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(a) A Psychological Associate practicing psychology in North Carolina shall receive supervision for activities specified in G.S. 90-270.139(e) and Rule .2006 of this Section.

(b) A Psychological Associate whose professional practice is limited to those activities other than those specified in G.S. 90-270.139(e) and Rule .2006 of this Section as requiring supervision shall not be required to receive supervision.

(c) A Psychological Associate who is a regular salaried employee of the State Department of Public Instruction or a local board of education, and whose professional activities are limited only to those for which he or she is employed by that agency, shall not be required to receive supervision. This exemption shall not apply to individuals who contract with the Department of Public Instruction or local boards of education for the delivery of psychological services which otherwise require supervision in the schools.

(d) A Psychological Associate who engages in the practice of psychology in a jurisdiction other than North Carolina shall not be required to receive supervision as set forth in this Rule for those services rendered in another jurisdiction so long as said services in another jurisdiction are rendered in a manner consistent with that jurisdiction's legal requirements.

(e) A written, notarized supervision contract form shall be filed within 30 days of a change in the conditions specified in the supervision contract form on file with the Board and within 30 days after receiving written notification from the Board that the filing of a new form is necessary to provide for the protection of the public or the regulation of the practice of psychology. A supervision contract form shall document either that supervision is required and shall be received, or that supervision is not required. A separate supervision contract form shall be filed for each separate work setting. A work setting is considered as self-employment, employment under an umbrella agency, or employment at a stand-alone business entity. If receiving supervision from more than one supervisor to meet the supervision requirements set forth in this Rule, a separate supervision contract form shall be filed with each individual supervisor.

(f) A supervisor shall report to the Board that agreed upon supervision has occurred and shall file a final report upon termination of supervision. A report shall be submitted to the Board by the following time periods:

- (1) within 30 days after receiving written notification from the Board that such is due;
- (2) within 2 weeks of termination of supervision; and,
- (3) within 2 weeks of a change in the conditions specified in the supervision contract form on file with the Board.

If not receiving supervision, it shall be the responsibility of the Psychological Associate to report such to the Board.

(g) Additional supervision and reporting to the Board shall be required in cases where the Board determines by reviewing previous supervision reports or other information (e.g. reference letters, ethical complaints, etc.) problems in the supervisee's failure to practice in accordance with G.S. 90-270.148(a). Additional documentation or an interview with the Board or its designated representative(s) may be required when questions arise regarding the supervisee's practice due to information supplied or omitted on supervision contract forms and reports or when required forms are not filed with the Board.

(h) Supervision shall be provided in individual, face-to-face supervision, as defined by Rule .2003 of this Section, sessions which shall last no longer than 2 hours or less than 30 minutes by an individual who is an appropriate supervisor as defined in Rule .2001 of this Section. The rates of supervision specified in this Paragraph shall be provided for each separate work setting in which the Psychological Associate engages in the activities requiring supervision. Minimum hours of supervision required for each work setting shall not be split between more than two supervisors. The term "post-licensure" in this Paragraph shall refer to the period following issuance of a Psychological Associate license by the North Carolina Psychology Board. The term "supervised practice" in this Paragraph shall refer to activities requiring supervision as specified in G.S. 90-270.139(e) and Rule .2006 of this Section. Except as provided in Paragraph (g) of this Rule, minimum supervision requirements shall be as follows:

- (1) Level 1. For a Psychological Associate with less than 3 calendar years consisting of at least 4500 hours of post-licensure supervised practice, minimum supervision shall be provided as follows:

No. of hours per month engaging in activities that require supervision	No. of hours of required individual supervision per month
1 - 10	1
11 - 20	2
21 - 30	3
31 plus	4

- (2) Level 2. If a Psychological Associate does not meet the pass point of a scaled score of 500 as set forth in Rule .1901(a)(1) of this Chapter, then, after receiving a minimum of 3 calendar years consisting of at least 4500 hours of post-licensure supervised practice a minimum of one hour per month individual supervision, the Psychological Associate who engages in activities requiring supervision, shall receive one hour of supervision per month, regardless of the number of hours per month engaging in activities that require supervision. To be approved by the Board for Level 2 supervision, a Psychological Associate shall:
- (A) make application on an application form provided by the Board, which shall include the following information:
 - (i) legal name;
 - (ii) license number;
 - (iii) license date;
 - (iv) email address;
 - (v) mailing address;
 - (vi) telephone number;
 - (vii) dates of practicing psychology;
 - (viii) total hours of practicing psychology;
 - (ix) job title;
 - (x) work duties; and
 - (xi) name and address of supervisor.
 - (B) document that all performance ratings for the preceding 3 years and 4500 hours of post-licensure supervised practice have been average or above average as reported on previous supervision reports;
 - (C) have received at least one calendar year of supervision from the most recent supervisor; and
 - (D) have the recommendation of the most recent supervisor for this level of supervision.
- (3) Level 3. After a minimum of 3 calendar years consisting of at least 4500 hours of post-licensure supervised practice, as set forth above in Paragraph (h)(1) of this Rule, or 5 calendar years of post licensure supervised experience, as set forth in Paragraph (h)(2) of this Rule if a psychological associate does not meet the scale score of 500, a minimum of one hour every three months of individual supervision shall be provided to a Psychological Associate who engages in activities requiring supervision, provided that a Psychological Associate shall:
- (A) make application on an application form provided by the Board, which shall include the information set forth in Part (h)(2)(A) of this Rule;
 - (B) document that all performance ratings for the preceding 3 years and 4500 hours of post-licensure supervised practice have been average or above average for those applying under Subparagraph (h)(1) of this Rule; or 5 years of post-licensure supervised practice for those required to apply under Subparagraph (h)(2) of this Rule;
 - (C) have received at least one calendar year of supervision from the most recent supervisor; and
 - (D) have the recommendation of the most recent supervisor for this level of supervision.
 - (i) The frequency and scope of supervision may, at the discretion of the supervising psychologist, be modified provided that the minimum rate of supervision as defined in Subparagraph (h)(1), (h)(2) or (h)(3) of this Rule is provided. The supervising psychologist of record may review, approve, and monitor additional individual or group supervision to be provided to the supervisee by a licensed psychological associate, licensed psychologist holding a permanent or provisional license, or a professional from a related discipline. Such supervision shall not substitute for the minimum requirements specified in Subparagraph (h)(1), (h)(2) or (h)(3) of this Rule.
- (j) Contract, report and application forms can be obtained from the Board's website.

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