

Applying for Independent Practice (only for LPAs)

Effective October 1, 2025, Licensed Psychological Associates (LPAs) are eligible to practice independently (unsupervised) as set forth in [Session Law 2025-37/House Bill 67](#)

Those requirements include:

- a. At least 4,000 post-licensure supervised practice hours accumulated during a period of 24 – 60 consecutive months;
- b. All performance ratings for the 4,000 hours of post-licensure supervised practice hours were average or above average; and
- c. have HSP-PA certification or, if licensed before June 30, 2013, you accumulated at least 4,000 hours of supervised practice experience in health services during a period of 24-60 consecutive months.

LPAs must submit an application to the Board prior to beginning independent practice.

Steps to apply for Independent Practice:

1. Log into the Board licensee system - <https://app.ncpsychologyboard.org/licensee/#/>.
2. After logging in, click on the second bullet point under Activities (“Supervision Activities”).
3. Click on “Complete Supervision Report” under your Current Active Contracts.
4. Click “**NO**” under “Include Application for Reduced Supervision” (this option only appears if currently under Level 1 or Level 2 supervision).
5. Click “**YES**” under “Include Application for LPA Independent Practice”.
6. Complete the online Supervision Report and associated Application for Independent Practice which appears after the Supervision Report.
7. ***When completing the Application for LPA Independent Practice, note that making any fraudulent, misleading or false statements regarding meeting the requirements for independent practice under SL 2025-37 may subject the applicant to disciplinary action by the Board.***
8. Once you have completed the Supervision Report and Application for LPA Independent Practice, click the Submit button.

- a. **NOTE: Once you submit the completed Supervision Report, your Supervisor will be notified to complete their portion of the report. Your Supervisor will then need to login to the licensee portal at <https://app.ncpsychologyboard.org/licensee/#!/> and complete the pending report.**
9. **You are required to submit a new Section 2 Supervision Contract within 30 days to reflect your change to independent practice (as you will no longer be under supervision).** For detailed instructions on submitting Section 2 Supervision Contracts, please see "Important Points" below.

Important Points (To be read *prior* to applying)

- **Approval of Application**

- Once you have submitted the Application for LPA Independent Practice, you will receive a popup screen informing you that your application for independent practice has been approved, but that the approval is subject to an audit which could result in the approval being revoked if it is determined the requirements for independent practice were not met.

- **Supervision Contract**

- You are reminded that a Supervision Contract is required to be on file with the Board at all times and must cover your current activities. This is a requirement regardless of the employment setting or activities in which you may, or may not, be engaged (e.g., unemployment, retirement, practice out-of-state, work in another field, LPA independent practice, etc.).
- To submit a new Section 2 Supervision Contract immediately after submitting the Application for LPA Independent Practice, scroll back up to Current Active Contracts and click on "New Section 2 Contract". When completing the online Section 2 Supervision Contract, click on "I have been approved for Independent Practice by the Board" as the reason why supervision is not needed.
- To submit a new Section 2 Supervision Contract at a later time but within the 30 day required deadline, log back into the Board licensee system - <https://app.ncpsychologyboard.org/licensee/#!/>. Then click on the second bullet point under Activities ("Supervision Activities"). Next, click on "New Section 2 Contract". When completing the online Section 2 Supervision Contract, click on "I have been approved for Independent Practice by the Board" as the reason why supervision is not needed.

- If you have multiple Supervision Contracts on file with the Board, each contract for which you are switching to independent practice must be closed out and a new Section 2 Supervision Contract filed to replace it. To initiate the process to close out additional Supervision Contracts, you will need to submit a final Supervision Report for each contract. To initiate this process, log back into the Board licensee system - <https://app.ncpsychologyboard.org/licensee/#/>. After logging in, click on the second bullet point under Activities (“Supervision Activities”) and then click on “Complete Supervision Report” under your Current Active Contracts to close out any additional Supervision Contracts. You do not need to apply for Independent Practice for each Supervision Contract. You just need to apply one time.
- **HSP-PA**
 - For independent practice, an LPA **must** either have HSP-PA certification; **or** have been licensed before June 30, 2013, and have accrued at least 4,000 hours of supervised practice experience in the provision of health services during a period of 24-60 consecutive months.
 - **If you do not meet either of the above requirements, you are not eligible for independent practice.** If needed, click [HERE](#) to apply for HSP-PA.
- **Practice of Neuropsychology or Forensic Psychology**
 - Under [Session Law 2025-37/House Bill 67](#), no LPA shall engage in the practice of neuropsychology or forensic psychology without first demonstrating specialized education and training to practice in those areas as the Board may determine by rule. SL 2025-37/HB 67 defines "neuropsychology" as "the branch of science that studies the physiological processes of the nervous system and relates them to behavior and cognition" and "forensic psychology" is defined as "the application of psychological principles and techniques to situations that are involved in the civil and criminal legal systems, including, but not limited to, psychological assessments and expert testimony."
 - The Board will review this matter at its November 2025 meeting. In addition, the Board will be going through the required rulemaking process to set rules in place as required under SL 2025-37/House Bill 67. This process is expected to take several months. Board staff cannot provide further guidance at this time. Additional guidance will be shared when available.

Questions regarding applying for LPA Independent Practice, should be submitted to info@ncpsychologyboard.org.