

MEMORANDUM

DATE	October 27, 2017
TO	Board Members
FROM	<i>Stephanie Cheung</i> Stephanie Cheung Licensing Manager
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 17(b) – PSB #2 Consideration of Licensing Committee Recommendations Regarding an Extension to 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 Three-year Extension to the 72-month registration period

PSB #2 was issued multiple psychological assistant registrations as follows:

- The first registration was issued on May 15, 1998, which expired on January 31, 2002;
- A second registration was issued on July 14, 2004, which expired on January 31, 2006;
- A third registration was issued on July 5, 2005, which expired on January 31, 2010;
- A fourth registration was issued on August 3, 2011, which will expire on October 26, 2017 according to the 72-month limitation rule with the genesis date beginning on October 23, 2011.

PSB #2 is requesting an extension due to financial problems which has prevented PSB #2 from studying for the licensure examinations. PSB #2 also plans to work as a psychological assistant until planned retirement in three (3) years if unable to pass the licensure examinations.

Attachment:

A: Letter of Request

Action Requested:

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

From: DCA_BOPLicensing@DCA
To: Cheung_Stephanie@DCA
Subject: [REDACTED]
Date: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 3:54:55 PM

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 2:47 PM
To: DCA, BOPLicensing@DCA
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

Dear Ms. Cheung,

I am writing to request an extension on the 72-month limitation to be a registered psychological assistant. My 72-month period ends in October 2017. My plan is to take the licensing exam. I took it once already but failed. I have tried to study to take it again, but financial problems have caused me to have to work doubly hard without enough spare time to devote to adequate studying. I will be 72 in October and I plan to retire in 3 years but I need either to be licensed or a registered psych assistant to be able to continue working until that time and not go into deeper financial ruin. If I don't pass the exam again at least I will have the psych registration to carry me through until I am 75. I would be very grateful if you would extend it for three years.

My best,

[REDACTED]