Table 4. Primary competences of psychologists

Primary competences	Description
A. Goal specification	Interacting with the client for the purpose of defining the goals of the intervention or service that will be provided
1. Needs analysis	Gathering information about the client's needs by means of appropriate methods, clarifying and analysing the needs to a point where meaningful further action can be taken.
2. Goal setting	Proposing and negotiating goals with the client, establishing acceptable and feasible goals, and specifying criteria for evaluating goal fulfilment at a later time.
B. Assessment	Establishing relevant characteristics of individuals, groups, organisations, and situations by means of appropriate methods
3. Individual assessment	Carrying out assessment by means of interviewing, testing and observation of individuals in a setting relevant for the service demanded.
4. Group assessment	Carrying out assessment by means of interviewing, testing and observation of groups in a setting relevant for the service demanded.
5. Organisational assessment	Carrying out assessment by means of interviews, surveys, and other methods and techniques which are appropriate for studying organisations in a setting that is relevant for the service demanded.
6. Situational assessment	Carrying out assessment by means of interviews, surveys, and other methods and techniques which are appropriate for studying situations in a setting that is relevant for the service demanded.
C. Development	Developing interventions, services or products on the basis of psychological theory and methods for use by the clients or psychologists.
7. Service or product definition & requirements analysis	Defining the purpose of the service or product, identifying relevant stakeholders, analysing requirements and constraints, and drawing up specifications for the product or service, taking into consideration the setting in which the service or product is to be used.
8. Service or product design	Designing or adapting services or products in accordance with the requirements and constraints, taking into consideration the setting in which the service or product is to be used.
9. Service or product testing	Testing the service or product and assessing its feasibility, reliability, validity and other characteristics, taking into consideration the setting in which the service or product is to be used.
10. Service or product evaluation	Evaluating the service or product with respect to utility, client satisfaction, user friendliness, costs and other aspects which are relevant in the setting in which the service or product is to be used.

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D. Intervention	Identifying, preparing and carrying out interventions which are appropriate for reaching the set goals, using the results of assessment and development activities.
11. Intervention planning	Developing an intervention plan that is appropriate for reaching the set goals in a setting relevant for the service demanded.
12. Direct person- oriented intervention	Applying intervention methods that directly affect one or more individuals in accordance with the intervention plan, in a setting relevant for the service demanded.
13. Direct situation- oriented intervention	Applying intervention methods that directly affect selected aspects of the situation in accordance with the intervention plan, in a setting relevant for the service demanded.
14. Indirect intervention	Applying intervention methods that enable individuals, groups or organisations to learn and take decisions in their own interest, in a setting relevant for the service demanded.
15. Service or product implementation	Introducing services or products and promoting their proper use by clients or other psychologists.
E. Evaluation	Establishing the adequacy of interventions in terms of adherence to the intervention plan and the achievement of set goals.
16. Evaluation planning	Designing a plan for the evaluation of an intervention, including criteria derived from the intervention plan and the set goals, in a setting relevant for the service demanded.
17. Evaluation measurement	Selecting and applying measurement techniques that are appropriate for effecting the evaluation plan, in a setting relevant for the service demanded.
18. Evaluation analysis	Conducting analyses in accordance with the evaluation plan, and drawing conclusions on the effectiveness of interventions in a setting relevant for the service demanded.
F. Communication	Providing information to clients in a way that is adequate to fulfil the clients' needs and expectations.
19. Giving feedback	Providing feedback to clients, using appropriate oral and/or audiovisual means, in a setting relevant for the service demanded.
20.Report writing	Writing reports as to inform clients about the results of assessment, service or product development, interventions, and/or evaluations, in a setting relevant for the service demanded.