

## **64B19-18.008 Board Approval of Specialty Certifying Bodies**

To obtain Board approval as a certifying body, eligible to grant formal recognition declaring a licensed psychologist to be a “certified psychology specialist,” board-certified psychology specialist,” or a “psychology diplomate,” pursuant to Section 490.0149, F.S., an applicant shall file a petition demonstrating that it:

(1) Is an independent body, national in scope, that incorporates standards of the profession, collaborates closely with organizations related to specialization in psychology, and only certifies doctoral-level, licensed psychologists as having advanced qualifications in a particular psychological specialty through demonstrations of competence in the specialty being recognized;

(2) Has clearly described purposes, bylaws, policies, and procedures, that include an internal review and budgetary practices, to ensure effective utilization of resources with an administrative staff, housed in dedicated office space that is appropriate for the certifying body’s program and sufficient for responding to consumer or regulatory inquiries;

(3) Has established standards for specialized practice of psychology and adopts the American Psychological Association (APA) “Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct,” effective June 1, 2003, to guide the practice of its members. The code is incorporated by reference and available for inspection at the Board office as well as at: [www.apa.org/ethics/code2002.html](http://www.apa.org/ethics/code2002.html); and

(4) Has implemented and documented a comprehensive assessment procedure, designed to measure the competencies required to provide services characteristic of the specialty area, that describes security and grading standards, and consists of an oral examination and peer-review of practice samples and may include a written examination.

Specific Authority 490.0149, 490.004(4) FS. Law Implemented 490.0149 FS. History—New 11-1-07.