

Legal Framework of the Profession and Training in Psychology in Cyprus



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Cyprus Psychologists Association
(CYPSA)

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History of the Profession in Cyprus



- ▶ First University – established in 1989
- ▶ Short tradition of training psychologists within national borders
- ▶ 2000 – first BA in Psychology at the University of Cyprus
- ▶ 2004– first Department of Psychology, Uni Cyprus
- ▶ 2004 – first postgraduate program (School Psychology) at the University of Cyprus



University
of Cyprus

1995

- EFPA Member/ Athens GA
- 1st Legislation /
- BA+ MA with 9 months supervised practical training)

- Transitional Arrangements • Cyprus joins EU

- Recognition of professional credentials

1999

- EuroPsy Standards/BA +MA with 1500 hours practical training

- Transitional Arrangements

- 1st Registry of Licensed Psychologists

- Transitional Arrangements

2004

- Transitional Arrangements
- 5 Recognized Fields of Practice
- Registry of Bachelors Level Psychologists

2009

Current Legal Requirements

PTIHIOUHOS / Bachelors level Psychologist

- ▶ Bachelors in Psychology
- ▶ (Limited duties under supervision of a registered psychologist)
- ▶ Teaching and Research in Psychology
- ▶ Clinical interview in order to assess and refer

REGISTERED PSYCHOLOGIST

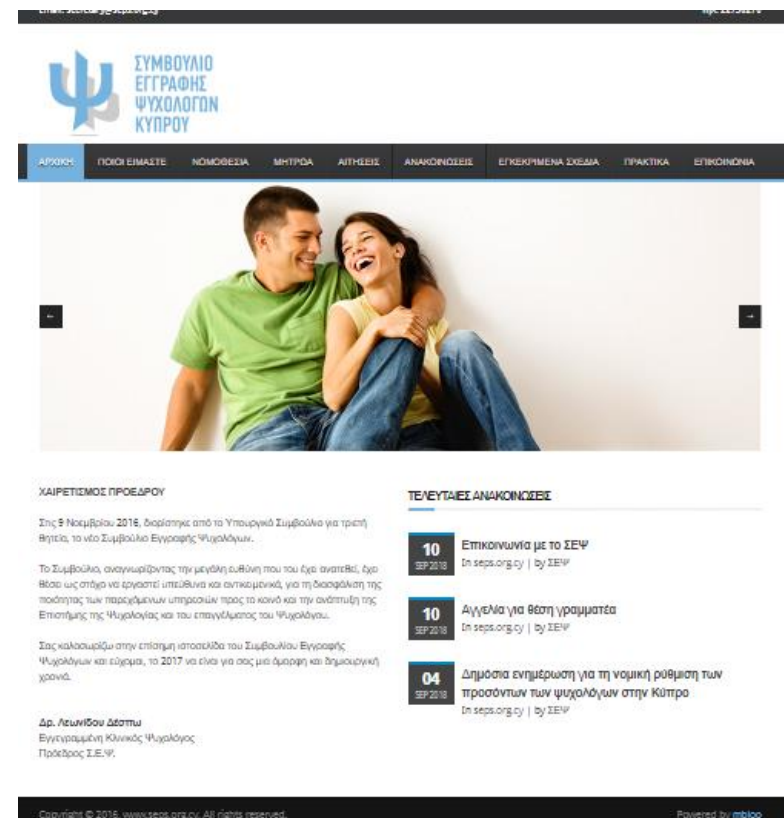
- ▶ Bachelors of Psychology
- ▶ Post-graduate degree in 1 of 5 applied areas of psychology
 - Clinical , Counselling, School/Applied Educational, Forensic, Industrial Organizational/Work
- ▶ 1000 hours of supervised practical training
 - At least 500 hours before leaving the university

Comparison with EuroPsy

- ▶ 2014 Approval for a NAC through CyPSA to award the EuroPsy
- ▶ In 2004
 - CyPSA successfully argued for overlap of legal standards with EuroPsy
- ▶ Current legislation was voted in 2009
 - Lobbying from other professional groups resulted in decreasing hours of supervised practical training to 1000
 - 500 hours short

Licensing – Competent Authority

- ▶ <http://www.seps.org.cy/>
- ▶ Ministry of Health
 - ▶ Registration Board for Psychologists –
 - ▶ members appointed by the Cabinet of ministers

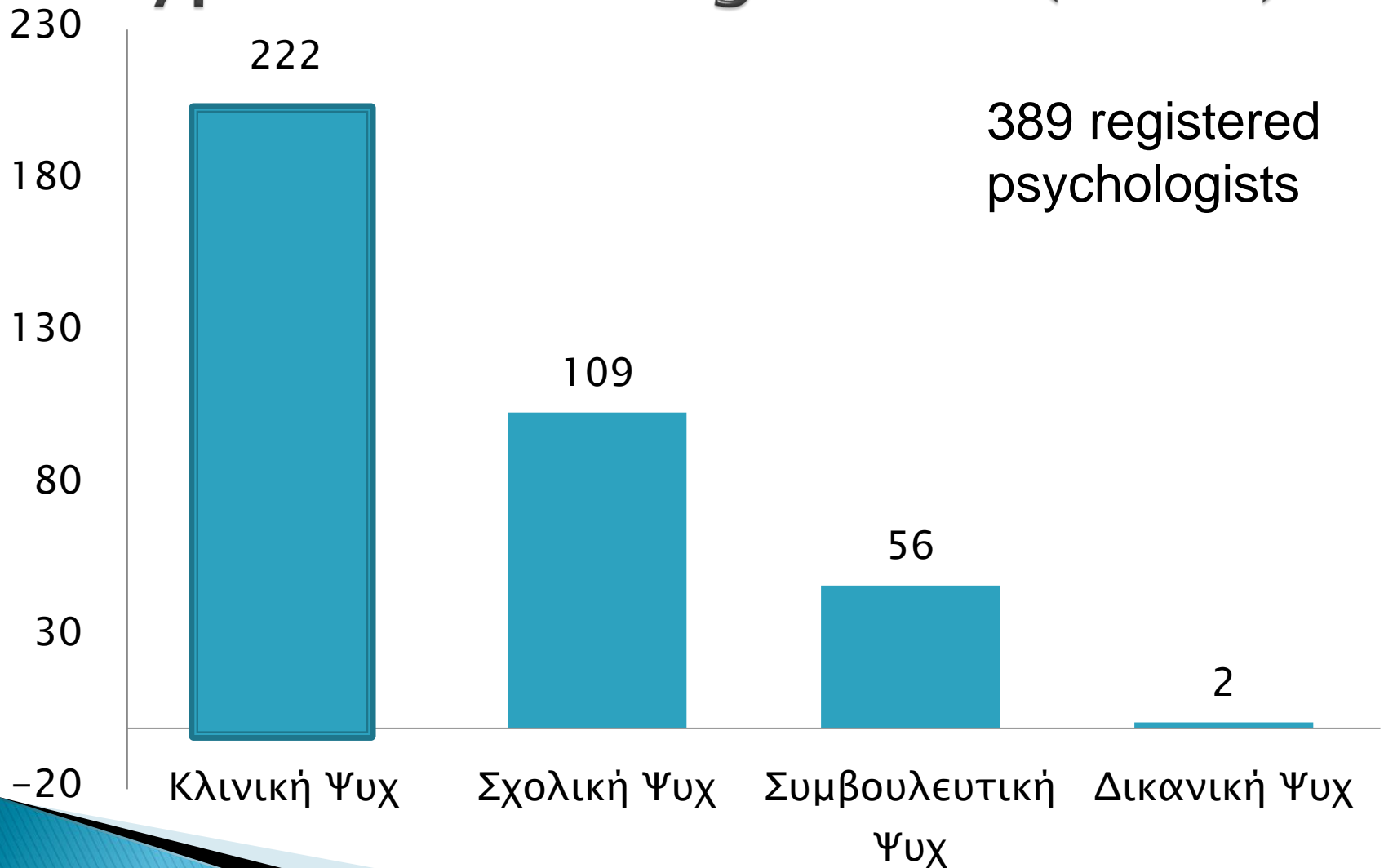


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Registration/Licensing of Psychologists in Cyprus

- ▶ Once off registration
- ▶ Yearly License to practice
 - Renewal – requires a fee
 - No CPD requirements
 - Ethics Code of the Licensing Board (under construction)

Main Fields of Practice Cyprus Licensing Board (2017)



TRAINING OF PSYCHOLOGISTS IN CYPRUS



Higher Education in Cyprus

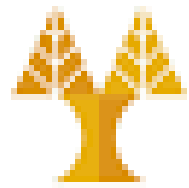
- ▶ **Bologna Agreement**
 - 3 distinct cycles of training
 - Bachelors (4 years – 240 ECTS)
 - Masters Postgraduate
 - Doctoral
- ▶ **Accreditation Competent Authority**
 - **Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education**
 - <https://www.dipae.ac.cy/index.php/en/>



Training in Psychology in Cyprus

- ▶ Psychology as a social science
- ▶ Departments of Psychology
- ▶ School/Faculty of Social Science
- ▶ Dramatic increase in the number of university programs and students in psychology in the last 15 years
- ▶ Specialization at post graduate level
 - No generalist psychologist training

Programs in Psychology at 6 Universities



University
of Cyprus



Neapolis
University
Pafos



European
University Cyprus



UNIVERSITY of NICOSIA



FREDERICK
UNIVERSITY

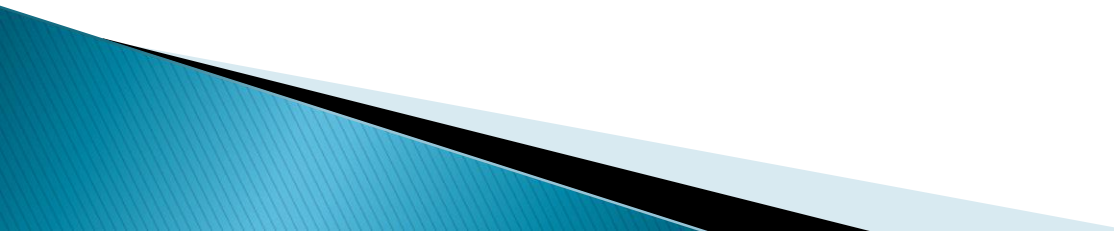


Post graduate applied programs

- ▶ **Clinical Psychology**
 - 1 MSc (2 years including 1000 practical training)
 - 1 PhD (Scientist Practitioner Model)
- ▶ **School Psychology**
 - 1 MA / ISPA Accredited (3 Years includes 1500 PT)
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- ▶ **Counselling Psychology**
 - 1 MSc (120 ECTS and 40 ECTS of Internship.
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- ▶ **Forensic Psychology**
 - 1 MSc (2 years with option for 1000 hours PT)

Post Graduate Masters Programs

Non applied programs in Psychology

- ▶ MSc in Educational Psychology
 - ▶ MA in Educational and Cognitive Psychology
 - ▶ MA in Social and Developmental Psychology
 - ▶ A range of interdisciplinary programs
 - E.g. behavioral economics
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Doctoral PhD Training in Research in Psychology



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