

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

The integrated EPPP	
Who will need the integrated EPPP?	Q: Who is the integrated EPPP for?
	A: The integrated EPPP [®] will be for those seeking licensure in psychology within one of the 66 ASPPB Member Jurisdictions.
Does the integrated EPPP replace supervisor competency evaluations?	Q: How does the integrated EPPP relate to the competency evaluations conducted by practicum, internship, and postdoctoral supervisors?
	A: The integrated EPPP is not intended to replace competency evaluations conducted by practicum, internship, or postdoctoral supervisors. Licensing requirements are established by each jurisdiction, and those requirements vary across Canada and the United States. ASPPB does not suggest that the EPPP should be the only measure of competence for licensure. Instead, the EPPP is one component that jurisdictions may choose to incorporate as part of a broader licensure process. Each licensing body will determine what is necessary to assess readiness and competence for practice within its jurisdiction.

Validity / Development	<p>Q: How will the integrated EPPP remain a general licensure examination while incorporating practice-based and application-focused questions?</p> <p>A: The integrated EPPP remains a general licensure examination by assessing competencies that are essential for entry-level independent practice across all areas of psychology. While questions may be practice-based and application-focused, they evaluate foundational knowledge, clinical reasoning, ethical decision-making, and professional judgment common across the profession, rather than specialty-specific expertise.</p> <p>All items are developed with the expectation that a minimally competent entry-level psychologist can answer them, regardless of specialty area or practice setting. In addition, the standard-setting process evaluates whether a minimally competent psychologist would be expected to answer each item correctly, helping ensure the exam remains fair, relevant, and appropriate for general licensure.</p>
Why are application-based questions necessary?	<p>Q: Why does the integrated EPPP include application-based questions when candidates gain practical skills through training and supervision?</p> <p>A: Training and supervision are critical for developing practical skills, but they can vary across programs, settings, and jurisdictions. The integrated EPPP includes application-based questions to standardize assessment of how candidates apply their knowledge, clinical reasoning, ethical decision-making, and professional judgment, regardless of their training background.</p> <p>The inclusion of application-based questions is informed by ASPPB's Job Task Analysis (JTA), which identified the competencies considered essential for safe and effective entry-level practice. These questions help ensure that candidates not only possess foundational knowledge but can also apply that knowledge in ways expected of a minimally competent, entry-level psychologist.</p>

Cost	Q: How much will the integrated EPPP cost?
	<p>A: From the launch of the integrated EPPP in Fall 2027 through March 31, 2028, the examination fee will be \$600 USD, plus the applicable Pearson VUE sitting fee (currently \$91.88 USD).</p> <p>Effective April 1, 2028, the integrated EPPP examination fee will increase to \$650 USD, plus the applicable Pearson VUE sitting fee.</p> <p>Beginning April 1, 2030, and every two years thereafter, the EPPP examination fee will be reviewed and adjusted as appropriate based on changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Pearson VUE will continue to charge any applicable sitting fee separately from the examination fee.</p>
Languages	Q: Will the integrated EPPP be available in any languages other than English?
	<p>A: The EPPP is offered in a language other than English only in ASPPB Member Jurisdictions (licensing boards or colleges) where the availability of the examination in another language is required by law. Currently, French is the only language offered in addition to English.</p> <p>Candidates in jurisdictions that require a French-language examination will have access to the integrated EPPP in French beginning in Fall 2027. The French version of the integrated EPPP will be developed and administered to the same standards as the English version, ensuring a comparable testing experience for all candidates.</p> <p>Candidates should consult their licensing board or college to determine whether a French-language version of the examination is available in their jurisdiction.</p>

Timeline	Q: Will the current EPPP (Part 1-Knowledge) and EPPP (Part 2-Skills) continue to be available until the launch of the integrated EPPP?
	<p>A: The integrated EPPP is scheduled to become operational in the fourth quarter of 2027. At that time, the EPPP (Part 1-Knowledge) and EPPP (Part 2-Skills) will no longer be available to first-time test takers.</p> <p>Candidates who have previously taken and not passed either the EPPP (Part 1-Knowledge) or the EPPP (Part 2-Skills) before the launch of the integrated EPPP will be eligible to retake the respective examination through March 31, 2028.</p> <p>Beginning April 1, 2028, the EPPP (Part 1-Knowledge) and EPPP (Part 2-Skills) will no longer be administered as separate examinations. At that time, the integrated EPPP will become the sole examination available for candidates seeking licensure through participating jurisdictions.</p>