

OHIO BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL

SECTION 3: MANDATORY CONTINUING EDUCATION

POLICY 3.1: *WAIVERS/EXCUSE FROM MCE*

PRIOR DATE EFFECTIVE: DECEMBER 12, 2005; APRIL 29, 2013

EFFECTIVE: JULY 19, 2019

Reference: ORC 4732.141 (F); OAC 4732-2-01 (C) (10)

Pursuant to law and rule, the Board is authorized to excuse any licensee or group of licensees from the Mandatory Continuing Education (MCE) requirements required for biennial registration of the license.



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Executive Director

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POLICY STATEMENTS AND STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

The following criteria shall be employed by the Board when reviewing a petition for a waiver from the MCE requirements, which must be received before August 1 of the relevant renewal year:

- 1) Active Duty in the U.S. Armed Forces: automatic waiver under law, upon request
- 2) Documented major medical problems substantially impacting the ability to participate in CE activities for a substantial portion of the biennium. If one is able to practice psychology, it is generally understood that one can complete the 23 hours of MCE required for biennial renewal.
- 3) Documented emergencies and special hardships consuming a substantial portion of the biennium and impacting the ability to participate in MCE activities.
- 4) Other significant unusual circumstances, hardships, or emergencies.
- 5) Basing a petition on the fact that one no longer practices psychology in Ohio is not a convincing or compelling reason for excuse from the MCE required to maintain the Ohio license.
- 6) The Executive Director is granted authority to issue or deny a request for waiver from the MCE requirements.