



Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	Board of Psychology , Department of Health Professions
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation	18VAC125-20-10 et seq. 18VAC125-30-10 et seq.
Regulation title	Regulations Governing the Practice of Psychology Regulations Governing the Certification of Sex Offender Treatment Providers
Action title	Reduction of renewal fee
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When a regulatory action is exempt from executive branch review pursuant to § 2.2-4002 or § 2.2-4006 of the Virginia Administrative Process Act (APA), the agency is encouraged to provide information to the public on the Regulatory Town Hall using this form.

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Summary

Please provide a brief summary of all regulatory changes, including the rationale behind such changes. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

The Board has made a regulatory change which is exempt from provisions of the Administrative Process Act. In order to reduce an accumulated surplus in the budget of the Board of Psychology, a one-time reduction in renewal fees has been adopted for the renewal due June 30, 2007. The renewal fee for clinical psychologists, applied psychologists, and school psychologist will be reduced for the annual renewal from \$140 to \$70, and for school psychologists-limited, the renewal fee will be reduced from \$70 to \$35. The renewal fee for certification as a sex offender treatment provider in Chapter 30 is reduced from \$75 to \$37.

This action is exempt from the Virginia Administrative Process Act in § 2.2-4006 A 7: “Regulations of the regulatory boards served by (i) the Department of Labor and Industry pursuant to Title 40.1 and (ii) the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation or the

Department of Health Professions pursuant to Title 54.1 that are limited to reducing fees charged to regulants and applicants.”

Accordingly, the Board has adopted amendments under an exempt action to conform regulations to the statute. Although required to comply with the Virginia Register Act, the agency is exempt from provisions of the Administrative Process Act for the implementation of these regulations pursuant to § 2.2-4006 A 4, which grants an exemption if the action is: “Necessary to conform to changes in Virginia statutory law or the appropriation act where no agency discretion is involved.”

Statement of final agency action

Please provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including (1) the date the action was taken, (2) the name of the agency taking the action, and (3) the title of the regulation.

On January 9, 2007, the Board of Psychology adopted exempt actions to Chapter 20, Regulations Governing the Practice of Psychology and Chapter 30, Regulations Governing the Certification of Sex Offender Treatment Providers to reduce the renewal fee for the June 30, 2007.

Family impact

Assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability.

There is no impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability.