

**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, Newfoundland and Labrador, Northwest Territories

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

**Rationale/Justification:**

Psychologists registered in Nova Scotia are required to have foundational knowledge and core competencies in psychology agreed to by Canadian regulators. Basic requirements are a Masters, Doctorate or equivalent degree in psychology from an educational program and institution approved by the NS Board of Examiners in Psychology as provided for in the Nova Scotia Psychologists Act. In addition, applicants must have an undergraduate degree or equivalent, in psychology and demonstrate competency in the five core areas: Assessment and Evaluation, Ethics and Standards, Intervention, Research and Interpersonal Relationships.

Alberta, Newfoundland and Labrador and Northwest Territories accept applicants for registration from programs which do not meet the Nova Scotia requirements for an approved program or institution. The Board examined the programs accepted in these jurisdictions and identified programs which were found to provide inadequate preparation in two or more of the five core competencies agreed to by Canadian regulators.

**Additional Requirement(s):** Supervision by a Registered Psychologist for 2 years with the ability to add conditions if needed.

**Anticipated Duration of the additional requirement(s):** Indefinite

**Date Approved:**

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**Date(s) Reviewed and/or Updated**

**Contact Information**