

1 **Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT)**

2 **Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact Commission**

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4 **Title of Rule:** Definitions

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12 **Section 2:** Definitions

13 **Authority:** Article II: Definitions

14 **2.0 Purpose:** Pursuant to Article II and for the purpose of the rules adopted by the

15 PSYPACT Commission, the following definitions shall apply. Terms not

16 specifically defined in these Rules shall have the definition as set forth in

17 the Compact. In an event of a conflict with definitions found elsewhere in

18 these Rules, definitions found in Section 2.1 shall control and prevail.

19 **2.1 Definition(s):**

- 20 (A) **“Adverse Action”** means: any action taken by a State Psychology Regulatory
- 21 Authority which finds a violation of a statute or regulation that is identified by the
- 22 State Psychology Regulatory Authority as discipline and is a matter of public record.
- 23 (B) **“Alternative Program”** means: any non-disciplinary monitoring program intended to
- 24 remediate the licensee that is not a matter of public record and to which a State
- 25 Psychology Regulatory Authority refers a licensee, or of which the State Psychology
- 26 Regulatory Authority is aware of the licensee’s participation.
- 27 (C) **“Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB)”** means: the
- 28 recognized membership organization composed of State and Provincial Psychology
- 29 Regulatory Authorities responsible for the licensure and registration of psychologists
- 30 throughout the United States and Canada.
- 31 (D) **“Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology”** means: a licensed
- 32 psychologist’s Authority to Practice Telepsychology, within the limits authorized
- 33 under this Compact, in another Compact State. This Authority to Practice
- 34 Interjurisdictional Telepsychology is deemed valid until the psychologist is no longer
- 35 eligible under the Compact Statute and/or the Rules and/or Policies established by the
- 36 Commission.

- 37 (E) **“Authorization Holder”** means: a licensed psychologist who has been granted  
38 Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology or Temporary Authorization  
39 to Practice under this Compact.
- 40 (F) **“Bylaws”** means: those Bylaws established by the Psychology Interjurisdictional  
41 Compact Commission pursuant to Article X for its governance, or for directing and  
42 controlling its actions and conduct.
- 43 (G) **“Client/Patient”** means: the recipient of psychological services, whether  
44 psychological services are delivered in the context of healthcare, corporate,  
45 supervision, and/or consulting services.
- 46 (H) **“Commissioner”** means: the voting representative appointed by each State  
47 Psychology Regulatory Authority pursuant in Article X.
- 48 (I) **“Compact State”** means: a state, the District of Columbia, or United States territory  
49 that has enacted this Compact legislation and which has not withdrawn pursuant to  
50 Article XIII, Section C or been terminated pursuant to Article XII, Section B. For  
51 purposes of this Compact, Compact State and Member State may be used  
52 interchangeably.
- 53 (J) **“Coordinated Licensure Information System”** also referred to as “Coordinated  
54 Database” means: an integrated process for collecting, storing, and sharing  
55 information on psychologists’ licensure and enforcement activities related to  
56 psychology licensure laws, which is administered by the recognized membership  
57 organization composed of State and Provincial Psychology Regulatory Authorities.
- 58 (K) **“Confidentiality”** means: the principle that data or information is not made available  
59 or disclosed to unauthorized persons and/or processes.
- 60 (L) **“Day”** means: any part of a day in which psychological work is performed.
- 61 (M) **“Distant State”** means: the Compact State where a psychologist is physically present  
62 (not through the use of telecommunications technologies), to provide temporary in-  
63 person, face-to-face psychological services.
- 64 (N) **“Encumbrance”** means: any action taken by the State Psychology Regulatory  
65 Authority that limits the practice or work of a psychologist. An encumbrance may be  
66 disciplinary or non-disciplinary in nature.
- 67 (O) **“E. Passport”** means: a certificate issued by the Association of State and Provincial  
68 Psychology Boards (ASPPB) that promotes the standardization in the criteria of  
69 interjurisdictional telepsychology practice and facilitates the process for licensed  
70 psychologists to provide telepsychological services across state lines.
- 71 (P) **“Executive Board”** means: a group of directors elected or appointed to act on behalf  
72 of, and within the powers granted to them by, the Commission.
- 73 (Q) **“Ex-Officio Member”** means: the non-voting representative from the membership  
74 organization composed of State and Provincial Psychology Regulatory Authorities.  
75 The Ex-Officio Member serves on the Commission Executive Board.
- 76 (R) **“Graduate Degree”** means: for the purpose of this Compact, a doctoral degree.
- 77 (S) **“Home of Record”** means: for the purpose of this Compact, the active duty military  
78 personnel’s or spouse’s state of legal residence on record with the military.
- 79 (T) **“Home State”** means: a Compact State where a psychologist is licensed to practice  
80 psychology. If the psychologist is licensed in more than one Compact State and is  
81 practicing under the Authorization to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology, the  
82 Home State is the Compact State where the psychologist is physically present when the

- 83 *telepsychological services are delivered. If the psychologist is licensed in more than*  
84 *one Compact State and is practicing under the Temporary Authorization to Practice,*  
85 *the Home State is any Compact State where the psychologist is licensed.*
- 86 (U) **“Identity History Summary”** means: a summary of information retained by the FBI,  
87 or other designee with similar authority, in connection with arrests and, in some  
88 instances, federal employment, naturalization, or military services.
- 89 (V) **“In-Person, Face-to-Face”** means: interactions in which the psychologist and the  
90 client/patient are in the same physical space and which does not include interactions  
91 that may occur through the use of telecommunication technologies.
- 92 (W) **“Interjurisdictional Practice Certificate (IPC)”** means: a certificate issued by the  
93 Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) that grants  
94 temporary authority to practice based on notification to the State Psychology  
95 Regulatory Authority of intention to practice temporarily, and verification of one’s  
96 qualifications for such practice.
- 97 (X) **“License”** means: authorization by a State and Psychology Regulatory Authority to  
98 engage in the independent practice of psychology, which would be unlawful without  
99 the authorization.
- 100 (Y) **“Non-Compact State”** means: any State which is not at the time a Compact State.
- 101 (Z) **“Permanent Change of Station” or “PCS”** means: the state of the duty station noted  
102 in the active duty military personnel’s PCS orders.
- 103 (AA) **“Psychologist”** means: an individual licensed for the independent practice of  
104 psychology.
- 105 (BB) **“Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact Commission”** also referred to as  
106 “Commission” means: the national administration of which all Compact States are  
107 members.
- 108 (CC) **“Receiving State”** means: a Compact State where the client/patient is physically  
109 located when the telepsychological services are delivered.
- 110 (DD) **“Rule”** means: a written statement by the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact  
111 Commission promulgated pursuant to Section XI of the Compact that is of general  
112 applicability, implements, interprets, or prescribes a policy or provision of the  
113 Compact, or an organizational, procedural, or practice requirement of the  
114 Commission and has the force and effect of statutory law in a Compact State, and  
115 includes the amendment, repeal or suspension of an existing rule.
- 116 (EE) **“Significant Investigatory Information”** means:  
117 1. Investigative information that a State Psychology Regulatory Authority, after a  
118 preliminary inquiry that includes notification and an opportunity to respond if  
119 required by state law, has reason to believe, if proven true, would indicate more than a  
120 violation of state statute or ethics code that would be considered more substantial than  
121 minor infraction; or  
122 2. Investigate information that indicates that the psychologist represents an immediate  
123 threat to public health and safety regardless of whether the psychologist has been  
124 notified and/or had an opportunity to respond.
- 125 (FF) **“State”** means: a state, commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United States,  
126 the District of Columbia.
- 127 (GG) **“State of Current Residence”** means: the state in which the active duty military  
128 personnel or spouse is currently physically residing.

- 129 (HH) *“State Psychology Regulatory Authority” means: the Board, office or other agency*  
130 *with the legislative mandate to license and regulate the practice of psychology.*
- 131 (II) *“Telepsychology” means: the provision of psychological services using*  
132 *telecommunications technologies.*
- 133 (JJ) **“Temporary Authorization to Practice”** means: a licensed psychologist’s authority  
134 to conduct temporary in-person, face-to-face practice, within the limits authorized  
135 under this Compact, in another Compact State. This Temporary Authorization to  
136 Practice is deemed valid until the psychologist is no longer eligible under the Compact  
137 Statute and/or the Rules and/or Policies established by the Commission.
- 138 (KK) **“Temporary In-Person, Face-to-Face Practice”** means: where a psychologist is  
139 physically present (not through the use of telecommunications technologies), in the  
140 Distant State to provide for the practice of psychology for 30 days within a calendar  
141 year and based on notification to the Distant State.

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144 Italicized definitions are mirrored directly from the PSYPACT Compact Language.