TITLE 54
PROFESSIONS, VOCATIONS, AND BUSINESSES

CHAPTER 23
PSYCHOLOGISTS

54-2301. PRACTICE OF PSYCHOLOGY -- REGULATION -- OBJECTS AND PURPOSES. The practice of psychology in the state of Idaho is hereby declared to affect the public health, safety and welfare, and to be subject to regulation and control in the public interest to protect the public from unprofessional, improper, unauthorized and unqualified practice of psychology, and from unprofessional conduct by persons licensed to practice psychology. This act should be liberally construed to carry out these objects and purposes.

[54-2301, added 1963, ch. 186, sec. 1, p. 549.]

54-2302. DEFINITIONS. Within the meaning of this chapter the following definitions apply:
(1) "Department" means the department of self-governing agencies of the state of Idaho.
(2) "Bureau chief" means the chief of the bureau of occupational licenses of the state of Idaho.
(3) "Board" means the Idaho state board of psychologist examiners.
(4) "Licensed medical provider" means a physician or physician assistant licensed pursuant to chapter 18, title 54, Idaho Code, or an advanced practice registered nurse licensed pursuant to chapter 14, title 54, Idaho Code.
(5) "Person," "he" and "his" mean either male or female persons unless a contrary intention is made manifest. None of these words shall be taken to mean other than a natural person.
(6) "Psychological services" means any services to which the words "psychological," "psychologist" or "psychology" are applied by the person rendering or offering to render them or to the "practice of psychology" as defined in subsection (7) of this section.
(7) "Practice of psychology" means the application of established principles of learning, motivation, perception, thinking, and emotional relationships to problems of personnel evaluation, group relations, and behavior adjustment. The application of said principles includes, but is not restricted to, counseling and the use of psychotherapeutic measures with persons or groups to eliminate symptomatic, maladaptive or undesired behavior so as to enhance interpersonal relationships in the areas of work, family, school, and personal relationships; measuring and testing of personality, intelligence, aptitudes, emotions, public opinion, attitudes, and skills; diagnosing and treating mental and emotional disorders or disabilities; and doing research on problems relating to human behavior.
(8) A person represents himself to be a psychologist when he holds himself out to the public by any title or description incorporating the words "psychological," "psychologist" or "psychology" or offers to render or renders psychological services for remuneration.
(9) "Temporary permit" means a document issued by the board to a psychologist licensed in another state authorizing the individual to practice psychology in Idaho for a limited period as set forth in this chapter and rules of the board.
54-2303. LICENSE REQUIRED -- EXEMPTIONS. (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to practice or to offer to practice psychology, or to represent himself to be a psychologist, unless he shall first obtain a license pursuant to this chapter, except as hereinafter provided.

(2) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to limit the activities, and use of an official title on the part of a person in the employ of a federal, state, county, or municipal agency, or other political subdivision, insofar as such activities or services are a part of the duties in his salaried position, and insofar as such activities or services are performed solely on behalf of his employer.

(3) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to limit the activities and services of a student, intern, or resident in psychology, pursuing a course of study approved by the board as qualifying training and experience for psychologists, provided that such activities and services constitute a part of his supervised course of study, and he is designated by such titles as "psychology intern," "psychology trainee," or other title clearly indicating such training status. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to limit the activities of a person employed by a duly chartered educational institution solely as an administrator, teacher, or researcher or combination thereof in the discharge of those duties.

(4) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prevent unlicensed persons from providing certain services under the direct supervision and control of licensed psychologists, under such rules as may be established by the board.

(5) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prevent qualified members of other professions licensed or registered by the state of Idaho from doing work of a psychological nature consistent with their training and consistent with the code of ethics of their respective professions.

54-2304. ESTABLISHMENT OF BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGIST EXAMINERS. There is hereby created in the division of occupational and professional licenses an Idaho state board of psychologist examiners as follows:

(1) Said board shall consist of four (4) licensed psychologist members and one (1) public member who is not a practitioner or spouse of a practitioner in any health care field and who is not a convicted felon and who has not been an applicant for licensure as a psychologist, who are citizens of the United States, residents of the state of Idaho, and appointed by the governor for four (4) year terms. The psychologist members' terms shall be staggered such that only one (1) term expires June 30 of each year.

(2) Each psychologist board member shall be licensed under this chapter.

(3) When the term of each psychologist member of the board ends, the governor shall appoint his successor for a term of four (4) years. The governor may consider recommendations for appointment to the board from the Idaho psychological association and from any individual residing in this state. Any vacancy occurring on the board shall be filled by the governor by ap-
pointment for the unexpired term. Board members shall serve at the pleasure of the governor.

(4) At all times, the board shall have at least one (1) member who is engaged primarily in rendering services in psychology and at least one (1) member who is engaged primarily in teaching, training, or research in psychology.

(5) No board member shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.

(6) Each board member shall be compensated as provided by section 59-509 (n), Idaho Code.

(7) The board shall annually in the month of July, hold a meeting, and elect a chairman and vice chairman. The board shall meet at such other times as deemed necessary and advisable by the chairman, or by a majority of its members, or by the governor. Reasonable notice of all meetings shall be given as required by law. A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum at any meeting or hearing.


54-2305. BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGIST EXAMINERS -- POWERS. The board of psychologist examiners shall have the following powers:

(1) To pass upon the qualifications and fitness of applicants for licenses, reciprocal licenses, certification and provisional certification of prescriptive authority; and, at its option, to adopt and revise rules requiring applicants to pass examinations relating to their qualifications as a prerequisite to the issuance of licenses.

(2) To adopt and, from time to time, revise such rules in accordance with the provisions of chapter 52, title 67, Idaho Code, and not inconsistent with the law as may be necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this chapter. Such rules shall include, but need not be limited to, a code of ethics for psychologists in the state consistent with the current, and as future amended, ethical standards for psychologists of the American psychological association and the educational and professional qualifications of applicants for licensing under this chapter.

(3) To examine for, deny, approve, issue, revoke, suspend and renew the licenses and certifications of psychologists and psychologist applicants pursuant to this chapter, and to conduct hearings in connection therewith.

(4) To conduct hearings upon complaints concerning violations of the provisions of, and the rules adopted pursuant to, this chapter and cause the prosecution and enjoiner of all such violations.

(5) The board, or its duly appointed hearing officer, shall have the power in any disciplinary proceeding under this chapter to administer oaths, take depositions of witnesses within or without the state in the manner provided by law in civil cases, and may apply to any district court of this state for a subpoena to require the attendance of such witnesses and the production of such books, records, and papers as it deems necessary. The fees and mileage of the witnesses shall be the same as that allowed in district courts in criminal cases, which fees and mileage shall be paid in the same manner as other expenses of the board are paid. In any case of disobedience to, or neglect of, any subpoena or subpoena duces tecum served upon any person, or
the refusal of any witness to testify to any matter regarding which he may be lawfully interrogated. It shall be the duty of any district court in this state, on application by the board, to compel compliance with the subpoena by proceedings for contempt, as in the case of disobedience of the requirements of the subpoena issued from such court for refusal to testify therein. The licensed person accused in such proceedings shall have the same right of sub-
poena.

(6) Proceedings before the board and judicial review of the action of the board shall be governed by the provisions of chapter 52, title 67, Idaho Code.

(7) To authorize, by written agreement, the bureau of occupational li-
censes as agent to act in its interest.

(8) To adopt a rule requiring continuing education as a condition of continued licensure and certification.

(9) To adopt rules allowing for a temporary permit to individuals licensed as psychologists in another state authorizing such individuals to practice psychology in Idaho for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days pursuant to such terms and requirements as set forth in the rules.

(10) To establish by rule an inactive license status.

(11) To establish by rule the standards and requirements for the use of communication technology in the practice of psychology, including supervi-
sion.

(12) To establish by rule certification and provisional certification of prescriptive authority pursuant to sections 54-2316 through 54-2319, Idaho Code.

(13) To establish by rule a limited formulary or formularies for pre-
scribing use by holders of certification and provisional certification of prescriptive authority.


54-2307. QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSE -- APPLICANTS FOR WHOM AN EXAMINA-
TION MAY BE REQUIRED. An applicant shall be qualified for a license to prac-
tice psychology provided proof satisfactory to the board has been received showing:

(1) Acceptable moral character; and

(2) Either one of the following:

(a) Graduation from an accredited college or university with a doc-
toral degree in psychology and two (2) years of supervised experience acceptable to the board, one (1) year of which may include a predoctoral practicum or internship and one (1) of which must be postdoctoral; or

(b) Graduation from an accredited college or university with a doctoral degree in a field related to psychology, provided experience and training are acceptable to the board; and

(3) Successful passage of an examination if such examination is re-
quired by the rules duly adopted by the board; and

(4) Receipt of a completed application accompanied by an application fee as established by board rules not to exceed three hundred dollars ($300), and when an examination is required a processing fee of twenty-five dollars ($25.00) payable to the bureau of occupational licenses. The fee for any re-
quired examination or reexamination shall be submitted directly to the na-
tional examining entity. The application fee and the processing fee are not refundable.


54-2309. NONISSUANCE AND REVOCATION OF LICENSE. No license may be issued, and a license previously issued may be revoked, suspended, restricted or otherwise disciplined if the person applying, or the person licensed be:

(1) Found guilty by a court of competent jurisdiction of a felony;
(2) Found by the board to be a repeated and excessive abuser of a controlled substance;
(3) Found by the board to be a repeated and excessive abuser of alcohol;
(4) Found by the board to be in violation of any provision of this chapter or any of the rules adopted pursuant to this chapter; or
(5) Found by the board to have been unethical as detailed by the current, and future amended, ethical standards of the American psychological association.


54-2310. VIOLATION AND PENALTY. Any person who shall practice or attempt to offer to practice psychology, as defined in this act, without having at the time of so doing a valid, unexpired, unrevoked, and unsuspended license issued under this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of not more than one thousand dollars ($1,000) or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months or both for each violation.

[54-2310, added 1963, ch. 186, sec. 10, p. 549; am. 1984, ch. 141, sec. 4, p. 332.]

54-2311. DUTY OF PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS. It shall be the duty of the several prosecuting attorneys to prosecute all violations of this act in their respective counties.

[54-2311, added 1963, ch. 186, sec. 11, p. 549.]

54-2312. QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSE -- ENDORSEMENT. The board may recommend the granting of a license to any person who is licensed or certified by a regulatory board of psychologists in the United States or Canada where such certification or licensure was based on a doctoral degree and who:

(1) Submits a complete application, including the application fee and a license fee not to exceed three hundred dollars ($300) as established by board rule;
(2) Is of good moral character;
(3) Has not had a certification or license revoked, suspended or otherwise sanctioned; and
(4) Has certified under oath that they have reviewed and will abide by the laws and rules governing the practice of psychology in Idaho and the code of ethics of the American psychological association and either:
(a) Holds a current certificate of professional qualification in psychology or holds a certificate of professional standing issued by a national credentialing entity approved by the board by rule; or
(b) Meets the requirements of section 54-2307(2), Idaho Code, and board rules relating to endorsement and educational and credentialing requirements for licensure.


54-2312A. SENIOR PSYCHOLOGIST. The board may grant a license to any person who submits a completed application, including the application fee and a license fee not to exceed three hundred dollars ($300) as established by board rule, and who:
   (1) Is of good moral character;
   (2) Has maintained a valid psychology license based on a doctoral degree in the United States or Canada for a period of not less than twenty (20) years;
   (3) Has a documented record of psychology practice for five (5) of the last seven (7) years immediately prior to the date of application;
   (4) Has a documented record of meeting the continuing education requirement of the jurisdiction where they practiced for not less than five (5) calendar years immediately prior to the date of application;
   (5) Has not been the subject of any disciplinary action within the last seven (7) years prior to application or has never voluntarily surrendered a license to practice psychology in any jurisdiction; and
   (6) Has certified under oath that he has reviewed and will abide by the laws and rules governing the practice of psychology in Idaho and the code of ethics of the American psychological association.

[54-2312A, added 2001, ch. 81, sec. 2, p. 204; am. 2009, ch. 33, sec. 9, p. 94.]

54-2313. UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF MEDICINE. Nothing herein shall be construed as authorizing any person licensed as a psychologist to engage in any manner in the practice of medicine as defined in the laws of this state. A psychologist who engages in psychotherapy shall make provision for the diagnosis and treatment of medical conditions in collaboration with a physician licensed pursuant to title 54, chapter 18, Idaho Code. A psychologist shall not diagnose, prescribe for or treat a client with reference to a medical condition.

[54-2313, added 1963, ch. 186, sec. 13, p. 549; am. 1987, ch. 147, sec. 4, p. 294.]

54-2314. PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATION -- CONFIDENTIAL RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN PSYCHOLOGIST AND CLIENT. A person licensed as a psychologist under the provisions of this act cannot, without the written consent of his client, be examined in a civil or criminal action as to any information acquired in the course of his professional services in behalf of the client. The confidential relations and communications between a psychologist and his client are on the same basis as those provided by law between an
attorney and client, and nothing in this article shall be construed to require any such privileged communication to be disclosed.

[54-2314, added 1963, ch. 186, sec. 14, p. 549.]

54-2315. ADMINISTRATION BY BUREAU OF OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES -- FEE FOR RENEWAL OF LICENSE -- RENEWAL AND REINSTATEMENT. This chapter shall be administered by the bureau of occupational licenses. The fee for renewal of license shall be a fee as established by board rule not to exceed four hundred dollars ($400) per annum. All licenses issued under the provisions of this chapter shall be subject to annual renewal and shall expire unless renewed in the manner prescribed by the board regarding applications for renewal, continuing education, and fees. License renewal and reinstatement shall be in accordance with section 67-2614, Idaho Code.


54-2316. PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY. (1) No psychologist licensed under this chapter shall issue a prescription without valid certification or provisional certification of prescriptive authority issued pursuant to section 54-2317, 54-2318 or 54-2319, Idaho Code.

(2) Psychologists licensed under this chapter who hold a certification or a provisional certification of prescriptive authority shall prescribe only those drugs or controlled substances that are:
   (a) Recognized in or customarily used in the diagnosis, treatment and management of individuals with psychiatric, mental, cognitive, nervous, emotional or behavioral disorders;
   (b) Relevant to the practice of psychology or other procedures directly related thereto; and
   (c) Within the scope of the psychologist's license and certification of prescriptive authority.

(3) A psychologist who holds provisional certification of prescriptive authority may prescribe only under the direct supervision of a supervising physician who meets the requirements of section 54-2317(6), Idaho Code.

(4) A psychologist who issues a prescription to a patient pursuant to this section shall collaborate with the patient's licensed medical provider.

(5) All prescriptions issued pursuant to this section shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws, rules and regulations and rules of the board.

(6) No psychologist may prescribe for a pediatric or geriatric patient without meeting all requirements of this chapter, including the provisions of section 57-2318(2), Idaho Code.

(7) No person licensed under this chapter shall accept any payment, directly or indirectly:
   (a) From any person licensed as a health care provider under title 54, Idaho Code, whose license does not permit the writing of prescriptions, for writing a prescription or dispensing a prescription drug to a patient;
(b) From any person who holds himself or herself out as a health care provider in any form who is not licensed under title 54, Idaho Code; or
(c) From any business or professional entity regardless of the form of its organization, for writing a prescription or dispensing a prescription drug to a patient unless such entity is authorized to conduct business under chapter 17, title 54, Idaho Code, or licensed as a licensed health care provider or health care facility or is otherwise approved by the board.

(8) The restriction contained in subsection (7) of this section shall not prevent a person licensed under this chapter from accepting payment from any such person who is a patient, or for services provided to a patient or to someone the patient is legally obligated to support or from any insurer or other entity authorized under the laws of this state to provide insurance or pay benefits on behalf of a self-insured plan or government program.

[54-2316, added 2017, ch. 238, sec. 3, p. 587.]

54-2317. PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY -- PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATION. To qualify for provisional certification of prescriptive authority, a psychologist licensed under this chapter shall meet such standards as prescribed by rule of the board. At a minimum, these standards shall include:

(1) A current license to practice psychology in Idaho;
(2) A doctorate degree in psychology awarded by an accredited program within a United States department of education-approved, regionally accredited institution of higher education;
(3) A master's degree in clinical psychopharmacology awarded by an accredited program within a United States department of education-approved, regionally accredited institution of higher education. The didactic portion of the education shall be at least two (2) years of full-time education, or the equivalent thereof, and shall be substantially equivalent to the education required of an advanced practice psychiatric nurse practitioner in this state as determined by the institution that offers both clinical psychopharmacology and psychiatric nurse practitioner degrees. The necessary prerequisites for the education shall be determined by the institution that offers the degrees and, in the institution's judgment, shall include sufficient biomedical education to ensure the necessary knowledge and skills to prescribe psychotropic medications in a safe and effective manner. The program shall satisfy the requirements to become designated a post-doctoral education and training program in clinical psychopharmacology by the American psychological association. The program must be established and administered by biomedically trained educators and must demonstrate that all content is covered and that students achieve clinical competency in all areas, and shall include at a minimum:

(a) Basic science:
   (i) Anatomy;
   (ii) Physiology;
   (iii) Biochemistry;
(b) Neurosciences:
   (i) Neuroanatomy;
   (ii) Neurophysiology;
   (iii) Neurochemistry;
(c) Physical assessments and laboratory exams:
   (i) Physical assessment;
   (ii) Laboratory and radiological assessment;
(iii) Medical terminology and documentation;

(d) Clinical medicine and pathophysiology:
(i) Pathophysiology with particular emphasis on cardiac, renal, hepatic, neurologic, gastrointestinal, hematologic, dermatologic and endocrine systems;
(ii) Clinical medicine with particular emphasis on signs, symptoms and treatment of disease states with behavioral, cognitive and emotional manifestations or comorbidities;
(iii) Differential diagnosis;
(iv) Clinical correlations -- the illustration of the content of this domain through case study;
(v) Substance-related and co-occurring disorders;
(vi) Chronic pain management;

(e) Clinical and research pharmacology and psychopharmacology:
(i) Pharmacology;
(ii) Clinical pharmacology;
(iii) Pharmacogenetics;
(iv) Psychopharmacology;
(v) Developmental psychopharmacology;
(vi) Issues of diversity in pharmacological practice -- lifespan related to drug metabolism;

(f) Clinical pharmacotherapeutics:
(i) Combined therapies -- psychotherapy/pharmacotherapy interactions;
(ii) Computer-based aids to practice;
(iii) Pharmacoepidemiology;

(g) Research:
(i) Methodology and design of psychopharmacology research;
(ii) Interpretation and evaluation of research;
(iii) Federal food and drug administration drug development and regulatory processes; and

(h) Professional, ethical, and legal issues:
(i) Application of existing law, standards and guidelines to pharmacological practice; and
(ii) Relationship with pharmaceutical industry:
   1. Conflicts of interest;
   2. Evaluation of pharmaceutical marketing practices; and
   3. Critical consumer;

(4) Clinical experience that is sufficient to attain competency in the psychopharmacological treatment of a diverse patient population under the direction of qualified practitioners including, but not limited to, licensed physicians and prescribing psychologists as determined by the institution offering the clinical psychopharmacology degree;

(5) A passing score on an examination developed by a nationally recognized body and approved by the board; and

(6) Supervision agreements with board-certified psychiatrists, neurologists, family medicine physicians, or other physicians with a minimum of two (2) years of experience in the management of psychotropic medication who are licensed under chapter 18, title 54, Idaho Code, or an equivalent licensing provision of the law of an adjoining state.

[54-2317, added 2017, ch. 238, sec. 4, p. 588; am. 2020, ch. 263, sec. 1, p. 761.]
54-2318. PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY -- CERTIFICATION. (1) An applicant for certification of prescriptive authority may be granted such certification by the board if the applicant possesses provisional certification of prescriptive authority and has successfully completed two (2) years of satisfactory prescribing as attested to by the supervising physician or physicians.

(2) An applicant for certification of prescriptive authority who seeks to prescribe for pediatric or geriatric patients shall have completed at least one (1) year of satisfactory prescribing to such patient populations as attested to by a supervising physician or supervising physicians with specialized training and experience in treating such patient populations.

(3) The board shall develop rules to effect the purposes of sections 54-2316 through 54-2319, Idaho Code. Such rules shall include educational and training standards necessary to qualify for certification of prescriptive authority, application and testing procedures, and fees for an application, provisional certification, certification and renewal of certification. Such fees shall not exceed three hundred dollars ($300) each.

[54-2318, added 2017, ch. 238, sec. 5, p. 589.]

54-2319. PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY -- CERTIFICATION BY ENDORSEMENT. An applicant who has a current and unrestricted license to practice psychology and a current and unrestricted certification of prescriptive authority from another state, or training from the United States department of defense demonstration project or other similar program developed and operated by any branch of the armed forces that imposes substantially equivalent educational and training requirements as those contained in this chapter and required by the board, upon payment of the required fees, compliance with section 54-2317(1), Idaho Code, and the approval of the application, may be certified by endorsement pursuant to this chapter. The board may consider an applicant's experience in prescribing in another state as meeting a portion of the requirements necessary to obtain provisional certification or certification under this chapter, but also shall require additional education and supervision if the board deems it necessary to meet the educational and training requirements imposed by this chapter.

[54-2319, added 2017, ch. 238, sec. 6, p. 590.]

54-2320. ADVISORY PANEL. The board shall establish an advisory panel to review and advise the board on proposed prescriptive rules and other regulations governing the prescriptive authority for psychologists, including any formulary or limited formulary, and also including the sufficiency of education and training for an applicant seeking certification by endorsement. If requested by the board, the panel may be consulted on complaints against psychologists with prescriptive authority. The panel shall consist of a psychiatrist and a pediatric psychiatrist or a pediatrician recommended by the Idaho state board of medicine, a pharmacist holding a doctoral-level degree recommended by the Idaho state board of pharmacy, and two (2) psychologists licensed in Idaho. The board shall not promulgate rules governing prescriptive authority, governing collaboration or supervision of prescribing psychologists, establishing a formulary or establishing standards for granting certification by endorsement, unless the rules first have been approved by a majority vote of the advisory panel.
[54-2320, added 2017, ch. 238, sec. 7, p. 590.]