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Overview of State Laws to License or Otherwise Regulate Practitioners of Applied Behavior Analysis

This table indicates: (a) states that have adopted laws to regulate practitioners of applied behavior analysis to date; (b) credentials the state issues to practitioners in each category (see key below); (c) if individuals credentialed by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB) qualify for the state credential(s); (d) if others may qualify; (e) the regulatory board in each state (if any); and (f) the year the law was adopted. Question marks indicate uncertainties (e.g., because rules to implement laws have not been finalized or are ambiguous). For current requirements and other details, contact the state entity that issues the credential(s).

State	Behavior Analyst (advanced degree)	Asst Behavior Analyst (bachelors degree)	Behavior Technician	BACB certificants or registrants qualify	Others may qualify	Regulatory board	Law adopted
Alabama	L	L	NA	Y	N	Beh An	2014
Alaska	L	L	NA	Y	Y	None ¹	2014
Arizona	L	NA	NA	Y ²	Y	Psych	2010
Connecticut	L	NA	NA	Y	N	None ¹	2017
Hawaii	L	NA	NA	Y	N	None ¹	2015
Iowa	L	L	NA	Y	N	BBS	2018
Kansas	L	L	NA	Y	?	BSRB	2014
Kentucky	L	L	NA	Y	N	Beh An	2010
Louisiana	L	C	R	Y	Y	Beh An	2013
Maryland	L	NA	NA	Y	N	BPCT	2014
Massachusetts	L	L	NA	Y	N	AMHHSP	2013
Michigan	L	L	NA	Y	?	BehAn	2016
Mississippi	L	L	NA	Y	N	Autism/ABA	2015
Missouri	L	L	NA	Y	N	Psych	2010
Montana	L	L	NA	Y	N	Psych	2017
Nevada	L	L	NA	Y	N	Psych ³	2009
New York	L	C	NA	?	?	Beh An	2014
North Dakota	L	R	NA	Y	Y	Psych	2011
Ohio	C	NA	NA	Y	Y	Psych	2013
Oklahoma	L	C	NA	Y	N	Beh An	2009
Oregon	L	L	R	Y	Y	Beh An	2013
Rhode Island	L	L	NA	Y	Y	Beh An	2012
South Dakota	L	NA	NA	Y	N	Social Work	2016
Tennessee	L	L	NA	Y	N	Psych	2014
Texas	L	L	NA	Y	Y	None ¹	2017
Utah	L	L	NA	Y	N	Psych	2015
Vermont	L	L	NA	Y	Y	None ¹	2015
Virginia	L	L	NA	Y	N	Medicine	2012
Washington	L	L	C	Y	?	None ¹	2015
Wisconsin	L	NA	NA	Y	N	None ¹	2010

L = license; C = state certification; R = state registration; NA = Not applicable; state does not directly regulate individuals in this category.

Beh An = Behavior Analysis licensing board; Psych = Psychology licensing board; BBS = Board of Behavioral Science; BSRB = Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board; AMHHSP = Allied Mental Health & Human Service Professionals board; BPCT = Board of Professional Counselors & Therapists

¹ Direct license issued by a state agency (e.g., Dept. of Commerce, Consumer Affairs, Health, Safety & Professional Services, Licensing & Regulation)

² Board Certified Behavior Analyst with 1500 hrs supervised experience

³ Per a law adopted in 2017, starting January 1, 2019 the regulatory body in Nevada will be the Board of Applied Behavior Analysis.