



Public Schools of North Carolina

School Psychology Licensure Exam

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Expediting Nationally Certified School Psychologists

- At the July meeting, the SBE requested that PEPSC investigate:
 - Allowing the Nationally Certified School Psychologists credential to be recognized for a provisional license.
 - Consider other support service areas for similar measures (i.e., school counselors and school social workers).
 - Expediting the provisional licensure process for these areas



Expediting Nationally Certified School Psychologists

- This route could not be made available for any other support service license area than School Psychologists
- Test used for School Psychologist national certification is the same test required for NC licensure
- Not reciprocity. If the exam used for the national certification changed, NCDPI reserves the opportunity to review it.



NCDPI Drafts Policy Language

LICN-001 General Licensure Requirements

1.55 Eligibility for Provisional Licensing

The Nationally Certified School Psychologist credential (NCSP) issued by the National Association of School Psychologists will be accepted **to the extent that such certification remains aligned** with the licensure requirements for the state of North Carolina. **Should the requirements change** for NCSP certification, **NCDPI will reevaluate** to determine whether the revised NCSP will continue to be used as an eligibility requirement for the provisional license.

For any individual who holds the Nationally Certified School Psychologist credential, a school psychologist license shall be issued to the individual **within 30 days** of submission of a completed application that includes documentation verifying that credential.



September PEPSC Meeting

- On September 24, 2018; the Professional Educator Preparation and Standards Commission (PEPSC) reviewed this proposed policy adjustment
- Was approved to recommend to the Board but there were concerns raised about the expedited turnaround time of 30 days for School Psychologists to be issued a license.
 - Priority over teachers
 - Opens the door for other demands on Licensure



Licensure Data

From the time an application is submitted, it takes **30-45 days*** to issue any license.

* As reported by NCDPI Licensure Department on 09/27/2018



Licensure Exam Data

- From July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, NCDPI issued 69 School Psychologist Licenses.
- From July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, NCDPI issued 81 School Psychologist Licenses.
- From July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, NCDPI issued 78 School Psychologist Licenses.



Licensure Data

- From July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, NCDPI issued 103,349* licenses.
- From July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, NCDPI issued 100,460* licenses.
- School Psychologist licenses represent 0.08% of all licenses issued by the state.

*This number includes all renewals, conversions, reinstatements, and new licenses.

