

PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILIPPINES

GUIDELINES FOR THE RENEWAL OF CERTIFICATION OF PSYCHOLOGY SPECIALISTS

Background and Principles

In 2009, the Psychological Association of the Philippines implemented the program of certifying specialists in the various fields in psychology to recognize and professionalize the practice of psychology in the Philippines, and to inform our publics about the competencies of the different specialists in psychology. Certification is granted for a three-year period after which, psychologists are required to renew their certification.

The renewal criteria and process is guided by the following principles and definitions:

- 1) Re-certification is a mechanism to ensure continuing professional education and development among certified psychologists
- 2) Continuing professional education means acquiring or generating new skills or knowledge in the area of specialization through:
 - a. Attendance in conferences, workshops, seminars, training programs, graduate school in PAP accredited universities and providers
 - b. Research and publications
 - c. Development of new graduate-level courses, programs, tools, interventions, tests
- 3) Similar to the certification process, the renewal process requires the submission of evidence that psychologist has undertaken continuing education.

Criteria:

In order to renew their certification, psychologists need to fulfill a minimum of 60 points within 3 years, should come from at least 2 areas:

| Venue | Points | Evidence |
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| TRAINING & EDUCATION | | |
| Training Seminars / Workshops attendance in area of specialization (*offered by PAP accredited provider) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 point per hour | Certificate, program content |
| Conference attendance (not presentation; *sponsored by PAP accredited provider) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 point/2 hours | Certificate of attendance, conference program |
| Graduate School (*in a PAP accredited school) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10 points per 3 unit academic course (one time only)• 40 points upon completion of the PhD degree• 15 points/year (Fellowship) | Transcript/True Copy of Grades |

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| RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS | | |
| Publications in area of specialization | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International book: 60 points (Authorship) 40 points (Editor) • Local book (peer reviewed, reputable): 50 points (Authorship) 30 points (Editor) • International journal: 50 points • National/Local journal: 40 points • International chapter: 40 points • Local chapter: 20 points • International journal editor: 15 points per issue • Local journal editor: 10 points per issue • Peer reviewer of journals (Int'l/Local): 3 points per article | Copy of manuscript, book, book chapter, or article |
| Research Paper Presentation (Oral or Poster) in area of specialization | <p>Conference presentation</p> <p>International: 20 points (Keynote/Plenary) 15 points (Oral) 10 points (Poster/Electronic)</p> <p>Local: 15 points (Keynote/Plenary) 10 points (Oral) 5 points (Poster/Electronic)</p> <p>Institutional: 5 points (Keynote/Plenary) 3 points (Oral) 2 points (Poster/Electronic)</p> | Certification/conference program & soft copy of presentation |
| INNOVATIONS IN PRACTICE | | |
| Training /Educational Programs in area of specialization | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 points per 3 unit class: New graduate class (not taught previously by the applicant, with new syllabus developed by the applicant not the revisions made) • 5 points per hour: Invited Resource person/Speaker (school-based/lecture | Syllabus, course design & materials, certification from graduate school regarding status of graduate course |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> type) • 3 points per hour divide by number of people: Designer & Trainer (new program) | |
| Implementation of New Intervention in area of specialization | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interventions: 10-40 points <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Social Impact <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20 points (National level) 15 points (Local Community) 10 points (Institution) 5 points (Individual) II. Novelty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 points (Original) 5 points (Adapted) 2.5 points (Revised) III. Duration of Implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 points (minimum 1 year) 7.5 points (6 months) 2.5 points (less than 3 months) | Project Report/ Documentation with evaluation |
| Instructional Materials | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50 points: New psychological test (commercial, manual & instrument) • 30 points: Adaptation/ Validation/ Norming • Textbook (published by a reputable/peer-reviewed): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30 points divided by number of authors 20 points (editor) 10 points (chapter) | Test manual Book |
| PAP involvement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contributions to PAP: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 points per year: Officer 8 points per year: Board 5 points per year: Division Chairs/Committee Heads 4 points per year: co-chairs 3 points per year: Committee members | Endorsements by supervisor |

*The PAP will accredit schools and training providers and activities that may be used for renewal of certification.

**For first batch of certified psychology specialists, activities from July 2009 to Feb 2013 may be used for continuing professional education credits.

*** For second batch of certified psychology specialists, activities from July 2010 to Feb 2014 may be used for continuing professional education credits.

****For subsequent batches, activities from June of the year of certification to February three years after will be credited.

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