation for the EPPP Beta Test, outlines the domains, competencies, knowledge, and skills the examination assesses. The blueprint is available on the ASPPB website under Future EPPP Content Areas.</p> <p>In Fall 2026, ASPPB will make a sample examination available to candidates approved as licensure applicants in an ASPPB member jurisdiction and authorized to take the EPPP Beta. Developed using the same blueprint and test development processes as the operational integrated EPPP, the sample examination is designed to provide candidates with an experience similar to the actual examination. It will familiarize candidates with the exam's content areas, item formats, navigation tools, and overall testing experience.</p> <p>ASPPB will also publish an integrated EPPP Candidate Handbook in 2026. The handbook will provide comprehensive information about the examination, including eligibility requirements, registration procedures, examination administration, test content, scoring, accommodations, policies, and other important details to help candidates prepare for the testing process.</p>
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Sample Exams	Q: What is a sample exam?
	<p>A: ASPPB offers sample exams as a preparation resource for both the EPPP Beta Test and the integrated EPPP. These sample exams familiarize candidates with the exam's content, format, and testing experience.</p> <p>We developed the sample exams using the same blueprint and item-development processes as the operational examinations. Each sample exam contains 100 questions and allows 150 minutes for completion. Because the exams include previously used operational items, they closely reflect the style, structure, and delivery format candidates will encounter on the actual exam.</p> <p>By increasing familiarity with the testing experience, sample exams can help candidates build confidence, reduce test anxiety, and prepare more effectively.</p> <p>Sample exams will be available to approved candidates beginning in Fall 2026 (English) and Summer 2027 (French). Candidates can access, purchase, and schedule a sample exam through the Sample Exams link in the left navigation menu of their Clarus dashboard.</p>
Third-Party Materials	Q: Will ASPPB partner with third-party companies to help candidates prepare for the integrated EPPP?
	<p>A: ASPPB offers sample exams as a preparation resource for both the EPPP Beta Test and the integrated EPPP. These sample exams familiarize candidates with the exam's content, format, and testing experience.</p> <p>We developed the sample exams using the same blueprint and item-development processes as the operational examinations. Each sample exam contains 100 questions and allows 150 minutes for completion. Because the exams include previously used operational items, they closely reflect the style, structure, and delivery format candidates will encounter on the actual exam.</p> <p>By increasing familiarity with the testing experience, sample exams can help candidates build confidence, reduce test anxiety, and prepare more effectively.</p> <p>Sample exams will be available to approved candidates beginning in Fall 2026 (English) and Summer 2027 (French). Candidates can access, purchase, and schedule a sample exam through the Sample Exams link in the left navigation menu of their Clarus dashboard.</p>

Time Allowed	Q: How much time will we have to complete the EPPP Beta Test and the integrated EPPP?
	A: The total testing time for both the EPPP Beta Test and the integrated EPPP will be five hours, with an optional 30-minute break available during the examination session.
Accommodations	Q: Will testing accommodations be provided for the EPPP Beta Test and the integrated EPPP?
	<p>A: ASPPB is committed to providing all eligible candidates with an equal opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and competencies on the EPPP while maintaining the validity, reliability, and security of the examination. Candidates with documented disabilities or impairments covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or the Accessible Canada Act (ACA) may request testing accommodations to support their participation in the examination.</p> <p>Submit accommodation requests to the licensing board or college through which the candidate is seeking licensure. If required, candidates must provide documentation supporting the need for the requested accommodation(s). The licensing authority will review the request and determine eligibility for accommodations under its policies and procedures. If warranted, the licensing authority will collaborate with the ASPPB® for a final review and implementation planning.</p> <p>Candidates are encouraged to submit accommodation requests and supporting documentation as early as possible to allow sufficient time for review and approval before scheduling their examination.</p> <p>For additional information regarding accommodations, candidates should contact their licensing board or college directly.</p>

Validity / Development	Q: Will the integrated EPPP be developed and evaluated using industry-standard psychometric and testing methods?
	A: ASPPB is committed to maintaining the highest standards of quality, fairness, and validity for the integrated EPPP®. To support these goals, ASPPB will continue to employ industry-recognized test development practices and psychometric analyses to inform examination design, scoring, and ongoing evaluation. These processes help ensure that the integrated EPPP remains a reliable, defensible, and effective measure of the knowledge and skills required for entry-level professional practice in psychology.