

MEMORANDUM

DATE	January 29, 2018
TO	Board Members
FROM	<i>Stephanie Cheung</i> Stephanie Cheung Licensing Manager
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 18(b) – Psychological Assistant #2 Consideration of Licensing Committee Recommendations Regarding an Extension of the 72-Month Registration Period Limitation for Registered Psychological Assistant Pursuant to Section 1391.1(b) of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations

Background:

California Code of Regulations, Title 16, section 1391.1 provides in part:

(b) Registration as a psychological assistant shall be limited to a cumulative total of six years (72 months). Each registration shall be subject to annual renewal pursuant to section 1391.12.

For any psychological assistant registered prior to the effective date of this subdivision, subsequent renewals or registrations shall be limited to a cumulative total of six years (72 months) from the date of the psychological assistant's next registration or renewal, whichever occurs first.

Upon showing of good cause as determined by the Board, these specified time limitations may be reasonably modified.

Psychological Assistant (PSB) #2 – Request for a 16-month Extension of the 72-month registration period

PSB #2 was issued a total of six psychological assistant registrations with the first registration issued on December 31, 2004. Five out of the six have since expired or cancelled. PSB #2's most recent registration was issued on December 27, 2011 and expired on December 27, 2017 according to the 72-month limitation rule with the genesis date beginning on October 23, 2011.

PSB #2 is expected to graduate in June 2018 and has accumulated over 1500 pre-doctoral hours (these hours have not been verified by any primary supervisor(s)).

PSB #2 is requesting an extension to the psychological assistantship to accrue the required 1,500 post-doctoral hours and to continue care with their current patient load.

Attachment:

A: Letter of Request

Action Requested:

Review and consider the Licensing Committee's recommendation to deny the 16-month extension request of the 72-month limitation for the psychological assistant registration.

From: [REDACTED]
To: DCA_BOPLicensing@DCA
Subject: Request to extend Psych Assistant Registration
Date: Thursday, November 02, 2017 6:34:35 PM

Dear Ms. Stephanie Cheung,

I would like to formally request an extension of the deadline for my psychological assistant registration. I understand that with the new law my deadline date was scheduled for 12/27/17. I am scheduled to graduate from my PsyD program with the [REDACTED] next year and my current supervisor was intending for me to continue care with my current patient load once I achieve my own license. Since most of my patients are diagnosed with chronic severe mental illness, i.e. Schizophrenia etc. we believed it would be for the best interest of the patients and their mental health to avoid any disruption of psychological care and services, therefore, provide a continuity of care with me since I've been working with them for quite some time now and have developed a strong rapport with them. I am hoping to get an extension for an additional 16 more months to be able to achieve my predoc hours and postdoc hours, if possible.

I truly appreciate your consideration in this request and will be indebtedly grateful if approved since I have been diligently working hard to accomplish this goal of mine. I enjoy and am very proud to be able to work in this exceptional field of ours. It has been rewarding to play a part in helping others to improve their quality of life. Thank you again for taking the time to assist in me in this matter.

Name: [REDACTED]
Psychological Assistant Registration#: [REDACTED]
Supervisor: Dr. [REDACTED], Lic No: [REDACTED]

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: DCA_BOPLicensing@DCA
Subject: Re: Request to extend Psych Assistant Registration
Date: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 7:52:37 AM

Good morning Ms. Lim,

Thank you for taking the time to respond to my request.

- 1) My projected time of graduation from The [REDACTED] is June 2018.
- 2) I have accumulated over 1500 pre-doc hours that I will be submitting shortly.
- 3) Is there anything else you need for me to submit prior to the committee hearing?

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

> On Nov 15, 2017, at 3:03 PM, DCA, BOPLicensing@DCA <BopLicensing@dca.ca.gov> wrote:

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> Dear Mr./Ms [REDACTED]:

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> Thank you for submitting an extension request for your psychological assistant registration. Your 16 month extension request will be reviewed by the Licensing Committee at their next meeting on January 22, 2018.

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> In the meantime, please submit and clarify the following:

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> 1) When is your projected graduation date (month/year)?

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> 2) If any pre-doctoral hours of supervised professional experience have been completed, please submit the original Verification of Experience form along with the original Supervised Agreement form in a sealed envelope signed across the seal by your primary supervisor. Please ensure you put "extension request" and "attention Natasha Lim" on the front of the envelope.

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> Please note that it is considered unlicensed practice if the psychological assistant continues to provide services on an expired registration.

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> Thank you for your cooperation.

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> Effective October 1, 2017, California Code of Regulations, Title 16, sections 1387 and 1387.1 relating to the supervision agreement, verification of experience, and the responsibilities of the primary supervisor were amended. For more information regarding the specific changes, please click on the following link to review the Verification of Experience Form and Supervision Agreement Regulation Advisory on the Board's website.

> http://www.psychology.ca.gov/laws_regs/voe.shtml

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> A Supervision Agreement (SA) for supervised professional experience (SPE) must be an agreement outlining the goals and objectives of SPE and must be completed and signed prior to the start of the SPE. The SA must meet the