



**TEXAS STATE BOARD
OF
EXAMINERS
OF
PSYCHOLOGISTS
JURISPRUDENCE
EXAMINATION**

Nature and Purpose

The Jurisprudence Examination is required of all candidates for licensure and covers the Texas Psychologists' Licensing Act, Board rules, and other applicable laws. Application procedures are available through the Board's office and website.

The primary purpose of the examination is to ensure that all candidates for licensure have the necessary familiarization and knowledge of applicable laws to practice effectively in the state of Texas.

Examination Content

The content areas for the Jurisprudence Examination were identified and developed by the Board's Written Examination Committee and include the following:

- Practice Administration
- Board Composition and Procedures
- Complaint, Disciplinary, and Rehabilitation Procedures
- Licensing Requirements and Specialty Certification
- Professional Practice Rules and Guidelines
- Research Practices
- Supervision Guidelines
- Teaching

The Jurisprudence Examination will continue to be updated and modified in accordance with changes in the applicable law.

Resource Materials

Current resource and study materials for the Jurisprudence Examination

include, but are not limited to the following:

- Psychologists' Licensing Act
- Board Rules and Regulations
- Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 611-Mental Health Records
- Texas Family Code Chapter 32-Consent to Medical, Dental, Psychological and Surgical Treatment; Chapter 153-Rights of Parents and Other Conservators to Consent to Treatment of Children and Access to Children's Records; Chapter 261-Duty to Report Child Abuse and Neglect
- Texas Human Resource Code Chapter 48-Duty to Report Abuse of Elderly or Disabled Person
- Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code Chapter 81-Duty to Report Sexual Exploitation of a Patient by a Mental Health Provider

All reference sources listed herein are necessary to adequately prepare for the examination, but should not be considered to be an exhaustive list of the laws covered on the examination.

Please note when studying for the examination that statutes and rules may be amended from time to time, and they may also have been interpreted by caselaw. Thus, care

should be taken to study the most recent version of the law, and to determine whether the Courts have rendered any interpretations of the applicable statute or rule.

The Psychologists' Licensing Act and Board rules are available for download from the Board's website at: www.tsbep.texas.gov/act-and-rules-of-the-board.

Other Texas laws and related materials may be obtained online at www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us or at a university or public library, as well as through other internet sources.

Format and Scoring

The Jurisprudence Examination is administered online. The Board will authorize a candidate to register for and take the examination within 10 business days following receipt of the *Exam Request Form* and examination fee. Once a candidate has been authorized by the Board, the candidate may register for and take the examination through the Board's website. Upon registration with the vendor, the candidate has 14 days to complete the examination. Failure to complete the examination within this time period will result in a failing score.

The examination consists of approximately 100 multiple-choice

items. Experimental items are included on the exam in order to ensure an adequate item pool for future exams. Accordingly, the total item count for the examination will vary from exam to exam. The minimum passing score for the exam will be 90% for LPs, PLPs, and LSSPs and 80% for LPAs. The average passing rate for first time examinees of the Jurisprudence Examination in 2013 was 89%.

Examination Fees

The total fee for administration of the Jurisprudence Examination is \$234.00. \$200 represents the portion of the examination fee payable to the Board, and \$34 represents the portion of the examination fee payable to the vendor, eStrategy Solutions. **The fee is non-refundable.**

Questions

Questions regarding the administration of the Jurisprudence Examination should be directed to the licensing staff at the Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists.

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