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This document is to support psychologists and school psychologists who complete CLBC eligibility forms (**Assessor Report form** or **Assessor Review form**) for adults or youth applying for CLBC eligibility. Please see CLBC *Eligibility Policy* on the CLBC website for reference ([About Us > Policies > Eligibility](#)).

CLBC has made minor revisions to its eligibility forms as of April 1, 2026.

Q1. How have the forms been updated?

A1. They have been updated to use the terms “psychologist” and “school psychologist” as defined in the *Health Professionals and Occupations Act* (HPOA) and their roles under the Community Living Authority Regulation, effective April 1, 2026.

They also reflect that psychologists and school psychologists are now both members of the College of Health and Care Professionals of BC (CHCPBC).

Q2. Why were these changes made?

A2. Only CHCPBC licensees may practice as a psychologist or as a school psychologist in accordance with their definitions in the HPOA.

Q3. Are school psychologists now able to make a diagnosis of ID as per DSM-5 with IQ>70 on a CLBC eligibility form?

A3. No. CLBC policy on this diagnosis has not changed.

CLBC policy continues to align with the Community Living Authority legislation and intent in requiring that this diagnosis is made by a psychologist rather than a school psychologist.

Q4. Will CLBC accept old versions of the eligibility forms after April 1, 2026?

A4. Yes, provided the current information is included on old forms completed after April 1.

- CLBC remains committed to providing expeditious service to families and working collaboratively with psychologists.
- Assessors should ensure that they provide their current CHCPBC membership information.

If you have any questions, please contact your local CLBC eligibility facilitator or CLBCPolicy@gov.bc.ca.