

Ohio Board of Psychology

Oral Examination Preparation Manual Acknowledgement

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ORC 4732.17 (A)-(D)	Actions against applicants or license holders
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ORC 3901.051 (H)	Order granting parenting time companionship or visitation rights; non-residential parent access to child's records
ORC 5122.04	Outpatient services for minors without knowledge or consent of parent/guardian

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I HAVE READ THIS STATEMENT AND I HAVE DOWNLOADED THE ORAL EXAMINATION PREPARATION MANUAL FOR LICENSURE CANDIDATES.

Applicant Name: _____

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

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