

**TITLE 86. STATE BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH LICENSURE
CHAPTER 15. LICENSED MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPISTS**

RULEMAKING ACTION:

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

PROPOSED RULES:

Subchapter 1. General Provisions

86:15-1-2. [AMENDED]

86:15-1-3. [AMENDED]

Subchapter 5. Application for Licensure

86:15-5-2.1. [AMENDED]

86:15-5-4. [AMENDED]

Subchapter 7. Licensure Examinations

86:15-7-1. [AMENDED]

86:15-7-4. [AMENDED]

Subchapter 9. Supervised Experience Requirements

86:15-9-2. [AMENDED]

86:15-9-4. [AMENDED]

86:15-9-5. [AMENDED]

Subchapter 13. Issuance and Maintenance of License

86:15-13-1. [AMENDED]

86:15-13-3. [AMENDED]

86:15-13-4. [AMENDED]

86:15-13-5. [AMENDED]

86:15-13-6. [AMENDED]

SUMMARY:

The proposed amendments to 86:15-1-2. amends the directory requirement to accommodate electronic notification of information of consumer interest. Strikes the brochure requirement to accommodate amendments to 86:15-1-2(a). The proposed amendments to 86:15-1-3. more clearly defines the terms "full time", "on-the-job experience", "supervised relational contact" and "semi-annual". The proposed amendments to 86:15-2.1. amends the application requirements for a voided application for failure to provide a passing result on examinations to more clearly define that an applicant shall take and pass exam(s), and prior supervised experience accrued shall not carry over to the new application. Amends the application procedure for voided application for inactivity to more clearly define that an applicant shall take and pass exam(s), and prior supervised experience accrued shall not carry over to the new application. Prescribes the application requirements for a voided application for failure to complete supervised experience requirements. The proposed amendments to 86:15-5-4. strikes the descriptions for the Out-of-State Licensure Verification Form and the Termination of Supervision Agreement Form that are no longer in use by the Board. Prescribes the new Verification of Academic Standing to acquire additional information

regarding new applicants academic standing. The proposed amendments to 86:15-7-1. amends the requirement for exam eligibility to prescribe the option to submit the Verification of Academic Standing prior to receiving the official graduate transcript to expedite the review for exam eligibility. The proposed amendments to 86:15-7-4. amends requirements for examination eligibility notification to allow for electronic notification. The proposed amendments to 86:15-9-2. More clearly defines the minimum supervised experience requirements. reduces the supervised experience requirement the face-to-face supervised experience requirement to one-hundred (100) hours. Strikes the weekly ratio of the required 6.25 hours of face-to-face supervision for every 42 hours of direct client contact and the limitation of no more 42 hours of direct client contact accrued in a four-week period. Prescribes that face-to-face supervision shall be scheduled weekly at a minimum of forty-five (45) minutes each week. Amends the face-to-face requirement to include technology-assisted supervision. Strikes the requirement that no more than half of the required supervision hours may be accrued in a group setting. Strikes the in-person meeting requirement when performing technology-assisted supervision. Prescribes that a candidate for licensure shall complete the supervised experience requirements within sixty (60) months of the date of the approval of the first supervision agreement. The proposed amendments to 86:15-9-5. strikes duplicative requirements and more clearly defines the Evaluation of Supervised Experience semi-annual due date. Strikes the required submission of the Final Evaluation of Supervision Experience by Supervisor as this form is no longer in use. Prescribes that supervised experience shall be reported in quarter credit hours. The proposed amendments to 86:15-13-1. amends the required information provided on the license certificate to accommodate electronic issuance and notification. The proposed amendments to 86:15-13-2. strikes the replacement license requirement. This requirement is no longer in use as the license is issued electronically. The proposed amendments to 86:15-13-3. strikes the requirement to display current verification card. This requirement is no longer in use as the verification cards are issued electronically. The proposed amendments to 86:15-13-4. strikes the requirement for continuing education from home-study and technology-assisted distance-learning to be accrued from programs pre-approved by the Board. The proposed 86:15-13-5. strikes the requirement to return a license to the Board once the license is inactivated. This requirement is no longer in use as the license is issued electronically. The proposed amendments to 86:15-13-6. amends the renewal notification requirement to allow for electronic notification. Strikes the return of license requirement for a permanently expired license. This requirement is no longer in use as the license is issued electronically.

AUTHORITY:

State Board of Behavioral Health Licensure; 59 O.S. 2011; 59 O.S. 2001, Section 1901 et. seq.

COMMENT PERIOD:

Persons may submit written comments through December 31, 2023 to Eric Ashmore at 3815 N. Santa Fe, Suite 110, Oklahoma City, OK 73118, or by email to info.behavioralhealth@bbhl.ok.gov.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A public hearing has not been scheduled; however, pursuant to 75 O.S., Section 303(B)(9), "persons may demand a hearing" by contacting Eric Ashmore at (405) 522-3696 or info.behavioralhealth@ok.gov no later than December 31, 2023.

REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:

The agency requests that business entities affected by these proposed rules provide the agency with information, within the comment period, in dollar amounts if possible, about the increase in the level of direct costs, indirect costs, or other costs expected to be incurred by the business entity due to compliance with the proposed rules. Business entities may submit this information in writing to Eric Ashmore at the above address during the period from December 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

COPIES OF PROPOSED RULES:

The proposed rules may be viewed on the agency's website at www.ok.gov/behavioralhealth and copies may be obtained from the State Board of Behavioral Health Licensure's office located at 3815 N. Santa Fe, Suite 110, Oklahoma City, OK 73118. Copies may also be obtained by written request emailed to info.behavioralhealth@bbhl.ok.gov.

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:

Pursuant to 75 O.S., §303(D), a rule impact statement is being prepared and will be available for review after December 1, 2023 at the above addresses.

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