

NOTICE OF PUBLIC RULE HEARING AND BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGIST EXAMINERS MEETING

The New Mexico Board of Psychologist Examiners and the Regulation and Licensing Department will hold a rule hearing on Friday November 21, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., immediately followed by a meeting of the Board of Psychologist Examiners for adoption of the proposed rules listed below. The hearing and subsequent board meeting will take place at the Regulation and Licensing Department, located at 2550 Cerrillos Rd. Santa Fe, NM, 87505, Rio Grande Conference Room.

The hearing and subsequent Board of Psychologist Examiners meeting may also be accessed virtually via Microsoft Teams.

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The purpose of the rule hearing is to consider the initiation of rulemaking for the following rules:

16.022.0013 - Fees

16.022.0023 - Requirements for Education and Conditional Prescription Certificate

On Tuesday, October 21, 2025, copies of the proposed rules may be obtained through the New Mexico Board of Psychologist Examiners website at <https://www.rld.nm.gov/boards-and-commissions/individual-boards-and-commissions/psychologist-examiners/board-information/psychologist-examiners-board-meetings/> or by contacting the Board Administrator, Evan Ortega at (505) 476-4622.

The New Mexico Board of Psychologist Examiners and the Regulation and Licensing Department will begin accepting written public comment regarding the proposed rule changes beginning Tuesday, October 21, 2025, 8:00 a.m. and ending Friday, November 21, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. Written public comment may be submitted either by email to psychologist.examiners@rld.nm.gov

or by postal mail to the following address:

Attn: New Mexico Board of Psychologist Examiners

P.O. Box 25101

Santa Fe, NM 87504

Written comments received during the public comment period (October 21, 2025 – November 21, 2025) will be posted to the website page linked above. Public comments will also be accepted during the rule hearing and may be submitted in writing or presented orally by those attending in-person. The members of the New Mexico Board of Psychologist Examiners will not enter substantive discussion of public comments during the rule hearing but will consider and deliberate any public comment during the regular board meeting immediately following the conclusion of the public rule hearing.

The agenda for the New Mexico Board of Psychologist Examiners regular meeting, which will begin immediately after the public rule hearing, will be available no less than 72 hours prior to the meeting, and available on the website linked above or by contacting the Board Administrator Evan Ortega.

If you are an individual with a disability who needs a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or the regular board meeting, please contact the Board Administrator Evan Ortega at (505) 476-4622 at least 7 days prior to the rules hearing and regular board meeting. Public documents, including the proposed rules, meeting agenda and minutes, can be provided in various accessible formats.

For inclement weather: If the New Mexico state offices are placed on a two-hour delay to inclement weather, the rule hearing will be pushed back two hours from the noticed hearing time. If New Mexico state offices are closed due to inclement weather, the rule hearing will be rescheduled as soon as possible.

Statutory Authority: The rule changes are authorized by the Professional Psychologist Act (Act), Section 61-9-1 through 61-9-19 NMSA 1978, which provides explicit authority for the Board of Psychologist Examiners to protect public health and safety and adopt rules for the administration of the Act. The rulemaking and public rule hearing is governed by the State Rules Act, Sections 14-4-1 through 14-4-11 NMSA 1978, and the Default Procedural Rule for Rulemaking promulgated by the New Mexico Department of Justice, Parts 1.24.25 through 1.24.25.16 NMAC

Purpose of Proposed Rules: The proposed rule changes are intended to address changes to the Professional Psychologist Act, to provide greater clarity and align rules with changes to administrative processing as well as terminology changes rooted in statutory language.

Summary of Proposed Changes: The Board summarizes its proposed changes to its administrative rules as follows:

16.022.0013 NMAC - Fees – Amending the fees to include an administrative processing fee as well as fees for returned checks and e-checks.

16.022.0023 NMAC – Requirements for Education and Conditional Prescription Certificate – Amending the language from physicians to independently licensed prescribing clinician.