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(2) A person represents himself or herself to be a psychologist when the person adopts or uses any title or any description of services which incorporates one or more of the following terms: "psychology," "psychological," "psychologist," or any term of like import. [1986 c 27 s 1; 1965 c 70 s 2; 1955 c 305 s 2.]

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(3) A licensed psychological associate shall provide each client or patient, during the first professional contact, with a disclosure form disclosing that the licensed psychological associate is an associate under the supervision of an approved supervisor. [2024 c 371 s 2; 1986 c 27 s 1; 1965 c 70 s 2; 1955 c 305 s 2.]

**Rule making—2024 c 371 ss 1-16:** "The examining board of psychology may adopt any rules necessary to implement sections 2 through 12 of this act. The secretary of health may adopt any rules necessary to implement sections 1 and 13 through 16 of this act." [2024 c 371 s 20.]

**Effective dates—2024 c 371 ss 1-12, 14, and 16:** See note following RCW 18.19.020.