



Presented by the Early Career Psychology Committee:

Getting Licensed as a Psychologist in Kentucky

Step 1: Complete General 'Application for Licensure' Form

Go to <http://psy.ky.gov> and click on '[applications and forms](#)'. Then determine which type of licensure you are applying for based on the following:

Licensed Psychologist = Has a doctoral degree

Licensed Psychological Associate (LPA) = Has a Masters degree and practices under supervision of a licensed psychologist.

Licensed Psychological Practitioner (LPP) = Has completed at least sixty (60) semester hours of graduate study in psychology or a related field or its equivalent and has evidence of at least five (5) full-time years of professional experience under the supervision of a board-approved licensed psychologist post credentialing as a certified psychologist, psychological associate, or licensed psychological associate

Then go to the first form that is listed under 'general forms and applications', the '[application for licensure](#)' form. Complete that form, indicating which level you are applying at (Licensed Psychologist, LPA or LPP)



Step 2: Complete Specific Forms for Each Type of License

Return to the 'Applications and Forms' page of the website. Find the section appropriate to your level of licensure.

Download and complete all of the forms under that section and send them to the licensing board, along with the general application form and the required payment (stated on the forms).

It is your responsibility to ensure that the board receives all transcripts and recommendations. An application will not be reviewed until all of the materials have been received.

NB. The board meets on the first Monday of every month and applications must be submitted two weeks prior to the meeting.



Step 3: Approval to take the Examination in Professional Practice of Psychology (EPPP)

If your application is approved, you are notified by letter.

At the **Licensed Psychologist level**, you are issued with a temporary license to practice under supervision until you have passed the EPPP with a score of 500 or more (you have one year to achieve this score). You need to pass the oral and jurisprudence exam before the end of two years after issuance of a temporary license (more information on this later).

At the **LPA level**, you are issued a temporary license to practice once you have a supervisor and supervision plan approved by the Board. You have one year from the date of licensure to pass the EPPP at a score of 400 or more.

N.B. If you think you might ever want to practice independently or pursue a doctorate, you would do well to study hard and obtain an EPPP score of 500 or more. (There is no oral exam at the LPA level).

At the **LPP level**, you will have already taken EPPP but need to have a score of 500 or above. You may retake it at any time.

The Board contacts [Professional Examination Services](#) (PES) who contacts you about taking the Examination in Professional Practice of Psychology (EPPP). More information on the EPPP can be found on the [Association of State and Provincial Psychology Board \(ASPPB\) website](#).



Step 4: 'Authorization to Test' letter

PES e-mails to tell you that you are eligible to take the EPPP examination. You must complete the application for the examination online by following directions in the e-mail.

PES then e-mails you an 'Authorization to Test' letter. You then have 60 days in which to schedule an appointment and to take the examination.

N.B. You can wait to complete the application until you feel prepared to take the EPPP within 60 days.



Step 5: Taking the EPPP

The EPPP is a computerized test. There are many testing centers across the country and so you should be able to schedule somewhere nearby. (The online instructions give you links to centers near you). The test is offered several times a week.

When you sit the EPPP, there will be other people there taking tests for many different organizations. You are given headphones to eliminate noise from others if you want to use them. You are also given a small whiteboard and pen to use to work out answers during the exam. You are able to mark questions to skip or review at the end as you go through. You are given four hours and 15 minutes for the exam.

The results of your EPPP are reported to the Licensing Board twice a month. The first reporting period covers 1st-15th of the month and the second covers 16th-30th/31st of the month. The board receives the results approximately a week after the ending date and they will notify you of your score.

If you do not pass the EPPP first time, you can retake it up to four times in a year.

If you are applying to be a Licensed Psychologist of LPP, the board will write to you with details of the oral exam and written jurisprudence (relevant laws in Kentucky) exam.

If you are applying as LPA, you are fully licensed once you have passed the EPPP.



Step 6: Oral Exam and Written Jurisprudence Exam

The oral exam and written jurisprudence exam take place on the same day at the Licensing Board offices in Frankfort, KY. The oral exam consists of a series of structured questions about a case vignette. The written (multiple choice and short answer) pen and paper exam covers relevant Kentucky laws. The board writes to you with further information about this.

Once you have passed the EPPP, you have a year in which to pass the oral and jurisprudence exams.

These exams are held 4 times a year.



Step 7: Being Independently Licensed as a Licensed Psychologist or LPP

If you pass the oral and jurisprudence exam, the board will write and send you a certificate. You receive an identification card approximately two weeks later. Once you have your certificate, you are licensed and able to practice independently i.e. without supervision.

You (or anyone else) can also check that your license is valid by going to <http://www.psy.ky.gov> and clicking on '[Online license renewal and verification](#)' (top right of the page).

Your license is valid for three years and then must be renewed. The board sends you a postcard reminder 60 days prior to renewal.

Further Questions?

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Or contact Julie Jackson, the Licensing Board Administrator by phone 502-564-3296 ext. 226 or e-mail JulieG.Jackson@ky.gov or go to <http://psy.ky.gov>

Or Professional Examination Services (PES) on 1-800-364-3777
eppinfo@proexam.org

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Please note that the law regarding eligible experience to apply for licensure is in the process of change. Please consult <http://psy.ky.gov> for up-to-date information.

KPA's ECP Committee developed these guidelines in collaboration with the Kentucky Board of Examiners of Psychology. Please be aware that this information is provided as a guide and a courtesy. For any questions regarding licensing law, please refer to the Kentucky Revised Statute (<http://psy.ky.gov/NR/rdonlyres/556F4087-898A-4E87-8F38-9E1CACEBB3FD/0/PSYLAWSandREGULATIONS.pdf>) or contact the Kentucky Board of Examiners of Psychology.