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Ontario Board
of Examiners in
Psychology



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PSYCHOLOGISTS REGISTERED IN ONTARIO

Residence	YEAR																
	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68*	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76
Ontario			170	218	285	343	478	485		294	527	570	607	656	722	743	803
Other Provinces			9	10	22	24	56	61		52	51	49	50	57	57	51	56
Outside Canada			6	9	16	21	49	49		46	49	49	52	52	63	45	40
Total			145	185	237	296	388	583	595	590	627	668	709	767	842	839	899
% Increase (Decrease) from Previous Year **				28	28	24	31	50	02	(01)	06	07	06	08	10	00	07

*No directory

**Five percent average yearly increase since 1966.

- 1960 June Ontario Board of Examiners in Psychology appointed by Lieutenant Governor in Council.
- 1960 August First meeting of the appointed Board.
- 1960 October Registrar, R. W. Ross appointed.
- 1961 February, First Certificate awarded to C.R. Myers, Ph.D.
- 1961 October First "hearing".
- 1966 June "Grandfather" clause allowing registration of those holding Masters degrees with four years experience and Doctoral degrees with two years experience repealed.
- 1967 April First examination held.
- 1973 September, C.R. Myers appointed Registrar pro tem
- 1974 May First "hearing" under the Statutory Procedures Act.
- 1974 June R. G. Berry appointed Registrar.
- 1975 December Registration Certificate number 1000 awarded to Virginia Carver, Ph.D.
- 1976 January Decision to establish a full time office.

QUARTERLY ACTIVITY

Certificate 1000

The Board is pleased to announce that it has awarded the Certificate of Registration numbered 1000 to Dr. Virginia Carver of the Royal Ottawa Hospital at the December meeting.

Registration

Since December, 1975, 40 requests for applications have been received; 25 candidates have applied for registration, and 25 have been placed on the Temporary Register. Those not listed in the 1976 Directory are:

Eugene J. B. Beaumaster
 Edward A. Beharry
 John J. Berek
 Antony J. Bergering
 Thomas J. Boniferro
 Robert B. Cormier
 Vera Dalia (Muskovitch nee Wollner)
 David L. Tate
 Samuel H. Klarreich
 Jean P. E. Laroche
 Gordon J. MacWillie
 Marty J. S. McKay (Bouldin)
 Gary K. Mills
 Jill Moscovitch (Ornstein)
 Gerald P. Motz
 Alan C. Ogborne
 Penny A. Parry
 Colin Pryor
 Alwyn D. Robertson
 Kjell E. Rudestam
 Peter J. D. Russell
 Melvyn Segal
 Warren E. Shepell
 Harry A. Skinner
 Douglas L. Tate

There are 34 candidates who sat for the written examinations in March in five centres: Toronto, London, Thunder Bay, Sudbury and Ottawa. It is expected that there will be 38 candidates for oral examination in May.

Complaints

On Monday February 2nd Stephen Steiner pleaded guilty in Provincial Court, Criminal Division, to 6 counts of contravention of the Psychologists Registration Act and was fined \$300.

Three complaints have been received since December, all concerning non-psychologists. Two have been resolved satisfactorily and one is still under investigation.

Two hearings regarding complaints against psychologists are pending and will be held in the Spring.

The Board wish to warn new graduates in psychology that accepting a position as a psychologist in a work setting not excluded under the Psychologists Registration Act, before admission to the Temporary Register, is clearly in violation of the Act and such persons are liable to prosecution.

COMPLAINTS AGAINST PSYCHOLOGISTS

Currently an average of three complaints a month is being received by the Registrar, two of which are against non-psychologists for contravening the Psychologists Registration Act and one is against a psychologist. Complaints against psychologists range from those concerned with professional fees, through many concerned with unprofessional behaviour in other than professional or work settings.

Except in the most unusual of circumstances it is necessary for the person laying the complaint to do so in writing. The Registrar will decide whether a valid complaint has been made, and if so will refer the complaint to a member of the Board for investigation. It is necessary that other members of the Board remain unaware of the complaint, since if the complaint is brought to a hearing before them they must be unbiased before making a decision based upon the evidence presented at the hearing. The Board member is selected by the Registrar after taking into account the nature of the complaint, the geographic location and possible conflict of interest factors such as work relationship between the Board member and the psychologist against whom the complaint is made.

The Board member investigates in whatever manner is appropriate to the complaint, makes a decision regarding the validity and seriousness of the complaint and decides what action should be taken. The Board member prepares a report which is then discussed with the Registrar and the legal counsel to the Board. A course of action is decided by this three-man committee which may involve dismissing the complaint as

unwarranted, requiring some action by the psychologist, or requiring the Board to conduct a "hearing" of the complaint.

All hearings are conducted under the Statutory Procedures Act. They are formal in character with charges laid by the Board's legal counsel with a defence made by the psychologist charged (usually through his counsel). Witnesses are called, a court reporter is in attendance and a formal judgement is rendered by the Board. (The Board member who conducted the investigation does not participate on the Board of course).

The Board may, after a hearing suspend or cancel a certificate of Registration. The psychologist is then notified of the Board's decision.

PAYMENT OF RENEWAL FEES

The Regulations to the Psychologists Registration Act specify that, "Every certificate of registration expires with the 31st day of May..." unless a renewal fee is paid before the certificate expires. The Board may not exercise discretionary power in this matter and, "In the case of those who fail to renew by the stipulated date, the Registrar shall strike their names from the Register. The non-renewals shall be informed of this action, requested to return their certificates and cautioned to be careful to comply with the Law." (OBEP Handbook of Policy and Procedure). Those who fail to renew should recognize that if they are in contravention of Section 11 of the Act they will be liable to prosecution.

The Board will accept payment by mail in envelopes postmarked to midnight May 31 (whenever they arrive). Beyond that date it will be necessary to pay a reinstatement fee, whereupon, a new certificate will be issued.

As a courtesy the Board sends out an annual renewal notice, although it is not required to do so by Law. Failure to receive the notice is not, therefore, reason for failure to pay and can not be accepted as such.

To save yourself embarrassment, and additional charges, make sure to pay 1976 fees before May 31st..

Anyone who decides not to pay fees due to a change in activity - leaving the Province for a year on sabbatical or assuming responsibility in a protected setting - should notify the Registrar to that effect. Otherwise it must be assumed that the psychologist is continuing regular work and it will be necessary to carry out an investigation, and if the psychologist is contravening the Law charges will be laid.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

No application for registration is brought before the Board until all required documents have been received and reviewed. The single factor which most commonly slows the process is the time it takes to obtain reference forms. Those psychologists requested to submit reference forms on behalf of candidates should complete and mail them as soon as possible to avoid unnecessary delay to the candidate.

SUPERVISION

Every candidate who has not gained the post-doctoral experience required by the Board, must submit the names of two supervisors who are willing to provide supervision, and report to the Board on the work of the candidate. The candidate is required to designate one of the two supervisors as the primary supervisor. The second supervisor is to be informed of the primary supervisor's responsibilities in detail so that he can act as "standby" in the event of any unavoidable discontinuity in the primary supervisor's relation with the candidate. The primary supervisor must agree to submit reports to the Board at approximately quarterly intervals on a Work Appraisal Form. Usually the standby supervisor submits only one form at the end of the supervisory period, but, under some circumstances, where the standby supervisor is concerned with the candidate's work in a second work setting, he may be requested to send reports quarterly also.

It is intended that supervisors act in a tutorial capacity with a candidate and that they assume responsibility for assessing the quality of the work of the candidate and appraising him of strengths and weaknesses to enable the candidate to improve in skill and judgement.