Board of Psychological Examiners Policy on Ratio of Supervision to Practice Hours

Administrative Rule 4.13 states:

"Insufficient Supervision A ratio of one hour of supervision to 20 or fewer hours must be maintained. A trainee who receives more than one but less than two hours of supervision may count only 20 hours toward the number of supervised hours required."

The Board has been asked, whether "or fewer hours" means that a ratio of less than 1:20 hours of supervision to practice hours must be maintained. The answer is: No.

The Board interprets Rule 4.13 to require no less than one hour of supervision for each 20 hours of supervised practice. Maintaining a ratio of "fewer" hours is permissible under the Rule as it allows trainees to have more supervision, if they so desire. It is not mandatory. The intent of the rule is to ensure that trainees practice no more than 20 hours in any period of time without receiving 1 hour of supervision.

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