Minnesota Department of Education

School Psychologist Licensure

The following information relates to obtaining or renewing a Minnesota School Psychologist License.

First-Time Licensure

To apply for first-time licensure as a school psychologist, you must provide **either** of the following:

- Evidence of having completed a preparation program in school psychology that is accredited by the National Association of School Psychologists.
- Evidence of National Certification of School Psychologists (NCSP) through the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP). This requirement is the result of a Board of Teaching Resolution.

Visit the NASP website (http://www.nasponline.org/) for more information about approved programs and certification.

View School Psychologist licensure (Minn. R. 8710.6200) on the Revisor's website.
www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/?id=8710.6200

License Renewals

To renew a five-year license Minnesota School Psychologist, an applicant must complete 125 hours of professional development that have been approved through the local school district's continuing education committee.

As part of the 125 professional development hours, the Minnesota Legislature, by statute, also requires evidence of training in:

- Positive Behavioral Intervention Strategies.
- Accommodation, Modification, and Adaptation of Curriculum, Materials, and Instruction.
- Key Warning Signs for Early-Onset Mental Illness in Children and Adolescents.

Note: School Psychologists are exempt from the Reading Preparation, Technology and Reflective Statement requirements.

Clock Hour Exemptions

School Psychologists who hold NCSP certification are granted a clock-hour exemption, as approved by a Board of Teaching Resolution. More information can be found in the "License Renewal Instructions and Registration Guide" on our website at http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/EdExc/Licen/index.html.

Limited Full-time License

If an applicant is not eligible for the professional school psychologist license, he/she may be approved for a Limited Full-Time License. This is a temporary, one-year license and gives an applicant time to complete an accredited program or complete the NASP certification process.

- To be eligible for this license, applicants must have at least a Master's degree directly related to the professional preparation for school psychologist licensure being requested.
- In addition, the administrator of the employing school district or charter school must verify that no licensed school psychologist has been found to fill the assignment after extensive advertising.

View Temporary Limited Licenses (Minn. R. 8710.1250) on the Revisor's website.
www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/?id=8710.1250."

Limited Intern License

If you are currently enrolled in an NASP-approved school psychology program, you may apply for a Limited Intern License. Individuals working under this license:

- Must not be filling a vacancy.
- Must work under the direct, day-to-day supervision of a licensed school psychologist.
- Must hold at least a Master's degree in school psychology.

In addition, the college or university attended by the applicant must agree to assist and provide supervision to the intern.

View Limited Intern Licenses (Minn. R. 8710.1050) on the Revisor's website.
www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/?id=8710.1050

Variances

The Board of Teaching does **not** authorize or issue a personnel variance for School Psychologists.

View Personnel Variances (Minn. R. 8710.1400) on the Revisor's website.
www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/?id=8710.1400

For more information, contact Educator Licensing at mde.educator-licensing@state.mn.us or 651-582-8691.