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## Regulations for the Practical Evaluation Test for Professional Qualification

### Article 1- Purpose and Objectives

The **Practical Evaluation Test (PPV)** takes place before thesis defense and aims to assess the candidate's ability to apply a professional approach based on theoretical models and empirical evidence. It also evaluates adherence to ethical principles, professional responsibilities, and conduct rules of the psychology profession. Additionally, it assesses the candidate's ability to critically reflect on their internship experience and related activities.

### Article 2- Admission Requirements

Candidates must have already **applied for graduation** and completed all required coursework before registering for the PPV. Registration is done via AlmaEsami, according to the university location and the candidate's specific **Master's Degree Program (CdLM)**.

Candidates may only register for the **PPV assigned to their specific Master's Degree Program**, even if multiple examination committees operate during a session. It is **not possible** to take the PPV with a different committee than the one designated for the specific Master's Degree Program.

Only candidates **who meet all eligibility requirements** are allowed to take the PPV.

### Article 3- Exam Format

The **PPV is an oral examination**, focusing on:

- activities performed during the **Practical Training Evaluation (TPV)**;
- the connection between **theories/models and professional practices**;
- aspects of **legislation and professional ethics**.

The candidate will be examined by a **committee of four members**, including:

- **two university professors** from psychology-related disciplines, one of whom acts as the **President**;
- **two members** from the **Order of Psychologists of the Emilia-Romagna Region**.

The **PPV is conducted in person** at the **Bologna or Cesena Campus**, depending on the location of the Master's Degree Program.

Only **candidates residing abroad** and enrolled in a **double-degree or international Master's program** are allowed to take the PPV **remotely**.

Only **candidates enrolled in international or double-degree Master's programs** may request to take the PPV in **English**. Candidates must specify their language preference (English or Italian) when submitting their graduation application or PPV registration.

The **PPV result** is either **pass (idoneità)** or **fail (non idoneità)**.

Candidates who fail may **retake the PPV in the next available session**. Once the **PPV is passed and recorded** in AlmaEsami, the candidate is **eligible to proceed with the thesis defense**, provided they upload their thesis to **Studenti Online** and receive approval from their thesis supervisor according to the university's established procedures and deadlines.

### Article 4- Exam Schedule

The **PPV is held once per graduation session**, with **three sessions per academic year**:

1. **winter session**;
2. **summer session**;
3. **autumn session**.

The **PPV schedule is published at the start of the academic year**, alongside the schedule for **graduation sessions**.