

North Carolina Psychology Board



Notice of Temporary Regulatory Waivers in Response to Executive Order No. 318

Consistent with Governor Cooper’s Executive Order No. 318, entitled, “Meeting North Carolina’s Response and Recovery Needs in Support of Hurricane Helene Relief Efforts,” effective October 5, 2024, (“EO 318”) the North Carolina Psychology Board (the “Board”) issues, on October 10, 2024, the following notice of temporary regulatory waivers.

To meet the stated goal of EO 318 in providing mental health services and saving lives in response to the wave of disaster brought on by Helene, and to meet the need for additional mental health professionals to treat patients, the Board has been granted the authority to waive or modify enforcement of any legal or regulatory constraints. The Board is allowing the following temporary waivers for the practice of psychology in the 27 designated disaster area counties (set forth on Page 2 below) only:

- **Psychologists Licensed in Other States** - Consistent with EO 318, the Board is allowing qualified persons to provide psychological services if they are licensed in good standing in other states, territories, or the District of Columbia, but not licensed in North Carolina. Any individual who seeks to practice psychology in North Carolina under EO 318 and who is licensed in good standing in another state, territory, or the District of Columbia **shall submit to the Board office the required information noted on Page 3 of this Notice prior to beginning to provide psychological services in North Carolina.** Incomplete forms will not be reviewed. The Board will review and inform the individual if they have been approved for registration with the Board to practice psychology under the temporary licensure waiver provided by EO 318. **Individuals may not practice under this waiver until they have received notification from the Board.** Any individual whose license to practice psychology in any state, territory, or the District of Columbia has ever been revoked, suspended, or relinquished in lieu of disciplinary action, shall not practice under this waiver. This temporary waiver is only for the practice of psychology in the 27 designated disaster area counties (set forth on Page 2 below). Any practice outside of those specific counties is unauthorized by this waiver and would constitute practicing psychology in North Carolina without a license.
- **Retired NC Psychologists** - Consistent with EO 318, the Board is allowing persons to provide psychological services if they are a retired psychologist who was formerly licensed in North Carolina or if they have previously relinquished their license to practice psychology in North Carolina. Any individual who seeks to practice psychology in North Carolina who is retired or relinquished their license as stated above shall **submit to the Board the required information noted on Page 3 of this Notice prior to beginning to provide psychological services in North Carolina.** The Board will review and inform the individual if they have been approved for registration with the Board to practice psychology under this waiver. **Individuals may not practice under this waiver until**

they have received notification from the Board. Any individual whose license to practice psychology in any state, territory, or the District of Columbia has ever been revoked, suspended, or relinquished in lieu of disciplinary action, shall not practice under this waiver. This waiver is only for the practice of psychology in the 27 designated disaster area counties (set forth on Page 2 below). Any practice outside of those counties is unauthorized by this waiver and would constitute practicing psychology in North Carolina without a license.

Expiration of Temporary Waivers – The waivers contained in this Notice are temporary and shall only remain in effect until EO 318 is rescinded or superseded by another applicable Executive Order or until the Board rescinds this Notice, whichever occurs first. Expiration of the temporary waivers in this Notice will be noted on the Board’s website. It is the responsibility of those individuals relying on the above temporary waivers under this Notice to comply with all applicable requirements of the Board upon expiration of the temporary waivers.

Designated Disaster Area Counties:

- Alexander (County)
- Alleghany (County)
- Ashe (County)
- Avery (County)
- Buncombe (County)
- Burke (County)
- Caldwell (County)
- Catawba (County)
- Clay (County)
- Cleveland (County)
- Gaston (County)
- Haywood (County)
- Henderson (County)
- Jackson (County)
- Lincoln (County)
- Macon (County)
- Madison (County)
- McDowell (County)
- Mecklenburg (County)
- Mitchell (County)
- Polk (County)
- Rutherford (County)
- Swain (County)
- Transylvania (County)
- Watauga (County)
- Wilkes (County)
- Yancey (County)

Source: <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4827/designated-areas>

**Required Information to Practice Psychology in North Carolina Under a
Temporary Licensure Waiver pursuant to EO 318**

The information below must be submitted to the Board *prior to* beginning to provide psychological services in North Carolina. Individuals may not practice in North Carolina in-person or by telehealth under the waiver until they have received notification from the Board that their waiver request is approved.

Full Name: _____

State(s) of Licensure: _____

Licensure Number(s): _____

Has your psychology license in any state ever been revoked, suspended or relinquished in lieu of disciplinary action? _____

Do you have any unresolved complaints against you? _____

Primary Email Address for Contact: _____

Address: _____

Telephone or Cell Number: _____

Location to Practice Psychology in NC: _____
(limited to the 27 designated disaster area counties)

Will you be practicing in-person, through telehealth, or both? _____

Description of psychological services you intend to provide: _____

**The above information can be submitted to the Board office at
info@ncpsychologyboard.org.**

***Failure to accurately provide all of the above information will result in your waiver request not being processed.**