



## WORK GROUP - LICENSURE AND REGULATION

### TERMS OF REFERENCE

#### PURPOSE

To outline the Terms of Reference for the Work Group on Licensure and Regulation.

#### BACKGROUND

The Work Group aims to foster the development of the science and profession of psychology through reviewing certification and licensure in the larger context of regulation and control in psychology to facilitate the development of national, regional and international guidelines that promote best practices and ensure that licensed professionals are held accountable to the highest standards of psychology service provision. The Work Group further aims to ensure that licensure and regulation in psychology align with regional, national and international Codes of Conduct; ethical guidelines and equality principals.

The Work Group will engage collaboratively with National Members in various Regions.

#### THE COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE

*To be confirmed.*

#### APPOINTMENT AND TERM

*IUPsyS Statutes and Rules of Procedure, Article 19(f) - The duties and powers of the Executive Committee shall be:*

- To appoint members of the Standing Committees and to establish and appoint members to Committees and Work Groups.

*IUPsyS Statutes and Rules of Procedure, Article 21(c) - The duties and powers of the President shall be:*

- To appoint Chairs of Committees and Work Groups in consultation with the Secretary-General.
- The Term shall commence from the start of a new quadrennium, and the term shall last for a two-year period.

#### ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- To assess the psychology landscape to determine past and current efforts on psychological science licensure and compile a report on the findings that includes possibilities for collaboration and/or support.
- To review certification and licensure in the larger context of licensure and/or regulation in psychology.
- To review the laws and regulations which may affect the delivery of psychological services to ensure psychological service provision in the best public interest, as per the context in which the laws and regulations are stipulated.
- To engage National and Regional members, as well as other psychological bodies, to develop international guidelines for licensure concepts and standards of best practice for psychology (working with other groups).
- To engage and present recommendations to the appropriate regulatory bodies and stakeholders.
- To meet on a regular basis, with the frequency of meetings to be determined by the



- co-chairs in consultation with the members.
- To take minutes of meetings which shall form part of the reports submitted to the Officers.

#### **MANDATE TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE IUPsyS OFFICERS/EC**

The Work Group will be responsible for the above activities and shall report to the IUPsyS Officers on a three-monthly basis.

#### **REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE**

This Terms of Reference shall be effective as of July 12, 2023, and reviewed to ensure its effectiveness and relevance.