

English translation of Circular No. 112, Issued by the Ministry of Public Health, Republic of Lebanon, on 27/11/2017 related to Related to limiting the practice of the profession of psychologist in healthcare and educational institutions exclusively to professionals who have the license to practice from the Ministry of Public Health

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Based on decree number 8377 dated 30/12/1961 (Regulation of the Ministry of Public Health),

Based on decision number 1/1320 issued by the Minister of Public Health on 19-7-2017 and disseminated in the National Gazette Issue 33 on 27-7-2017 regarding the documentation required to obtain a license to practice as a clinical or educational Psychologist,

As mental health is one of the priorities of the Ministry of Public Health as indicated in its 2016-2020 Strategy, which aims at building an equitable health system that promotes the highest attainable mental and physical health status,

As it is within the mandate of the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) to supervise the proper implementation of procedures related to mental health, and particularly to ensure the fulfilment of all requirements and conditions stipulated in laws related to relevant procedures, including Law 8/2017,

Therefore,

The Ministry urges all institutions and authorities concerned to ensure that all individuals working in either the field of clinical Psychology or that of Educational Psychology at the premises of these institutions/authorities and/or at any center affiliated with them and/or participating in any activity or project that the institutions/authorities are supervising, have acquired their license to practice from the Ministry of Public Health and refrain from providing any service related to mental health before achieving that. This applies to professionals practicing the profession of Psychology working at treatment centers and educational institutions as well.

In line with the above, the MoPH urges all Psychologists that obtain a license to practice the profession of clinical or educational Psychologist to visibly showcase their license in their respective workplace.

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