Effective Date of Rule: Thirty-one days after filing.

Purpose: WAC 246-924-493, the examining board of psychology amended the probationary licensure requirements for psychologists by removing a reference to AIDS education. This amendment aligns the rule with statutory amendments under ESHB 1551 (chapter 76, Laws of 2020), which repealed the statutory requirement for health care professionals to complete AIDS education and training.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 246-924-493.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 18.83.050.

Other Authority: ESHB 1551 (chapter 76, Laws of 2020).

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 22-11-009 on May 6, 2022.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 1, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 1, Repealed 0.

Date Adopted: July 22, 2022.

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WAC 246-924-493 Probationary license. (1) The department shall issue a probationary license to out-of-state applicants seeking licensure in Washington state as a psychologist according to the conditions and restrictions of the reciprocity program established in RCW 18.83.170 and this chapter.

(2) The out-of-state license must be from a state or territory identified on a list published by the department as eligible for reciprocity for the purposes of a probationary license for the practice of psychology.

(3) An initial probationary license is valid for one year. To receive an initial probationary license, an applicant must submit to the department a completed application to include:

(a) Verification of their out-of-state license;
(b) Proof of passing the jurisprudence exam according to WAC 246-924-070; and
(c) The fee according to WAC 246-924-990.

(4) A probationary license may be renewed a single time and is valid for one year after the date of renewal. To renew a probationary license, an applicant must submit to the department a completed application to include:
   (a) Completion of four hours of education in ethics according to WAC 246-924-240;
   (b) Training in suicide assessment, treatment, and management according to WAC 246-924-990; and
   (c) ((AIDS education according to WAC 246-924-110; and
   (d)))) The fee according to WAC 246-924-990.

(5) Continuing education. With the exception of the requirements in subsection (4) of this section, continuing education requirements will apply once a probationary licensee transitions to a full license.

(6) Supervised experience. If it is determined additional supervised experience is required for full licensure, the supervised experience hours must meet the requirements for postdoctoral supervised experience in WAC 246-924-059.

[Statutory Authority: 2019 c 351, 2019 c 444 and RCW 18.83.050. WSR 20-12-076, § 246-924-493, filed 6/1/20, effective 7/2/20.]