

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES ON ETHICS AND STANDARDS IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGIST AND PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATE EXAMINERS

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: The Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners proposes to update regulations regarding ethics and standards.

The Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners (Board) proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 12, Chapter 60, of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with ethics and standards, including the following:

12 AAC 60.185, Ethics and standards, is proposed to be changed to update the ethics and standards that the board adopts by reference.

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to Jun Maiquis, Regulations Specialist, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, P.O. Box 110806, Juneau, AK 99811-0806. Additionally, the Board will accept comments by facsimile at (907) 465-2974 and by electronic mail at regulationsandpubliccomment@alaska.gov. Comments may also be submitted through the Alaska Online Public Notice System by accessing this notice on the system at <http://notice.alaska.gov/182020>, and using the comment link. **The comments must be received not later than 5:00 p.m. on July 29, 2016.** Comments received after this deadline will not be considered by the Board.

You may submit written questions relevant to the proposed action to Jun Maiquis, Regulations Specialist, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, P.O. Box 110806, Juneau, AK 99811-0806 or by e-mail at jun.maiquis@alaska.gov. **The questions must be received at least 10 days before the end of the public comment period.** The Board will aggregate its response to substantially similar questions and make the questions and responses available on the Board's website at <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardofPsychologists.aspx> or on the Alaska Online Public Notice System. The Board may, but is not required to, answer written questions received after the 10-day cut-off date and before the end of the comment period.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Jun Maiquis at (907) 465-2537 or jun.maiquis@alaska.gov not later than July 22, 2016 to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

For a copy of the proposed regulation changes, contact Jun Maiquis at the address or phone number above, or go to <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/portals/5/pub/PSY-0316.pdf>.

A copy of material proposed for adoption by reference is available on the Board's website at <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardofPsychologists.aspx>.

After the public comment period ends, the Board will either adopt the proposed regulation changes or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action. The language of the final regulation may be different from that of the proposed regulation. **You should comment during the time allowed if your interests could be affected.** Written comments and questions received are public records and are subject to public inspection.

Statutory Authority: AS 08.86.070; AS 08.86.080

Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: AS 08.86.070; AS 08.86.080

Fiscal Information: The proposed regulation changes are not expected to require an increased appropriation.

DATE: 6/28/16

/s/
Jun Maiquis, Regulations Specialist
Division of Corporations, Business and
Professional Licensing

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ADDITIONAL REGULATION NOTICE INFORMATION
(AS 44.62.190(d))

1. **Adopting agency:** Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners – Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing.
2. **General subject of regulation:** Ethics and standards.
3. **Citation of regulation:** 12 AAC 60.185.
4. **Department of Law file number:** To be assigned.
5. **Reason for the proposed action:** Update and clarification of current regulations.
6. **Appropriation/Allocation:** Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing – #2360.
7. **Estimated annual cost to comply with the proposed action to:**
A private person: None.
Another state agency: None.
A municipality: None.
8. **Cost of implementation to the state agency and available funding (in thousands of dollars):**
No costs are expected in FY 2016 or in subsequent years.
9. **The name of the contact person for the regulations:**
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10. **The origin of the proposed action:** Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners.
11. **Date:** 6/28/16 **Prepared by:** /s/
Jun Maiquis, Regulations Specialist

Chapter 60. Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners.

(Words in **boldface and underlined** indicate language being added; words [CAPITALIZED AND BRACKETED] indicate language being deleted.)

12 AAC 60.185 is amended to read:

12 AAC 60.185. Ethics and standards. (a) The ethics to be adhered to by licensed psychologists and licensed psychological associates are the *Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct* (June 2003), **with the 2010 amendments, effective June 1, 2010**, of the American Psychological Association, Inc. *Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct* is incorporated by reference in this section.

(b) **Repealed** / / [THE STANDARDS TO BE ADHERED TO BY LICENSED PSYCHOLOGISTS AND LICENSED PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATES RENDERING PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES IN THE STATE ARE *GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR PROVIDERS OF PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES*, (1987 EDITION), OF THE AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION. *GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR PROVIDERS OF PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES* IS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE IN THIS SECTION].

(Eff. 4/22/83, Register 86; am 3/17/91, Register 117; am 7/28/94, Register 131; am 9/17/2003, Register 167; am ___/___/___, Register ___)

Authority: AS 08.86.070 AS 08.86.080

Editor's note: A copy of the *Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct* [OR *GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR PROVIDERS OF PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES*], incorporated by reference in 12 AAC 60.185, may be obtained from the American Psychological Association, Inc., 750 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002-4242; telephone: **(800) 374-2721** or (202) 336-**5500** [5930]; email: ethics@apa.org; **website:** **<http://www.apa.org/ethics/code/index.aspx>**.