

Occupational Analysis for Licensed Psychologist

The Board of Psychology (Board) and the Office of Professional Examination Services (OPES) are looking for licensed psychologists to participate as subject matter experts (SMEs) in the occupational analysis of the psychology profession. The purpose of the occupational analysis is to define the practice of psychology in California in terms of actual job tasks that newly licensed psychologists must be able to perform safely and competently at the time of licensure. The results of the occupational analysis serve as the basis for the State licensing examination for psychologists in California, the California Psychology Laws and Ethics Examination (CPLEE).

There are several opportunities for participation in the occupational analysis process:

1. Occupational Analysis Interviews

The Board will be providing a list of randomly selected licensees across California to OPES at the beginning of the next fiscal year (July 2018). OPES will conduct a number of telephone interviews with the licensees to identify what psychologists do on the job (job tasks) and the knowledge required to perform the job competently. The telephone interviews will be approximately one (1) hour in length and will be held between August 1, 2018 and August 30, 2018. OPES staff will contact the licensees to schedule the interviews.

2. First Occupational Analysis Workshop (September 26 & 27, 2018)

A group of licensed psychologists will work with an OPES test consultant to evaluate the preliminary tasks and knowledge statements in terms of technical accuracy and comprehensiveness of coverage of the job domain.

3. Second Occupational Analysis Workshop (November 14 & 15, 2018)

A separate group of licensed psychologists will work with an OPES test consultant to review and refine the task and knowledge statements derived from the interviews and the initial workshop.

4. Third Occupational Analysis Workshop (April 17 & 18, 2019)

Another group of licensed psychologists will work with an OPES test consultant to review the results of the occupational analysis survey sent to a sample of California licensed psychologists and to establish the description of the profession's practice and the content outline for the psychologist licensing examination in California.

Participants will receive a per diem of \$300 per day and 8 hours of continuing education units per day. The occupational analysis workshops last two days and are normally conducted from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day. Participants who travel 50 miles or more each way to workshops are reimbursed for travel expenses. Participants book their own hotel accommodations and the Board will reimbursement the cost of the hotel at the state rate of \$95.00/day plus tax. Any airfare or rental car needs will be booked by the Board.

Participation by a large number of licensed psychologists with diverse backgrounds in the interviews and workshops is critical for the success of this project and the future of the profession. It will ensure that the future psychologist licensing examinations in California are based on up-to-date, accurate, and valid information regarding the practice of psychology. Your time and effort will provide assistance in developing the Board State exam.

If chosen for participation through the random selection process, you will receive an email notification with workshop dates of the Occupational Analysis, as well as, the Board's Examination Development workshop dates. The examination development workshops assist the Board in developing examination items for the current CPLEE. For more information about examination development, please visit the Board's website at <http://www.psychology.ca.gov/licensees/sme.shtml>.

If you are interested in participating in this process, please contact Ms. Lavinia Snyder, Examination Coordinator for the Board at Lavinia.snyder@dca.ca.gov for more information.