

## **OPA Update Regarding CPBAO Proposed Changes to Training & Accreditation Standards**

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Dear OPA Members,

Thank you for your patience as we awaited a status update regarding the CPBAO's recommended changes to training and accreditation standards. We have now been informed that the ministry is turning their attention to the proposals. We have been advised that the Ministry intends to launch a 45-day public consultation on these proposals. At this time, we have not been informed when the consultation will begin, or the exact wording of motions that will be sent for public consultation.

When the consultation opens, it will be critical that psychologists, psychological associates, partner stakeholders, and the public across the province are ready to participate. These proposals could have significant implications for professional training, registration pathways, and the future practice of psychology in Ontario. How strong our voice is in this next round is critical.

We encourage members to start connecting with colleagues and professional partners to ensure everyone is informed. Begin preparing your submission for the upcoming consultation and mobilize your networks so the profession can respond effectively once it opens.

We will share detailed information as soon as the consultation timeline is announced. In the meantime, stay informed and be ready to engage. The OPA is prepared to lead the effort, engage media and stakeholders, and continue advocating for both the public and the profession.

We would also like to remind members that the CPBAO election for Council positions is now open. Voting will close on **Tuesday, March 31 at 17:00 EST**. There are three positions available, including one designated for a behavioural analyst, leaving two positions open to psychologists and psychological associates.

As a final reminder, the next CPBAO Council meeting will take place on **Friday, March 27**. Although the agenda has not yet been released, we anticipate that the proposed changes will be discussed.

Stand unified, speak up, and protect the standards of psychological care for Ontarians.

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