

Transition from BPS Level A and B qualifications to a new system

Overview

The British Psychological Society (BPS) Level A and Level B qualifications are to be replaced by a new system which will tie in more closely with the standards of the European Federation of Psychology Associations (EFPA).

The BPS is currently aiming to implement these changes from October 2010, though this may change. OPP's new programmes will be ready by April/May 2011.

How will this affect clients who already have a Level A and/or Level B qualification?

- Clients with existing Level A and/or Level B certificates and who are on the BPS "Register of Competence in Psychological Testing" will be automatically transferred by the BPS to the new qualification and the new "Register of Qualifications in Test Use" (RQTU).
- Clients who have a Level A and/or Level B certificate who are not on the existing register should apply to the BPS to be entered on the new RQTU. Once the RQTU is fully established, old Level A and/or B certificates will no longer be valid.
- To maintain the RQTU registration, test users will need to demonstrate continuous competence development. Using tests or questionnaires or attending further training counts as competence development. The updated BPS system will allow personal profile updates online and a download of instrument qualification certificates.

How will this affect OPP's training programmes?

OPP will continue to offer BPS qualification programmes until April/May 2011; these will lead to the existing Level A and/or B certificates, which can then automatically be updated to the new qualification. From this date onwards, we will offer new programmes which will lead directly to the new qualification.

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