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The Board at its meeting in October decided to introduce a procedure for reporting information, on a regular basis, to psychologists registered in Ontario. It is for this purpose that the Bulletin is being instituted. It is intended that an account of regular activities relating to Registration will be reported and that Psychologists will be informed about changes in policy, Regulations to the Psychologists' Registration Act and Guidelines as they occur.

Summary of Applications and Registrations - January to December, 1975

Requests for Registration Applications:	143
Applications completed:	73
Applicants placed on Temporary Register:	78
Applicants writing - Spring - Passed	22
- Fall - Passed	29
Failed - 4	
Failed - 5	
Applicants Examined Spring - 26	Fall 51
Applicants Registered - 68	Continued on Temporary Register 8
	Removed from Temporary Register 7

Please note that these figures relate to activity in 1975 and the numbers do not therefore relate to a particular group of candidates. Some applications were completed in 1974 but were carried over in 1975 before a Board decision placed them on Temporary Register, for example.

Summary of Survey of Psychologists

At the time of the fee renewal in May, 1975 the Board surveyed the psychologists registered in Ontario in order to update its records. The survey produced the following results:

Employed	597	Of the 696 employed or self employed 397 reported a secondary area of work in which 341 were employed and 56 were self employed. There were 507 men and 234 women.
Self employed	99	
Unemployed	16	
Retired	10	
Volunteer	1	
Incomplete	18	
Total reporting	741	

Area of Work	Principal			Secondary		
	Employed	Self Employed	T	Employed	Self Employed	T
Clinical	315	163	478	163	13	176
Counselling	85	21	106	76	18	94
Educational	205	18	223	95	23	118
Industrial	38	16	54	18	3	23
Other	60	9	69	25	2	27
N*	597	99		341	56	

N\* designates the number of psychologists in each of the four columns. Many psychologists designate more than one area of work, e.g. clinical and counselling. 507 indicated one area, 80 indicated two and 10 indicated 3 areas.

Of the 68 psychologists who obtained registration in 1975 training was obtained as follows:

<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Doctoral Training</u>
3		Carleton University
2	1	McMaster University
2		O.I.S.E.
6	1	Ottawa U
5	1	Queens U
	1	Toronto U
4	1	U. of W.O.
4		U. of Waterloo
4	1	U. of Windsor
6	3	York
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36	9	Ontario
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1		Alberta
1		British Columbia
1		Quebec
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39	9	Canada
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18		U.S.A.
1		Scotland
1		England
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59	9	Total
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Complaints and Disciplinary Action

In 1975 a total of 30 complaints were received by December 1. Of these, nine were about psychologists, four of which are still under investigation and five were satisfactorily resolved without hearings or disciplinary action being necessary.

There were 14 complaints concerning non-psychologists, one of which is going to prosecution in January. Five are still in process of investigation or action with the remainder being satisfactorily resolved. There were in addition, complaints made about seven institutions.

A judgement by the Board, as a consequence of a disciplinary Hearing held in 1974, went to appeal to the Divisional Court in November. The appeal was dismissed with costs being awarded to the Board.

O.H.I.P. Charges

The Board wish to warn psychologists that it is not acceptable practice to work under the supervision of a physician who then bills OHIP for the psychologists' services. In two recent cases disciplinary hearings under The Health Insurance Act were held for two physicians for such practice. They were reprimanded, ordered to pay the costs of the disciplinary hearing and required to reimburse OHIP. Board action is pending concerning the psychologists who were involved.