

## CYPRUS BAR ASSOCIATION



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## The Psychologists Registration Law of 1995 (68(I)/1995)

### History of Amendments

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### Short title

1. The Psychologists Registration Law of 1995 and the Professional Psychologists Registration Law of 1996, as amended, shall be cited together as the Professional Psychologists Laws of 1995 and 1996.

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## PART I PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

### Interpretation

2.-(1) In this Law, unless the context otherwise requires,

“licensed professional psychologist” [Deleted].

“licensed psychologist” means a psychologist registered in the Registry for Licensed Psychologists, who independently and autonomously carries out the duties of a psychologist and of an recognized specialty of applied psychology.

“recognised specialties of applied psychology” means five specialties in applied psychology namely the clinical psychology, counselling psychology, school/educational psychology, forensic/judicial psychology and organisational/industrial psychology or work psychology, identified as such by relevant wording on the diplomas and/or resulting from the analytical marks of their postgraduate studies.

“professional psychologist” [Deleted].

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“applied psychology” means the discipline through which professional tasks related to the study, diagnosis and treatment of human behaviour, personality and psychological functioning are carried out autonomously and independently, by licensed psychologists only, with the ultimate aim of improving the quality of life of individuals, groups and systems.

“Registrar” means the person appointed by the Council of Ministers under the article 5A, for the purposes of this Law.

“specified” when referred to a person means specified by Regulations issued by the Council of Ministers in accordance with the provisions of this Law and “set forth” shall be interpreted accordingly.

“member state” means a member state of the European Union, a Party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area and Switzerland.

“KYSATS” means the Cyprus Council of Recognition of Higher Education Qualifications, which was established based on the Cyprus Council of Recognition of Higher Education Qualifications and the Provision of Relevant Information Laws of 1996 to 2004.

“Psychology Registries” means the Registry for Licensed Psychologists and the Registry for Bachelor Graduate Psychologists.

“Registry” [Deleted].

“Registry for Licensed Psychologists” or “Registry” means the registry kept under the provisions of this Law and in which are listed the names of the licensed psychologists.

“Registry for Bachelor Graduate Psychologists” means the registry kept under the provisions of this Law in which are listed persons holding a bachelor degree in psychology.

“scope of duties of licensed psychologists” means the specific duties set forth for each recognised specialty of applied psychology.

“scope of duties of bachelor graduate psychologists” means duties in areas in which a bachelor graduate psychologist has received training as part of his or her degree and which are limited to the following: teaching psychology, research in areas of psychology, interviewing for the sole purpose of referral to a licensed psychologist and possibly performing other duties which do not fall within the scope of duties assigned to a licensed psychologist:

The above duties may not be carried out as part of an autonomous and independent employment.

“bachelor graduate psychologist” means a psychologist registered in the Registry for Bachelor Graduate Psychologists, who carries out duties arising from the scope of duties of bachelor graduate psychologists.

“Board” mean the Registration Board for Psychologists.

“Agreement on the European Economic Area” means the Agreement ratified by the Agreement on the Participation of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia and the Slovak Republic in the European Economic Area in 2004 and the Final Act (Ratification) Law of 2004.

“third country” means any state which is not a member state.

“Minister” means the Minister of Health.

## Application of Law

3. This Law shall apply to the practice of the profession of psychologist.

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## PART II REGISTRATION BOARD FOR PSYCHOLOGISTS

### Establishment and composition of the Board

4.-(1) There is hereby established a Registration Board for Psychologists (hereinafter referred to as "the Board") consisting of persons appointed by the Council of Ministers as follows:

(a) Three licensed professional psychologists, all of whom hold a position in the public service of the Republic, and

(b) four licensed psychologists nominated to the Council of Ministers, after being elected for this purpose by the collective bodies of the psychology associations, and provided that these associations have as members at least thirteen per cent (13%) of the total number of the persons holding a license to practice and/or a certificate of registration in the Registry for Licensed Psychologists, which is valid at the time of the election of the new Board; and

(2) The Board shall be appointed within two months from the date this Law enters into force. For the first composition of the Council, the following shall apply:

(a) The persons appointed pursuant to paragraph (a) of clause (1) shall be selected by the Council of Ministers from individuals who hold a position in the public service of the Republic and, at its discretion, are eligible for registration in the Registry.

(b) The persons appointed pursuant to paragraph (b) of clause (1) shall be selected by the Council of Ministers from individuals who practice the profession of psychologist in the private sector and, at its discretion, are eligible for registration in the Registry:

The persons appointed pursuant to this paragraph shall hold office until the appointment of persons nominated by the Cyprus Psychological Association.

(3) The members of the Board shall elect one of them as its President.

(4) The names of the persons who make up the Board shall be published in the Official Gazette of the Republic.

(5) The term of office of the Board is three years.

(6) For the purposes of appointing the first Board after the entry into force of the Professional Psychologists Registration (Amendment) Law of 2004, the provisions of clause (2) shall apply.

(7) For the purposes of appointing the members of the first Board, the members of which represent the registered psychology associations, after the entry into force of this Law, the following shall apply: The four licensed psychologists appointed to the Board by the Council of Ministers shall be drawn in equal numbers from among the persons nominated for this purpose by the Pancyprian Association of Psychologists and the Cyprus Psychological Association, insofar as they are elected for this purpose by their collective bodies and provided that they hold a license to practice and/or a certificate of a licensed professional psychologist in the Registry, which was valid on the date of entry into force of this Law.

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## **Operation of the Board**

5.-(1) The Board shall meet at a time and place to be determined by its Chairman, and four members present shall constitute a quorum.

(2) The Chairman shall convene and preside over the meetings of the Board, and in the absence of the Chairman from a Board meeting, the members present shall elect one of them to preside over the meeting.

(3) The Chairman should call a meeting at the request of at least two members of the Board.

(4) The decisions of the Board shall be taken by simple majority.

(5) The members of the Board who are not part of the public service may resign from their position at any time by sending a letter addressed, in the case of the Chairman, to the Council of Ministers and, in the case of any other member, to the Chairman of the Board who shall forward it to the Council of Ministers.

(6) The Council of Ministers may terminate the appointment of any member appointed pursuant to paragraph (a) of clause (1) of Article 4.

(7) The Board shall continue to operate irrespective of any vacancy in any seat thereof.

(8) The Board shall, subject to the provisions of this Article, regulate the conduct of its business; determine the convening of its meetings, the notice to be given to that end, the procedure to be followed at meetings and the manner in which minutes are to be taken.

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## **Appointment of the Registrar**

5A. The Council of Ministers shall, within two months of the entry into force of this Law, appoint, by a notice published in the Official Gazette of the Republic, a Registrar for the exercise of the powers provided for in this Law.

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## **PART III PSYCHOLOGY REGISTRY**

### **Registry**

6.-(1) The Registrar shall, within ten months from the date of his appointment, establish a Registry of Licensed Psychologists (hereinafter referred to as 'the Registry') in which he/she shall enter the name, the address and the qualifications of any person who applies for and is eligible for registration under this Law and any other information which the Board may deem necessary or appropriate to be included in the Registry.

(2) The Registrar shall keep the Registry up to date and make all necessary changes to it in relation to the name, the address or the qualifications of any person registered therein or other particulars required to be entered in the Registry and remove from the Registry the name of any person who has died or ceased to be qualified or whose name has been removed from the Registry under the provisions of this Law.

(3) A copy of the updated registry shall be published in the Official Gazette of the Republic. The Registrar shall prepare, pursuant to the provisions of this Law, lists containing the names of the licensed psychologists who meet the requirements of clauses (2) and (3) of the article 13, classified according to their approved specialty or specialties which have been recognized by the Board. These lists shall be published in the Official Gazette of the Republic in the same manner in which the Registry of Licensed Psychologists is published. The first publication of the Registry shall take place within twelve months from the date of appointment of the Board pursuant to this Law, and thereafter in January of each year.

(4) The publication of a copy of the Registry shall constitute prima facie evidence that the persons named therein constitute licensed professional psychologists:

The Board shall issue a certificate to any licensed professional psychologist whose name does not appear on the copy of the most recently published Registry, in the form prescribed by the Board, certifying that such person is registered as a professional psychologist and such certificate shall be proof of its contents with no need of other evidence.

(5) Upon registration to the Registry, a license to practice as a licensed psychologist is issued by the Registrar of the Board. This license contains such particulars as specified in clause (1) of the article 6 with regards to maintaining a registry of the licensed psychologists including, where possible, the name of the approved specialty in applied psychology.

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### **Registry for Bachelor Graduate Psychologists**

6A.-(1) The Registrar shall establish and keep a Registry of Bachelor Graduate Psychologists in which he/she shall enter the name, address and qualifications of each person who applies and is eligible for registration under this Law, and any other information which the Board may deem necessary or appropriate to be entered in the Registry of Bachelor Graduate Psychologists.

(2) The Registrar shall keep the Registry of Bachelor Graduate Psychologists up to date and shall make all necessary changes to it in relation to the name, the address or qualifications of any person registered therein or such other particulars as the Board may deem necessary or appropriate to be entered in the Registry of Bachelor Graduate Psychologists. Moreover the Registrar shall remove from the Registry of Bachelor Graduate Psychologists the name of any person who has died or ceased to be qualified or whose name has been removed from the Registry under the provisions of this Law.

(3) A copy of the updated Registry of Bachelor Graduate Psychologists shall be published in the Official Gazette of the Republic in January of each year.

(4) The publication of a copy of the Registry of Bachelor Graduate Psychologists shall constitute prima facie evidence that the persons named therein constitute bachelor graduate psychologists:

The Board shall issue a certificate to any bachelor graduate psychologist whose name does not appear on the copy of the most recently published Registry for Bachelor Graduate Psychologists, in the form prescribed by the Board, certifying that such person is registered as a bachelor graduate psychologist and such certificate shall be proof of its contents with no need of other evidence.

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## **PART IV PSYCHOLOGISTS REGISTRATION**

### **Registration in the Psychology Registries**

7.-(1) Any person wishing to register in the Psychology Registries, pursuant to the provisions of this Law, may submit to the Board, through the Registrar, an application accompanied by the prescribed fee and such evidence as deemed necessary to support the application.

(2) If the application is accepted by the Board, the Registrar shall record the applicant's registration in the Psychology Registries and shall issue to the applicant a certificate of registration in the form prescribed by the Board, which shall be proof of its contents with no need of other evidence.

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### **Qualifications for registration in the Psychology Registries**

8.-(1) Every person shall be eligible for registrations on the Registry for Licensed Psychologists as long as the Board is satisfied that such person-

(a) is a citizen of the Republic of Cyprus or, at the date of submission of his/her application, is married to a citizen of the Republic of Cyprus and his/her usual place of residence is Cyprus or he/she is a citizen of a Member State,

(b) is of good character. In order to prove this, if he/she is a Cyprus citizen should submit a certificate of clean criminal record or, in the case of a citizen of another member state, a copy of the criminal record or a certificate or other relevant document issued by the competent authorities of his Member State of origin or provenance, provided that three (3) months have not elapsed since the date of issue of the certificate or document,

(c) holds-

(i) a bachelor degree, the main subject of which is psychology, awarded by an institution of higher education, which has been recognised as a higher education institution by the competent national authorities of the country in which it operates; and

(ii) a postgraduate qualification in an approved specialty in applied psychology obtained after a minimum of two (2) years of study in a school recognised as a school of higher education by the competent national authorities of the country in which it operates and a practical training of one thousand (1000) hours, of which five hundred (500) hours form an integral part of the program of study. In case the applicant has completed the minimum requirement of five hundred (500) hours above, during his/her postgraduate program, but not the total of one thousand (1000) hours, he/she shall complete these hours through supervised practical training as defined in clause (5) of this Article:

For the purposes of this subparagraph, more than one qualification awarded by a French university may be accepted, provided that the total duration of the studies required to obtain the qualification is at least two (2) years and that the qualifications in question relate to the same approved specialty in applied psychology and that they form part of consecutive training cycles leading to a single postgraduate qualification, or

(iii) notwithstanding the provisions of the subparagraphs (i) and (ii) above, a postgraduate level qualification in an approved specialty in applied psychology, which

was awarded upon completion of a course of study of a total duration of at least five (5) years at a school recognized as a school of higher education by the competent national authorities of the country in which it operates and a practical training of one thousand (1000) hours, of which five hundred (500) hours form an integral part of the program of study. In case the applicant has completed the minimum requirement of five hundred (500) hours above, during his/her postgraduate program, but not the total of one thousand (1000) hours, he/she shall complete these hours through supervised practical training as defined in clause (5) of this Article.

(d) For the purposes of the sub-paragraphs (ii) and (iii) of the paragraph (c) and where the practical training is not specified in hours, the applicant should provide official evidence, signed by the practical training provider, certifying that the duration of the practical practice corresponds to the hours needed.

(e) For the purposes of this clause, in case of doubt as to the academic recognition of a qualification of any applicant, the Board shall ask the applicant to apply to the Cyprus Council of Recognition of Higher Education Qualifications (KYSATS) for recognition of such qualification, in accordance with the Cyprus Council of Recognition of Higher Education Qualifications and the Provision of Relevant Information Law:

In case of applications for registration of citizens of member states in the Registry of Licensed Psychologists, the provisions of this Law shall apply subject to the provisions of the Recognition of Professional Qualifications Law, as amended or replaced.

(2) A person who acquired the qualifications required by paragraph (c) of clause (1) before the enactment of this Law, but who has not completed one thousand (1000) hours of practical training as an integral part of his or her program of study, shall be eligible for registration in the Registry for Licensed Psychologists upon satisfying the Board that he or she has completed one thousand (1000) hours of practical training in accordance with the provisions of clause (5):

The provisions of this clause may also apply to those who are attending or have secured enrolment, before the enactment of this Law, in a postgraduate program leading to such a qualification as provided for in sub-paragraph (ii) or (iii) of the paragraph (c) of clause (1) above.

(3) A person who does not hold the qualifications required by paragraph (c) of clause (1) or clause (2) of this article, shall be eligible for registration in the Registry for Licensed Psychologists if, before the enactment of the Professional Psychologists Registration (Amendment) Law of 2004, he or she holds-

(a) a bachelor degree, the main subject of which is psychology, which is recognised as such, at the time it was awarded, by the competent national authorities of the country in which this was awarded; and

(b) a one (1) year postgraduate qualification in psychology, recognized as such by the competent national authorities of the country in which it was awarded, at the time it was obtained, and

(c) has been practicing in the Republic of Cyprus the psychologist profession or has been employed in the Republic of Cyprus in specialised services where he/she has been engaged in the provision of psychological assistance services, as these are defined in applied psychology, for at least three (3) consecutive years, and

(d) has completed the duration of practical training deemed necessary by the Registration Board of Psychologists, and which does not to exceed one thousand (1,000) hours.

(4) A person who does not hold the qualifications required by paragraph (c) of clause (1) or by clause (2) or by clause (3) of this Article, but has proven to practice the psychologist profession in the Republic of Cyprus or has been employed in the Republic of Cyprus in specialised services where he/she was engaged in the provision of psychological assistance services as these are defined in applied psychology, for at least one (1) year, immediately prior to the enactment of this Law, shall be eligible for registration in the Registry of Licensed Psychologists, provided that he or she satisfies the Board that he or she holds the qualifications required by paragraphs (a) and (b) of clause (1) and prior to the enactment of the Professional Psychologists Registration Law of 1996, as amended-

(a)(i) was holding a bachelor degree, the main subject of which is psychology, which was recognised as such, at the time it was awarded, by the competent national authorities of the country in which this was awarded; and

(ii) has been practicing the psychologist profession in the Republic of Cyprus or has been employed in the Republic of Cyprus in specialised services where he/she was engaged in the provision of psychological assistance services as these are defined in applied psychology, for at least five (5) consecutive years, or

(b)(i) was holding a bachelor degree in psychology and a postgraduate qualification in psychology the duration of which was at least one (1) year, both of which, at the time they were awarded, were recognised by the competent national authorities in the country in which they were awarded, and

(ii) has been practicing the psychologist profession in the Republic of Cyprus or has been employed in the Republic of Cyprus in specialised services where he/she was engaged in the provision of psychological assistance services as these are defined in applied psychology, for at least three (3) consecutive years, or

(c)(i) was holding a Master's level qualification the duration of which was at least four (4) years, awarded in the framework of a continuous program of study in psychology, which, at the time it was awarded, was recognised by the competent national authorities in the country in which it was awarded, and

(ii) has been practicing the psychologist profession in the Republic of Cyprus or has been employed in the Republic of Cyprus in specialised services where he/she was engaged in the provision of psychological assistance services as these are defined in applied psychology, for at least three (3) consecutive years.

(5) In the event an applicant meets all the criteria for registration in the Registry of Licensed Psychologists, except the criterion of the practical training, the Board may ask the applicant to undertake a practical training period under the supervision of a licensed psychologist, who for the past five (5) years who has a proven track record in applied psychology in the specialty for which the applicant seeks registration, notwithstanding the fact that he or she may not have been a licensed psychologist for the entire five (5) years. The practical training shall be subject to the following conditions:

(a)(i) Either it shall be carried out in competent government agencies or private organisations approved by the Council of Ministers on recommendation of the Board, and provided that the uninterrupted provision of specific and reliable services in a field or fields of an applied specialty in psychology is ensured, and

(ii) during the practical training the supervisee shall follow a specific training program submitted by the service or organisation in which the practical training is carried out, and approved by the Board, and provided that the material conditions in terms of staffing and logistical infrastructure are met; and



(iii) the supervisee shall be evaluated by the service or organisation, and the Board shall be informed accordingly. If the evaluation is not positive, the Board may either reject the applicant's application for registration or require further supervised practical training.

(b) Either it shall be carried out in institutions or services in the country and abroad that have been designated as providers of supervised practical training by the higher education institutions in which each applicant was awarded the postgraduate qualifications, on the basis of which he/she is applying for registration in the Registry of Licensed Psychologists.

(6) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a) of clause (1) of this article, the Board may, in exceptional cases, permit the registration in the Registry, for a specific period of time, of a person who is a citizen of a third country and who holds the qualifications specified in paragraphs (b) and (c) of clause (1) of this article.

(7) Every person shall be eligible for registration in the Registry of Bachelor Graduate Psychologists if the Board is satisfied that -

(a) is a citizen of the Republic of Cyprus or, at the date of submission of his/her application, is married to a citizen of the Republic of Cyprus and his/her usual place of residence is Cyprus or he/she is a citizen of a Member State, and

(b) is of good character. In order to prove this, he/she should submit a certificate of clean criminal record or, in the case of a citizen of another member state, a copy of the criminal record or a certificate or other relevant document issued by the competent authorities of his state of origin or provenance, provided that three (3) months have not elapsed since the date of their issue, and

(c) holds a bachelor degree, the main subject of which is psychology, awarded by an institution of higher education, which has been recognised as a higher education institution by the competent national authorities of the country in which it operates.

In case of applications for registration of citizens of member states in the Registry of Licensed Psychologists, the provisions of this Law shall apply subject to the provisions of the Recognition of Professional Qualifications Law, as amended or replaced.

(8) For the purposes of this Law, qualifications derived from postgraduate studies in psychology which predate the award of a bachelor degree in psychology shall not be accepted as postgraduate qualifications leading to registration in the Registry of Licensed Psychologists.

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## **Removal from the Psychology Registries**

9.-(1) The Board shall remove from the Psychology Registries the name of any psychologist-

(a) that has requested his removal through a letter addressed to the Board,

(b) whose name has been entered in the Psychology Registries as a result of fraud or error or misrepresentation,

(c) who has died, or

(d) to whom the penalty of removal from the Psychology Registries was imposed pursuant to article 19.

(2) In case of removal of a psychologist's name from the Psychology Registries, the certificate of registration issued to him/her shall be cancelled and he/she should return it to the Board.

(3) In case of removal of a licensed psychologist's name from the Psychology Registries, the license to practice issued to him/her shall be cancelled and he/she shall return it to the Registrar.

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### **Re-registration in the Psychology Registries**

10. The Board may, if it is deemed appropriate, re-register in the Psychology Registries the name of a psychologist which has been removed under the article 18, either free of charge or on payment of a fee fixed by the Board, such fee however should not exceed the registration fee:

In case of removal of the name of a psychologist from the Psychology Registries under the paragraph (d) of clause (1) of the article 19, the re-registration may be made only after five years have elapsed from the date of removal.

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## **PART V PRACTICE OF THE PROFESSION**

### **Practice of the profession**

11.-(1) From the enactment of this Law, no person shall be entitled to practice the profession of:

(a) A licensed psychologist or to present him/herself as a licensed psychologist, unless he/she is a licensed psychologist and is not subject to the penalty of suspension from practicing as a registered psychologist.

(b) A bachelor graduate psychologist or to present him/herself as a bachelor graduate psychologist, unless he/she is a bachelor graduate psychologist and is not subject to the penalty of suspension from practicing as a graduate psychologist.

(2) Every licensed psychologist shall practice the profession of a licensed psychologist within the framework of the approved specialty of applied psychology, in which he/she was recognised by the Board.

(3) Every bachelor graduate psychologist shall be strictly limited to the exercise of only the duties of the psychologist as specified within the scope of duties of bachelor graduate psychologists under this Law.

(4) The scope of duties for each approved specialty in applied psychology shall be established by the first Board appointed, on the enactment of this Law and not later than twelve (12) months after, and shall ensure at least the exclusive duties assigned by each specialty separately.

(5) Titles that either do not designate any approved specialty in applied psychology or other approved professions, trades or specialties and which may involve the exercise of the duties of the psychologist, shall always be published in conjunction with an approved professional title.

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## **Criminal offences and penalties**

12. Any person that-

- (a) By false or fraudulent representations, causes or attempts to effectuate his/her or any other person's registration in the Psychology Registries,
- (b) is awarded or uses the title "psychologist" while his/her name is not registered in the Psychology Registries,
- (c) is awarded or uses any name, title or description that may falsely imply that he/she is a psychologist,
- (d) violates or fails to comply with any of the provisions of this Law,
- (e) practices the profession of the psychologist or presents him/herself as a psychologist or acts in any way as a psychologist while his/her name is not registered in the Psychology Registries,

shall be held guilty of a criminal offence and subject to imprisonment for a period not exceeding the three months or to a fine not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds, or to both.

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## **Licensed psychologist specialties**

13.-(1) The Council of Ministers may establish new approved specialties in applied psychology, and define their scope of duties, after a justified recommendation of the Board.

(2) Every licensed psychologist may be classified in one or more approved specialties of applied psychology, according to his/her qualifications and identified as such by relevant wording on the diplomas and/or resulting from the analytical marks of their postgraduate studies.

(3) The Registrar may not issue a licence to practice which contains any approved specialty of applied psychology with conditions other than those referred to in clause (2).

(4) As an exception to the provisions of clause (2), the Registrar may include in the lists of approved specialties in applied psychology those persons whose names have already been published in the Registry for Professional Psychologists and are or will be registered in the Registry for Licensed Psychologists, in accordance with the provisions of clauses (3) and (4) of the Article 8 of this Law. Such inclusion shall be effectuated, in cases that the Board shall be satisfied that the supervised practical training and/or professional experience of those persons justify their registration in a specific list of one of the approved specialties in applied psychology.

(5) The same qualification may not be used for the designation of more than one approved specialty in applied psychology.

(6) It is legal for a licensed psychologist to display his/her specialty or specialties in applied psychology approved by the Board and within which he/she practices, on signs outside his/her office, on business cards, on promotional literature, in electronic media, and on the Internet.

Every licensed psychologist may, with the approval of the Board and in any event not in violation of clause (4) of the article 11, display other postgraduate qualifications he/she holds which are not included in the approved specialties in applied psychology.

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### **Authority of the Council of Ministers to grant license to practice the profession**

14. The Council of Ministers, apart from the provisions of this Law, may permit the practice of applied psychology to persons visiting the Republic, upon invitation or application of the Minister to provide any services in their capacity as professional psychologists, for a period of time and under such conditions as the Council of Ministers may determine.

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## **PART VI DISCIPLINE**

### **Disciplinary Board**

15.-(1) A Disciplinary Board shall be established to exercise disciplinary power over every licensed and/or bachelor graduate psychologists.

(2) The Disciplinary Board shall consist of-

(a) A member of the Law Office of the Republic, appointed by the Attorney General of the Republic as Chairman; and

(b) five licensed psychologists, at least two of whom must have been part of the public service of the Republic, and who have been practicing the profession of psychologist for at least seven years. These shall be appointed by the Board, after taking into consideration any recommendations made by the Cyprus Psychological Association and the Pancyprrian Association of Psychologists.

(3)(a) The term of office of the Disciplinary Board shall be three years.

(b) Members whose term of office has expired shall continue to hold office until the completion of any disciplinary proceedings initiated prior to the expiry of their term of office.

(4) The Chairman and three other members of the Disciplinary Board shall constitute a quorum.

(5) The decisions of the Disciplinary Board shall be taken by a majority of the members present and voting.

(6) In the absence or personal incapacity of the Chairman or any other member of the Disciplinary Board, the Board may, subject to the provisions of clause (2), appoint another member of the Law Office of the Republic or another licensed psychologist to exercise the powers and perform the duties of the Chairman or member, as the case may be, during the period of absence or incapacity.

(7) The Chairman of the Disciplinary Board shall convene and preside over its meetings.

(8) The Board may pay to the Chairman and members of the Disciplinary Board an allowance for travel or other operating costs which may be deemed necessary.

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### **Disciplinary Action**

16.-(1) Any licensed psychologist and/or a bachelor graduate psychologist-

- (a) that is convicted by a court of law of an offence involving dishonesty or moral turpitude,
- (b) that during the practice of the profession of psychologist, it was found by the Disciplinary Board, that he/she has engaged in any conduct contemptuous or incompatible with the profession of psychologist,
- (c) that is in breach of the obligations imposed on such person by this Law or the Regulations issued under it

shall be subject to disciplinary action.

(2) Any licensed psychologist and/or bachelor graduate psychologist who was prosecuted for a criminal offence and found guilty may not be disciplined for the same charge, however, he/she be prosecuted for a disciplinary offence arising from his/her conduct which is related to the criminal case but does not raise the same issue as that of the charge in the criminal case.

(3) The finding of facts issued in a civil court decision of an action in which a licensed professional psychologist was one of the parties is accepted by the Disciplinary Board as prima facie evidence.

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### **Disciplinary investigation**

17.-(1) If a report is filed to the Board, or comes to the attention of the Board, that a licensed psychologist and/or a bachelor graduate psychologist may have committed a disciplinary offence, the Board shall appoint a licensed psychologist (referred to hereinafter in this Article as "the investigating officer") to conduct an investigation.

(2) The investigating officer shall conduct the investigation as quickly as possible and in conducting the investigation shall have the power to hear any witnesses or to take written statements from any person, and any person should give any information which has come to his/her knowledge concerning the facts of the case.

(3) The accused licensed psychologist and/or bachelor graduate psychologist shall be entitled to be aware of the case against him/her and shall be given an opportunity to be heard.

(4) Upon conclusion of the investigation, the investigating officer shall submit his report with all relevant documents to the Board, which shall forward it to the Attorney General of the Republic for consultation.

(5) The Attorney General of the Republic shall advise the Board as to whether disciplinary charges may be brought against the accused and, in the case of an affirmative opinion, prepares the wording of the charge.

(6) The Board, upon receiving from the Attorney General of the Republic the wording of the disciplinary charge, shall send it to the Disciplinary Board.

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### **Disciplinary Procedure**

18.-(1) Within two weeks from the date of receipt of the disciplinary charge by the Disciplinary Board, the Disciplinary Board shall ensure that a summons is issued and served to the accused, in accordance with the prescribed form.

(2) The hearing of the case by the Disciplinary Board shall be conducted, in accordance with the rules of procedure, in the same manner as the mention hearing of a criminal case:

The Disciplinary Board has the power to accept any statement even if that would not be accepted in legal or civil proceedings.

(3) The Disciplinary Board shall have the power to -

(a) Call witnesses and ask their attendance and the attendance of the accused, as in summary trials,

(b) ask any kind document related to the charge to be submitted.

(4) All decisions of the Disciplinary Board must be reasoned and signed by its Chairman.

(5) All decisions of the Disciplinary Board shall be deemed to be an order of a court exercising summary jurisdiction and shall be enforced in the same manner as an order of that court.

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### **Disciplinary penalties**

19.-(1) The Disciplinary Board, if it finds the accused guilty of a disciplinary offence, may impose one of the following penalties:

(a) Deletion of his/her name from the Registry,

(b) suspension of the license to practice the profession of a licensed psychologist and/or bachelor graduate psychologist for such period of time as the Board deems appropriate,

(c) payment of a fine the amount of which shall not exceed five hundred pounds,

(d) a verbal or written reprimand.

(2) The Disciplinary Board may issue an order for payment of the costs of the disciplinary proceedings brought before it.

(3) Any amount payable under the paragraph (c) of clause (1) shall be deposited in the Board's Fund and shall be used to serve its purposes.

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## **PART VII OTHER PROVISIONS**

### **Regulations**

20.-(1) The Council of Ministers may, following a proposal of the Board, issue Regulations, which shall be published in the Official Gazette of the Republic, for the better application of the provisions of this Law and for the determination of any matter which in accordance with these provisions may or shall be determined.

- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of clause (1), any such Regulations may-
- (a) determine any matter or fee which is necessary or may be subject to determination,
  - (b) regulate the practice of the profession of the licensed and/or bachelor graduate psychologist,
  - (c) regulate the manner in which services provided by licensed and/or bachelor graduate psychologists shall be advertised.
- (3) Regulations issued under this article shall be submitted to the House of Representatives. If, within sixty days of such submission, the House of Representatives does not amend or annul them in whole or in part by a resolution, then these Regulations shall, immediately after the expiry of the aforementioned period, be published in the Official Gazette of the Republic and shall also become effective from the date of such publication. If they are amended in whole or in part by the House of Representatives, they shall be published in the Official Gazette of the Republic as amended and shall become effective from the date of such publication.

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#### **Enactment**

21. The This Law shall become effective on a date to be determined by the Council of Ministers in a notification published in the Official Gazette of the Republic.

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