

**ASSOCIATE PSYCHOLOGIST
PROVISIONAL LICENSE**

Frequently Asked Questions

1) What is the difference between a Psychologist License and an Associate Psychologist Provisional License?

Individuals with a Hawaii Psychologist License may practice psychology independently without direct supervision.

Individuals with an Associate Psychologist Provisional License may practice psychology only under the direct supervision of a Hawaii-licensed psychologist while completing the post-doctoral experience requirements for full licensure.

2) Do all psychology post-graduates need a Hawaii provisional license?

Anyone who represents themselves as a licensed Associate Psychologist or engages in the practice of psychology must be licensed in Hawaii.

An Associate Psychologist Provisional License is not required for individuals working under the direction of a licensed psychologist if they do not represent themselves as licensed psychologists or associate psychologists or imply they are licensed to practice psychology. These individuals may use the title “psychological assistant” or other designator identifying that they are undergoing training.

3) What are the requirements to become provisionally licensed as an Associate Psychologist in Hawaii?

Please be advised that the approval of a provisional license as an Associate Psychologist does not constitute or guarantee eligibility for full licensure as a Psychologist. Applicants are responsible for reviewing all applicable licensure requirements and ensuring full compliance with all statutory regulation.

a. Education

- A doctoral degree from an American Psychological Association (APA)-approved program in:
 - Clinical psychology,
 - Counseling psychology,
 - School psychology, or
 - Programs offering combinations of two or more of these areas;

OR

- A doctoral degree from a professional psychology training program* (see “Other Important Information” below) awarded by an institution of higher education or a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants whose doctoral degree is not from an APA-approved program must also verify completion of an internship and graduate level training as part of the program.

**Other Important Information:*

Pursuant to the HRS 465-1, a “professional psychology training program” is defined as a planned program of study which reflects an integration of the science and practice of psychology including practica and internship.

While HRS 465-7.2 does not indicate an internship as a requirement, you will need to confirm that you completed an internship within your professional psychology training program, for your training program to qualify for the license.

IMPORTANT: If you wish to apply for full licensure as a Psychologist in Hawaii after you complete your postdoctoral training using your provisional license, you will be required to confirm that you have completed at least (1) year of internship in health service psychology for a total of at least (1900) hours under the supervision of a qualifying psychologist prior to graduation.

Please be advised that the requirement is mandatory for all examination and examination waiver applicants, including those who previously held a provisional psychology license.

See the [Associate Psychologist Provisional License Forms](#) for detailed instructions.

- b. **Post-Doctoral Experience:** Obtain a supervisor who is licensed as a psychologist in Hawaii with a current, active, and unencumbered license with the board. An Associate Psychologist shall practice psychology only under the direct supervision of an approved supervising psychologist.

You can verify a supervisor’s licensure by using the [Public License Search](#) feature on PVL’s website.

See the [Associate Psychologist Provisional License Forms](#) for detailed instructions.

4) How do I apply?

You can submit your application online, in person, or by mail.

a. **Online**

- Download the [Associate Psychologist Provisional License Forms](#).
- Complete the forms.
- Log in to [MyPVL](#) to upload your forms, submit your application, and pay online.

b. **In Person**

- Download the [Associate Psychologist Provisional License Forms](#).
- Complete the forms.
- You can pay by check, cash, or card.
- Drop off at our office:
335 Merchant St., Room 301
Honolulu, HI 96813

c. By Mail

- Download the [Associate Psychologist Provisional License Forms](#).
- Complete the forms.
- Include one check with the correct fee total (use a paper clip to attach, not a staple).
- Mail the forms and check to:
Board of Psychology
DCCA, PVL Licensing Branch
P.O. Box 3469
Honolulu, HI 96801

5) What documents do I need to submit with my application?

- a. Completed [Associate Psychologist – Application \(PSY-21\)](#).
- b. Official transcript of your doctoral degree sent directly to our office.

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- c. If your doctoral degree is from an institution of higher education, or from a regionally accredited institution, in a professional psychology training program that is not approved by the American Psychological Association, you must submit a completed [Associate Psychologist – Training Report \(form PSY-23\)](#).
- d. Completed [Associate Psychologist – Post-Doctoral Supervisor Verification Form \(PSY-22\)](#), which requires your supervisor's signature and notarization.

See the [Associate Psychologist Provisional License Forms](#) for detailed instructions.

6) What are the fees associated with the Associate Psychologist Provisional License?

- Application fee (non-refundable): \$50
- License fee (non-refundable): \$38
- Compliance Resolution Fund: \$74
- Total: \$162

7) Is there an examination requirement?

An Examination of Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP) is required for full licensure as a psychologist. The Associate Psychologist Provisional License does not require an exam. However, individuals with a provisional license are eligible to take the EPPP while their provisional license remains active and in good standing.

Applicants who meet the requirements for provisional licensure will be mailed an exam Notice of Approval by the Professional Vocational Licensing (PVL) Division. The exam notice will contain information regarding

your approval, its expiration date, and how to contact the PVL Examination Branch to initiate exam registration.

See the [Associate Psychologist Provisional License Forms](#) for detailed instructions.

8) How long does an Associate Psychologist Provisional License remain valid?

The provisional license is valid for one year from the date of issuance if the provisional licensee remains under the direct supervision of a Hawaii-licensed psychologist who has been approved by and remains in good standing with the DCCA.

9) Can I renew my provisional license?

The Associate Psychologist Provisional License is not renewable. If you cannot complete your post-doctoral experience during the one-year license period, you will need to reapply.

10) What if my supervisor changes?

Please be advised that your supervisor is required by law to notify the Hawaii Board of Psychology within (10) days of the termination or completion of the supervision. Failure to do so could be cause for grounds for discipline.

IMPORTANT: The supervisor identified on your Verification of Postdoctoral Supervisor form (PSY-22), will be attached to your license. If your relationship with your supervisor is terminated or you intend to change supervisors, you will need to complete a [new PSY-22 form](#) with the new supervisor's information and signed by them before a notary public. If you do not submit the new form prior to the termination of your relationship with the supervisor on your license, your provisional license will go inactive. To reactivate your license, you will need to provide a reactivation application, [new PSY-22 form](#), and reactivation fee of \$12.

11) I am licensed in another state. Can I transfer my license to Hawaii? Is there reciprocity?

Currently, Hawaii does not have a psychologist reciprocity agreement with any state. Individuals licensed in another state must apply for Hawaii licensure and demonstrate that they meet Hawaii's licensure requirements.

12) What if I am in the midst of completing my post-doctoral experience requirements? Will the hours I have already accrued count towards provisional licensure?

Any post-doctoral experience obtained under supervision prior to the provisional licensure requirement effective date of July 1, 2026, will count towards provisional licensure requirements, provided that requirements for direct supervision are met.

13) What if I am accruing my post-doctoral hours outside of Hawaii? Do I need to be provisionally licensed in Hawaii before I can be fully licensed as a psychologist?

Post-doctoral experience obtained outside of Hawaii may be accepted towards full licensure requirements as a psychologist if all licensure requirements are met.

Individuals completing post-doctoral experience outside of Hawaii are not required to obtain an Associate Psychologist Provisional License.

14) How do I check the status of my application?

You can use the [Public License Search](#) feature on PVL's website or call 1-844-808-DCCA (3222), option 1.

15) How do I confirm if I am provisionally licensed as an Associate Psychologist?

Once you have been approved to be provisionally licensed as an Associate Psychologist, you will receive a [Notice of Licensure](#) by email or mail. This notice will include your name and provisional license number; the name, title and license number of your supervising psychologist(s); as well as the effective and expiration dates of your license.

You may also verify by using the [Public License Search](#) feature on PVL's website.

16) What if I have other questions?

For more information visit the [Board of Psychology page](#) or call 1-844-808-DCCA (3222), option 1.