

NOTICE OF MEASURE
to Achieve a Legitimate objective under Chapter 7 of the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA)

Approved by the GOVERNMENT OF NOVA SCOTIA

Regulated Occupation Name: Psychologist

Province(s)/Territory(ies) whose workers are affected: Alberta and Northwest Territories

Under which legitimate objective(s) is/are the measure(s) being filed:

Protection of human, animal or plant life or health
Consumer Protection

Rationale/Justification:

There is a material difference between Nova Scotia and the affected jurisdictions in the skills required to perform the scope of practice in psychology. Aspects of the scope of practice relating to assessment and diagnosis are operationalized differently in Nova Scotia and the affected jurisdictions. There are certain skills that Nova Scotia requires as part of the Assessment and Evaluation Core Competency, one of five competencies used by the Nova Scotia Board of Examiners in Psychology (NSBEP) to assess applicants, that are not required in the affected jurisdictions. As a result, some certified psychologists from affected jurisdictions might require additional support to develop the skills needed to perform all aspects of the scope of practice.

Because certain skills relating to formal assessment and diagnosis are not required in the affected jurisdictions, it is anticipated that some applicants from the affected jurisdictions may not have sufficient knowledge, skills, and competency to perform these activities. NSBEP must perform an individual assessment of these applicants to ensure they are prepared to competently perform the full scope of practice in Nova Scotia. Applicants that do not have sufficient skills, knowledge and ability will be required to complete a period of supervised practice after certification in Nova Scotia, intended to address the gap in knowledge and skills.

Additional Requirement(s):

1. NSBEP will conduct an individual assessment of the education, training and experience of applicants from affected jurisdictions to determine whether they have the skills, knowledge, and ability to perform required competencies in assessment and diagnosis.
2. Applicants determined not to have sufficient skills, knowledge and ability will be required to complete a period of supervised practice of up to 400 hours following certification.

Anticipated Duration of the additional requirement(s):

Indefinite

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