


## MEMORANDUM

DATE	August 16, 2018
TO	EPPP2 Task Force
FROM	 Cherise Burns Central Services Manager
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 16: EPPP Part 2 Task Force Report (a-b)

**a) Review and Discussion of Examination Sequencing and Timeline Scenarios that May Affect Applicants and the Board's Business Processes Relating to EPPP Part 2 Implementation**

**Background:**

Board Staff prepared an overview of the current examination process and three possible business scenarios (Attachment A) to implement EPPP Part 2 (EPPP2) for the Task Force. At the June 29, 2018 EPPP2 Task Force meeting, all options were presented and discussed.

Both staff and the Task Force agreed, if the Board decides to proceed with EPPP2 implementation, that Implementation Option 3 - Overview of EPPP Examination Process as of 1/1/2020 with Board Pre-Degree Application, is the best possible examination sequence for implementing the EPPP2 examination through a consistent and equitable process. A full discussion of all of the options and the Task Force's considerations are provided in Agenda Item 10 in the Draft EPPP2 Task Force Report.

**Action Requested:**

If the decision in agenda item 10 is to continue with the EPPP as the national examination for licensure, staff requests the Board review the three scenarios presented to the EPPP2 Task Force.

**b) Task Force Recommendation to the Board in Light of Scenarios – Review and Determine Possible Statutory Changes to Business and Professions Code Sections 2940-2944, and Changes to Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations Sections 1388-1389.1**

**Background:**

Attachments B and C provide the EPPP2 Task Force's recommended language to both Business and Professions Code Sections 2940-2944, and Regulatory Changes to Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, sections 1388 – 1389.1-Examinations if the Board decides to implement EPPP2.

As a follow-up to the Task Force recommendation regarding failsafe examination language, the Board reached out to other Department of Consumer Affairs boards and got the following feedback: of the 12 board responses, one board had general statutory authority to have an equivalent examination (which we have currently in section 2942). Additionally, the Board consulted with legal counsel about the legal necessity of failsafe language, and that review determined that it was unnecessary.

**Action Requested:**

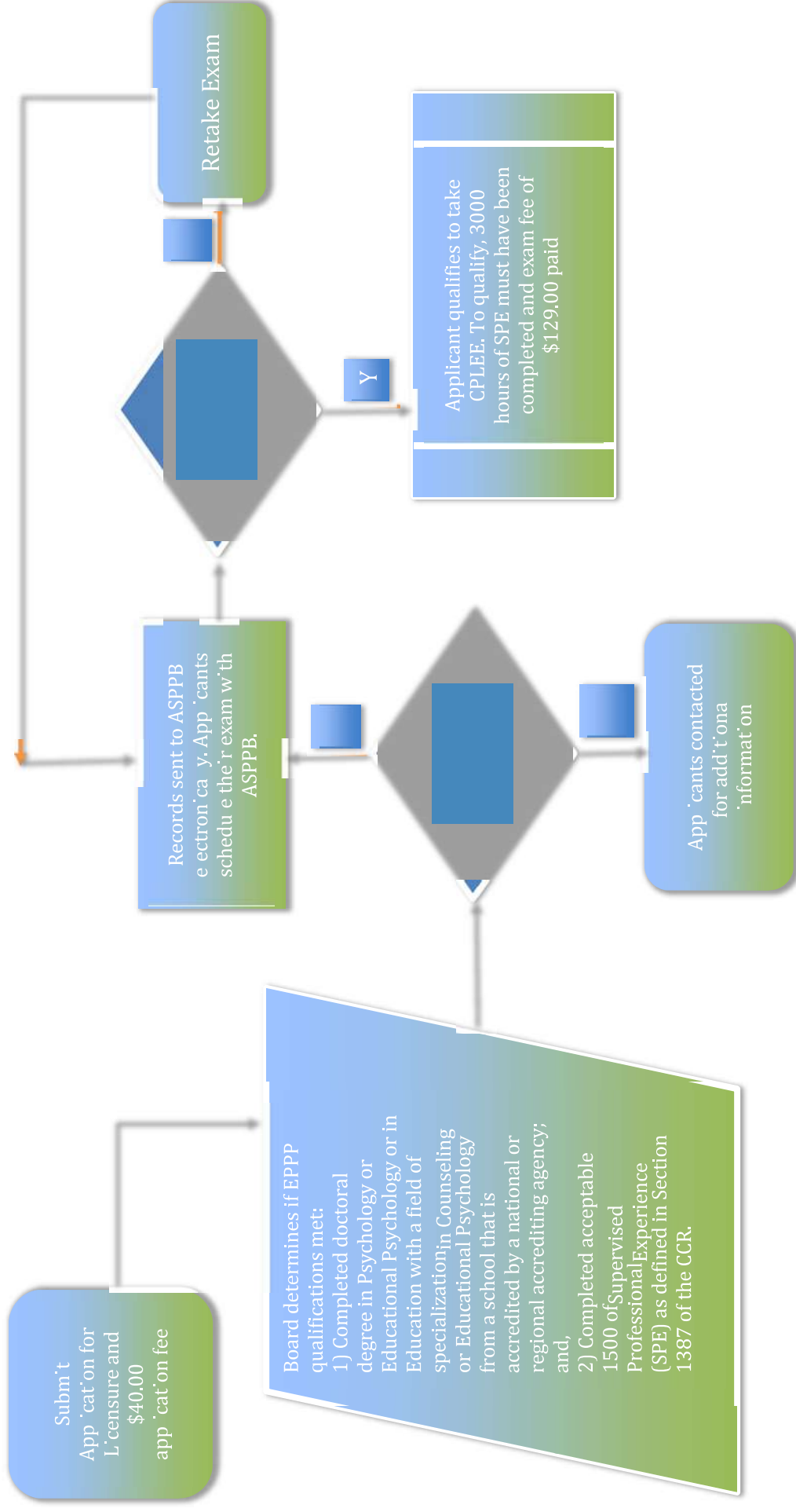
Review the EPPP2 Task Force recommended language for Option 3, in light of the Board's decision on Agenda Items 10 and review of the options in 16(a) and approve or revise the draft language as necessary.

**Attachment A:** Possible Options of Examination Sequencing and Timeline Scenarios that May Affect Applicants and the Board's Business Processes Relating to the EPPP2 Implementation

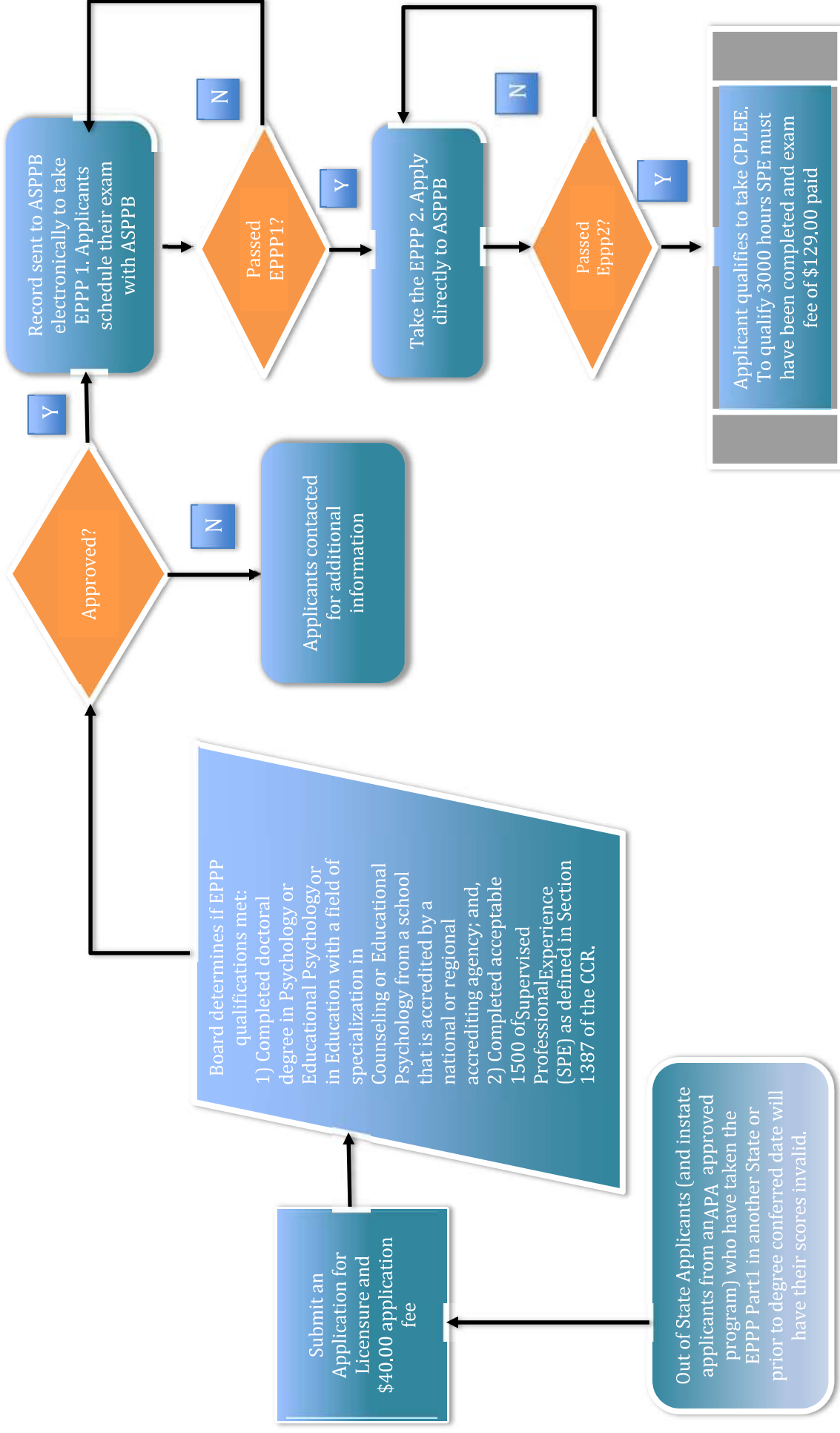
**Attachment B:** Bus. & Prof. Code sections 2940-2944

**Attachment C:** Article 4. of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, Sections 1388-1389.1 – Examination.

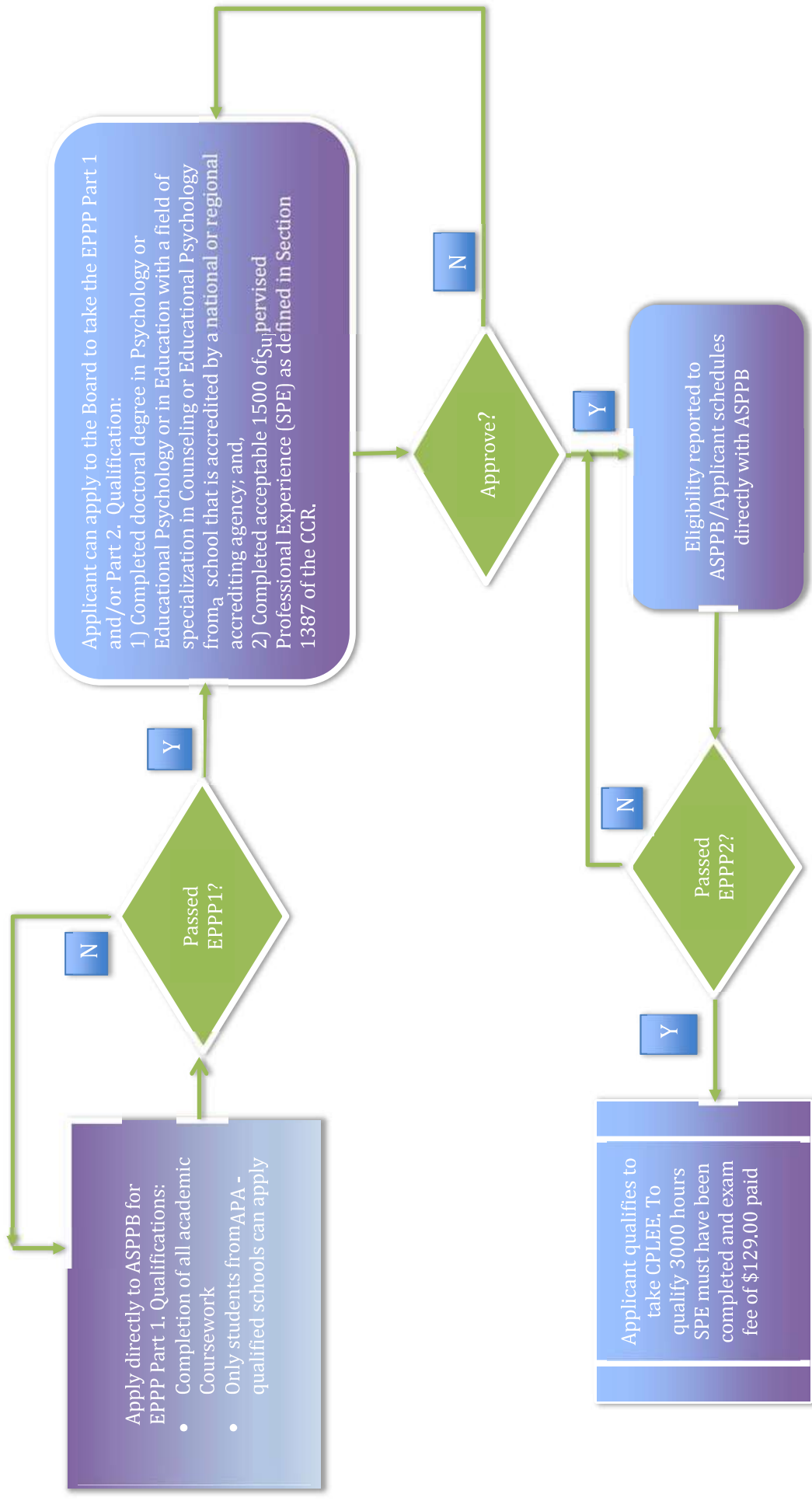
## Overview of the Current Examination Qualification for the EPPP



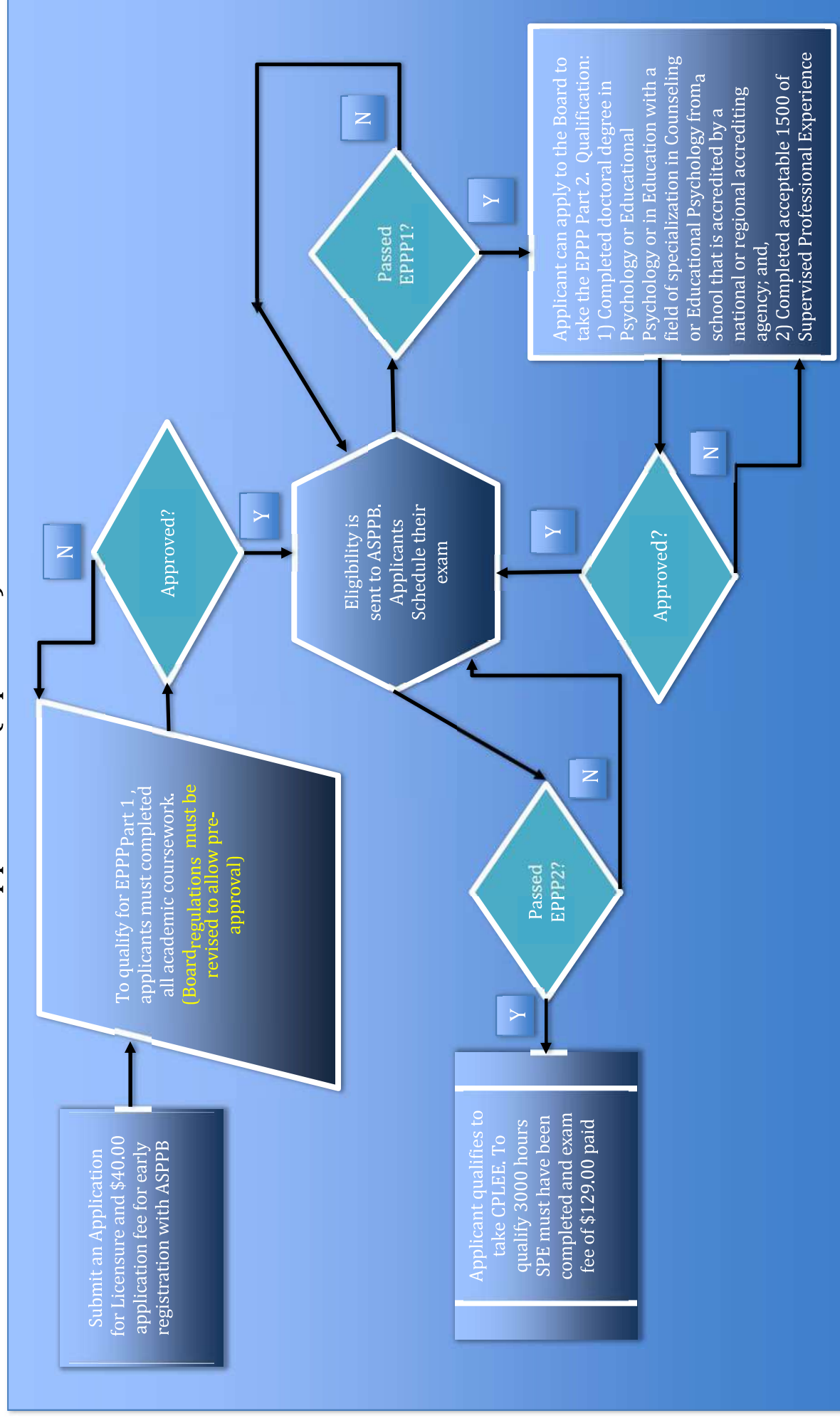
## Overview of EPPP Examination Process as of 1/1/2020 without changes to the Regulations (Option 1)



## Overview of EPPP Examination Process as of 1/1/2020 with ASPPB Pre-Degree Application-(Option 2)



## Overview of EPPP Examination Process as of 1/1/2020 with Board Pre-Degree Application-(Option 3)





## Examination for Professional Practice (EPPP) in Psychology Comparison Chart for Each Option

EPPP Examination Process as of 1/1/2020 without changes to the Regulations (Option 1)	EPPP Examination Process as of 1/1/2020 with ASPPB Pre-Registration (Option 2)		EPPP Examination Process as of 1/1/2020 with Board Pre-Registration (Option 3)	
All Applicants	Non-APA approved program students	APA approved program students	All Applicants	
Coursework Completion	Coursework Completion	Coursework Completion	Coursework Completion	
		Pre-application directly to ASPPB	Submit application and application fee for Licensure to the Board	
		Schedule and Pass EPPP Part 1	Approval by the Board for EPPP Part 1 if applicant has completed all academic coursework (Regulation changes required)	
		Submit an application and application fee for Licensure	Schedule and Pass EPPP Part 1	
Doctoral Degree Completion	Doctoral Degree Completion	Doctoral Degree Completion	Doctoral Degree Completion	
1500 Supervised Professional Experience	1500 Supervised Professional Experience	1500 Supervised Professional Experience	1500 Supervised Professional Experience	
Submit application and application fee for Licensure to the Board	Submit an application and application fee for Licensure	Take and pass EPPP Part2	Submit application to apply for the EPPP Part 2	
Take and Pass EPPP Part1	Take and pass EPPP Part1	Submit additional 1500 of SPE	Take and Pass the EPPP Part 2	
Take and Pass EPPP Part2	Take and pass EPPP Part2	Take and Pass CPLEE	Submit additional 1500 of SPE	
Submit additional 1500 of SPE	Submit additional 1500 of SPE	Meet all licensure requirements and pay licensure fee of \$400	Take and Pass CPLEE	
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## **Attachment B**

### **Bus. & Prof. Code sections 2940-2944**

#### **§ 2940. Application and fee**

~~Each person desiring to obtain a license from the board shall make application to the board. The application shall be made upon a form and shall be made in a manner as the board prescribes in regulations duly adopted under this chapter.~~

~~The application shall be accompanied by the application fee prescribed by Section 2949. This fee shall not be refunded by the board.~~

To obtain a license from the board, an applicant shall submit any applications and pay any applicable fees as required by the board.

*(Amended by Stats. 1997, Ch. 758, Sec. 38. Effective January 1, 1998.)*

#### **§ 2941. Examination and fee**

~~Each applicant for a psychology license shall be examined by the board, and shall pay to the board, at least 30 days prior to the date of examination, the examination fee prescribed by Section 2987, which fee shall not be refunded by the board.~~

Each applicant for licensure as a psychologist shall take and pass any examination required by the board. An applicant may be examined for knowledge in any theoretical or applied fields of psychology, as well as professional skills and judgment in the utilization of psychological techniques and methods, and the ethical practice of psychology, as the board deems appropriate.

Each applicant shall pay any applicable examination fees.

*(Amended by Stats. 1997, Ch. 758, Sec. 39. Effective January 1, 1998.)*

#### **§ 2942. Time for examinations; Passing grades**

The board may examine by written or computer-assisted examination or by both. All aspects of the examination shall be in compliance with Section 139. The examination shall be available for administration at least twice a year at the time and place and under supervision as the board may determine. The passing grades for the examinations shall be established by the board in regulations and shall be based on psychometrically sound principles of establishing minimum qualifications and levels of competency.



Examinations for a psychologist's license may be ~~conducted~~ utilized by the board under a uniform examination system, and for that purpose the board may make arrangements with organizations to supply and administer ~~furnishing examination materials~~ material as may in its discretion be desirable.

*(Amended by Stats. 2005, Ch. 658, Sec. 9. Effective January 1, 2006.)*

#### **~~§ 2943. Examination subjects~~**

~~The board may examine for knowledge in whatever theoretical or applied fields in psychology as it deems appropriate. It may examine the candidate with regard to his or her professional skills and his or her judgment in the utilization of psychological techniques and methods.~~

*(Amended by Stats. 1989, Ch. 888, Sec. 24.)*

#### **~~§ 2944. Written examinations~~**

~~The board shall grade the written examination and keep the written examination papers for at least one year, unless a uniform examination is conducted pursuant to Section 2942.~~

*(Amended by Stats. 1989, Ch. 888, Sec. 25.)*

**Attachment C**  
**Article 4. of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations,**  
**sections 1388-1389.1 – Examination**

**§ 1388. Examinations.**

(a) The Board recognizes the expertise of the Department of Consumer Affairs' (DCA) Office of Professional Examination Services (OPES). The Board shall utilize the services of the OPES in licensing examination development and validation through an interagency agreement.

(b) ~~An applicant for examination shall successfully take and pass the licensing examinations prior to being licensed~~ shall submit to the Board for its approval the required application (exam rev 6/18) and the applicable fee. The licensing examinations shall consist of the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards' (ASPPB) Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP), which consists of two parts, and the California Psychology Laws and Ethics Examination (CPLÉE), except ~~that the EPPP shall be waived for those applicants who meet the criteria in section 1388.6 of this chapter.~~ Such applicants shall be required to take and pass the CPLÉE.

(c) An applicant is eligible to take the first part of the EPPP upon completion of all academic coursework of a qualifying doctorate degree. To satisfy this requirement, the applicant shall submit to the Board a written certification from the registrar or training director of the educational institution or program stating that the applicant has completed all required academic coursework (exclusive of internship and dissertation) of a qualifying doctorate degree.

(ed) An applicant is eligible to take the second part of the EPPP upon passing the first part of the EPPP, completion of a qualifying doctorate degree, and accrual of 1500 hours of qualifying supervised professional experience.

(e) An applicant is eligible to take the CPLÉE upon passing shall pass both parts of the EPPP and completion of all of 3000 hours of qualifying supervised professional experience prior to being eligible for the CPLÉE, whichever is applicable, pursuant to section 1388.6.

(df) ~~Upon application, the~~ The Board will notify applicants of their eligibility to take each examination ~~the EPPP.~~ Applicants are responsible for completing any administrative requirements for taking the EPPP established by ASPPB or its agent, including paying any fees. This subsection applies to those re-taking the EPPP as well as to those taking it for the first time.

(eg) For forms of the EPPP taken prior to September 1, 2001, the passing score is the score that was recognized by the Board at that time. For computer administered forms

of the EPPP, the Board shall accept the passing score recommended by~~apply a scaled score as recommended by~~ ASPPB.

(fh) Qualified applicants desiring to take the CPLEE shall submit to the Board the fee set forth in section 1392 of this chapter. Applicants shall comply with all instructions established by the DCA examination vendor for taking the CPLEE.

(gi) The passing score on the CPLEE shall be determined for each form of the examination by a criterion referenced procedure performed by OPES.

(hj) An applicant for whom English is his or her second language may be eligible for additional time when taking the EPPP and/or the CPLEE. The applicant must complete and submit a request for additional time that states under penalty of perjury that English is his or her second language. The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) certification score of 85 or below must be sent by Educational Testing Service directly to the Board. The TOEFL must have been taken within the previous two years prior to application. The Board will only consider the highest score of any TOEFL taken within the previous two years. If approved, the applicant will be allotted time-and-a-half (1.5x) when taking the examination.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 2930 and 2942, Business and Professions Code.

Reference:

Sections 123, 496, 2941, 2942, 2943 and 2960, Business and Professions Code.

#### **§ 1388.6. License Requirements and Waiver of ExaminationSatisfaction of Licensure Requirements.**

~~(a) When a California-licensed psychologist has been licensed for at least five years and has allowed his/her license to cancel by not renewing the license for at least three years, the psychologist shall not be required to take the EPPP.~~

~~(ab) If an applicant for licensure as a psychologist has been~~is currently licensed at the doctoral level and has been so for at least two (2) years in another state, Canadian province, or U.S. territory, for at least five years~~the applicant shall not be required to take the EPPP~~submit documentation of a passing score on the EPPP.

~~(be) An applicant for licensure as a psychologist who holds a Certificate of Professional Qualification (CPQ) issued by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB), shall not be required to take the EPPP~~submit documentation of a passing score on the EPPP. Such an applicant shall be deemed to have met the educational and experience requirements of subdivisions (b), ~~(c)~~ and ~~(ed)~~ of Code section 2914.

~~(cd) An applicant for licensure as a psychologist who is credentialed as a Health Service Provider in Psychology by the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology (NRHSPP) and has been~~who is currently licensed based on a doctoral

~~degree at the doctoral level~~ in another state, Canadian province, or U.S. territory for a minimum of five years shall ~~not be required to take the EPPP~~ submit documentation of a passing score on the EPPP. Such an applicant shall be deemed to have met the educational and experience requirements of subdivisions (b), (c) and (e) of Code section 2914.

(d) An applicant for licensure as a psychologist who is certified by the American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP) and ~~has been~~ who is currently licensed based on a ~~doctoral degree at the doctoral level~~ in another state, Canadian province, or U.S. territory for a minimum of five years shall ~~not be required to take the EPPP~~ submit documentation of a passing score on the EPPP. Such an applicant shall be deemed to have met the educational and experience requirements of subdivisions (b), (c) and (e) of Code section 2914.

(e) Although the EPPP ~~is~~ some requirements are deemed to have been met waived under this section, an applicant must file a complete application and meet all current ~~licensing~~ licensure requirements not addressed above, including payment of any fees, take and pass the California Psychology Law and Ethics Examination (CPLEE), and not been subject to discipline.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 2930 and 2946, Business and Professions Code.  
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### **§ 1389. Reconsideration of Examinations.**

~~(a)~~ There shall be no reconsideration of the ~~grade~~ score received on the EPPP or on the CPLEE.

~~(b)~~ Nothing in this section shall be construed to deprive an applicant of his or her rights of appeal as afforded by other provisions of law.

Note: Authority cited: Section 2930, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 2942 and 2944, Business and Professions Code.

### **§ 1389.1. Inspection of Examinations.**

~~(a)~~ All examination materials, except those owned by an examination service, shall be retained by the board at the board's office in Sacramento for a period of two (2) years after the date of the examination.

~~(b)~~ No inspection is allowed of the written examination administered by the board

Note: Authority cited: Section 2930, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 2942 and 2944, Business and Professions Code; and Section 12944, Government Code