



SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY LICENSE TRANSITION




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DETAILS ON LICENSE MOVE FROM ODE TO SBP

The school psychology pupil services license issued by the Department of Education and Workforce will transfer to oversight by the State Board of Psychology on Jan. 1, 2025. Here are answers to some common questions and concerns.

The SBP has been proactive in preparing for the day when all ODE school psychology licenses and permanent certificates are transferred to SBP: Jan. 1, 2025. SBP has included myself in all its discussions with the groups impacted by this including the Inter-University Council (training programs), ODE Office for Exceptional Children and ODE Office of Licensure. SBP Director Dr. Ron Ross has been steadfast in his commitment to ensure this transition is as painless as possible.

The State Board of Psychology approved a set of draft rules that will govern our license. They were submitted to the Common Sense Initiative (for comment on any negative business impact) and then to the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (to ensure the rules match the intent of the law). Assuming the rules remain in tact as they go through the process over the next several months, the below will occur:

- All licenses and permanent certificates will become SBP licenses starting Jan. 1, 2025. This will occur with no paperwork or payment on your end.
- If your current ODE license will expire before Dec. 31, 2024, you must renew it with the Department of Education and Workforce (ODE's new name). Those renewing or obtaining their first license in summer 2024 will only have to pay \$40, per a rule change sought by OSPA and IUC.
- You will first renew your SBP license by Sept. 30, 2025. SBP will notify you during summer 2025 that your license is set to expire.
- Under the draft rules, no one will be required to show proof of CEUs for the Sept. 30, 2025 renewal. You will first be required to show proof of hours in 2030.



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In December 2022, the legislature passed a bill that made changes to a variety of state-issued licenses. This was part of a biennial review of licenses, and that year our license was among those reviewed.

The original proposal from the Senate was to eliminate the private practice license completely. We were able to rally members to advocate against this.

At the last hearing, the same day the bill went to the Senate for a floor vote, an amendment shifted from eliminating the private license to instead moving all licenses to State Board of Psychology.

OSPA and State Board of Psychology were present at that meeting to advocate against this, but no change was made.

OSPA advocated for a reversal of this through the governor's office.

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- All licenses and permanent certificates will become SBP licenses starting Jan. 1, 2025. This will occur with no paperwork or payment on your end.
- If your current State Board of Education (SBOE) license will expire before Dec. 31, 2024, you must renew it.
- Everyone (no exceptions!) will first renew their SBP license by Sept. 30, 2025. SBP will notify you by August 2025 that your license is set to expire.
- Under the rules, no one will be required to show proof of CEUs for the Sept. 30, 2025 renewal. You will first show proof of hours in 2030.
 - The renewal fee - as set in law - will be \$300. This will be required of everyone by Sept. 30, 2025. The amount is set in law.



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- If you hold a permanent license through State Board of Education:
 - Your credential is no longer permanent. It becomes a license under SBP on Jan. 1, 2025.
 - You will be exempt from showing proof of CEU compliance in perpetuity.
 - You will not, however, be exempt from paying the renewal fee every five years.
- The licensing authority for all school psychologists will be through the State Board of Psychology. You will NOT need to maintain a credential with the State Board of Education unless you hold another type of license issued by SBOE.
 - Interns will still obtain a Temporary Pupil Services License from SBOE for their one-year internship.



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Private Practice License

- New Name: Independent School Psychologist
- Nothing else will change
- You will still renew on even numbered years
- **23** hours of continuing education every **2** years

School-Based License

- New Name: Licensed School Psychologist
- You will renew every five years
- Everyone will renew on years end in 5 and 0
- **50** hours of continuing education every **5** years

The two licenses are separate.
The change provides no new privileges or scope of work to either license.

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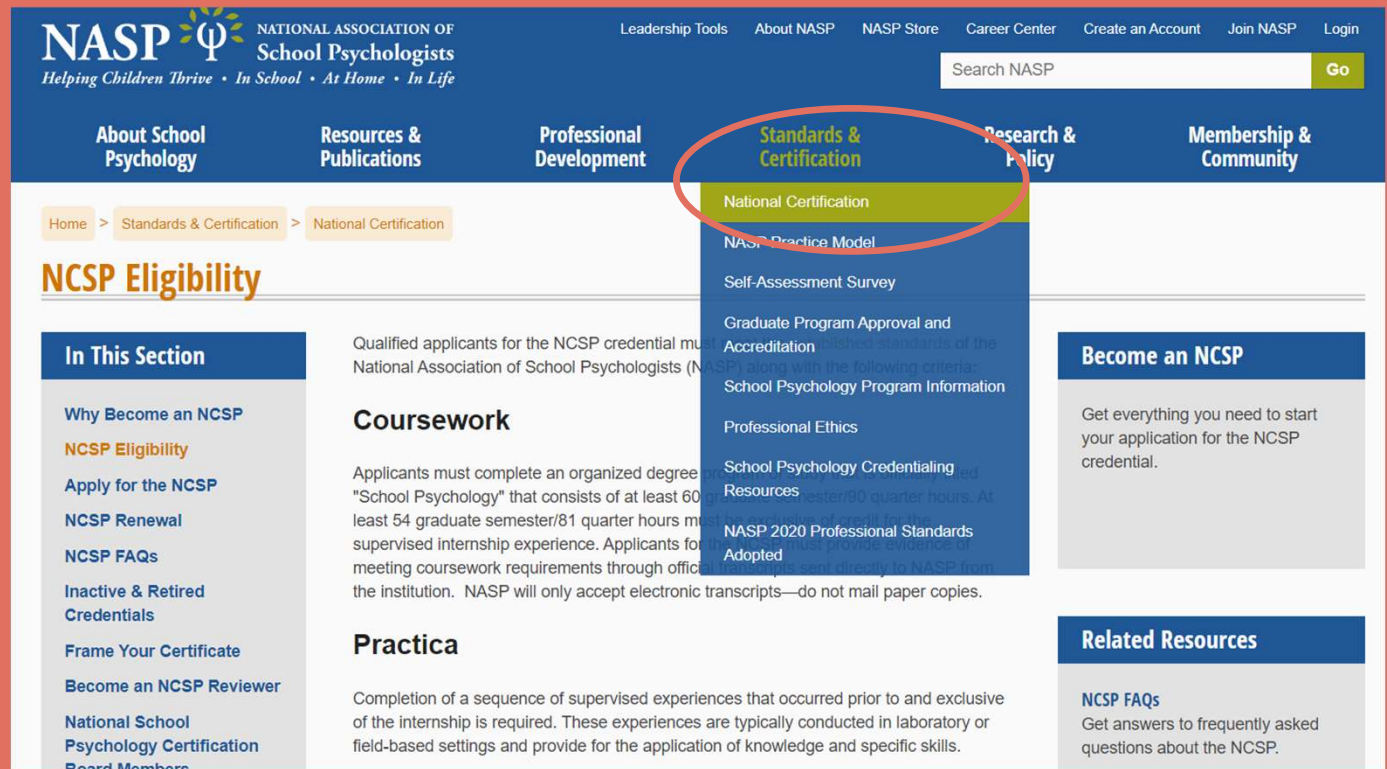
UPCOMING OSPA SERVICES

The law change also named OSPA as the entity that must certify to the State Board of Psychology that each of the 3000+ licensees has met their CE requirement. If you are a private practice licensee, you are familiar with this service.


Starting Sept. 1, 2025, you will do **one** of the following:

- Submit to OSPA a compliance report from your Local Professional Development Committees (LPDC).
- Submit to OSPA proof of a current NCSP credential.
- Notify SBP you hold a current independent school psychology (private practice) license that they issue.
- Notify SBP you formerly held a permanent certificate.
- Contract with OSPA to track individual courses. You would register with and submit certificates of completion to OSPA. This is the same process as for the independent license through SBP.

OBTAINING NCSP



The screenshot shows the NASP (National Association of School Psychologists) website. The top navigation bar includes links for Leadership Tools, About NASP, NASP Store, Career Center, Create an Account, Join NASP, and Login. A search bar is also present. The main navigation menu features links for About School Psychology, Resources & Publications, Professional Development, Standards & Certification (highlighted with a red circle), Research & Policy, and Membership & Community. Below the main navigation, a breadcrumb trail shows the path: Home > Standards & Certification > National Certification. The main content area is titled "NCSP Eligibility" and includes a section "In This Section" with links for Why Become an NCSP, NCSP Eligibility, Apply for the NCSP, NCSP Renewal, NCSP FAQs, Inactive & Retired Credentials, Frame Your Certificate, Become an NCSP Reviewer, National School Psychology Certification Board Members, and Coursework. The "Coursework" section states that qualified applicants for the NCSP credential must meet the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) standards of the NCSP along with the following criteria: School Psychology Program Information, Professional Ethics, School Psychology Credentialing Resources, and NASP 2020 Professional Standards Adopted. The "Practica" section states that completion of a sequence of supervised experiences that occurred prior to and exclusive of the internship is required. These experiences are typically conducted in laboratory or field-based settings and provide for the application of knowledge and specific skills. On the right side, there are sections for "Become an NCSP" and "Related Resources" with links for NCSP FAQs.

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Qualified applicants for the NCSP credential must meet the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) standards of the NCSP along with the following criteria:

- School Psychology Program Information
- Professional Ethics
- School Psychology Credentialing Resources
- NASP 2020 Professional Standards Adopted

Applicants must complete an organized degree "School Psychology" that consists of at least 60 semester/81 quarter hours. At least 54 graduate semester/81 quarter hours must be in the field of school psychology. Applicants must also complete supervised internship experience. Applicants for the NCSP must submit proof of meeting coursework requirements through official transcripts sent directly to NASP from the institution. NASP will only accept electronic transcripts—do not mail paper copies.

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Become an NCSP

Get everything you need to start your application for the NCSP credential.

Related Resources

NCSP FAQs

Get answers to frequently asked questions about the NCSP.

TIMELINE SNAPSHOT

Dec. 31, 2024	DEW Stops Issuing Licenses
Jan. 1, 2025	SBP Obtains All <i>Active</i> Licenses/Certificates
Summer 2025	SBP Contacts Licensees About Renewal Process
Sept. 30, 2025	All School Psychology Licenses Expire



PLANNING TO RETIRE?

- If you plan to retire before the 2025-26 school year, you would do nothing and let your license expire on Sept. 30, 2025.
- If you plan to work in 2025-26 or beyond, you must renew your license. There is no proration.
- SBP has a "school psychologist-retired" license, which allows you to maintain a license at a reduced fee with no CE compliance.
 - You may not practice under this license.
 - If you opt to reinstate your full license, there will be no penalty fee for having an expired license. You would be asked to show CE compliance and pay the full fee at the time of reinstatement.
 - Assuming your license moves to SBP Jan. 1, you would be able to seek the retired license when you renew in summer 2025.



THANK YOU

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