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#### Administrative Code Citation

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**Adopted Amendment: N.J.A.C. 13:42-2.4**

#### Text

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##### **Degrees Earned Outside the United States**

Proposed: August 19, 2019, at 51 N.J.R. 1345(a).

Adopted: January 6, 2020, by the State Board of Psychological Examiners, Sean R. Evers, Ph.D., Chair.

Filed: December 3, 2020, as R.2021 d.002, **without change.**

Authority: N.J.S.A. 45:14B-13.

Effective Date: January 4, 2021.

Expiration Date: May 18, 2023.

##### **Summary** of Public Comments and Agency Responses:

The official comment period ended October 18, 2019. The Board received comments from the following individuals:

1. Morgan Murray, PhD, NJPA President
2. Keira Boerzel-Smith, NJPA Executive Director

COMMENT: In the Economic Impact statement in the notice of proposal, the Board recognized that the National Register of Health Service Psychologists will charge a fee for the evaluation of psychology degrees earned outside of the United States. The commenters contend that this fee will place a burden on applicants and may discourage diversity in the psychology profession. The commenters support diversity in the profession.

RESPONSE: The Board shares the commenters' support for diversity in the profession, and believes that the rulemaking will promote diversity by expanding the list of entities that may perform evaluations of psychology degrees completed outside of the United States to include the National Register of Health Service Psychologists. As the Board noted in the Economic Impact statement, it has no authority over the fees charged by the National Register of Health Service Psychologists. By recognizing the National Register of Health Service Psychologists, the Board is increasing the number of entities that may evaluate psychology degrees, which should increase opportunities to obtain such evaluations and facilitate the entry of new individuals into the profession. The Board points out that the National Register of Health Service Psychologists is recognized by other states as an entity that may perform evaluations of psychology degrees.

#### **Federal Standards Statement**

A Federal standards analysis is not required because there are no Federal laws or standards applicable to the adopted amendment.

**Full text** of the adoption follows:

#### SUBCHAPTER 2. INITIAL QUALIFICATIONS

##### 13:42-2.4 Degrees earned outside the United States

(a) (No change.)

(b) Individuals who apply pursuant to (a) above shall provide the Board with a comprehensive evaluation of their degree performed by the National Register of Health Service Psychologists or a foreign credential evaluation service that is member of the National Association of [page=82] Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) and acceptable to the Board, and any other documentation the Board deems necessary.

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