

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT
TITLE 86. STATE BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH LICENSURE
CHAPTER 10. LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

1. **DESCRIPTION:** The proposed amendments to 86:10-1-2. more clearly defines the terms “full time”, “on-the-job experience”, and “semi-annual”. The proposed amendments to 86:10-7-2. 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 86:10-7-6. 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. The proposed amendments to 86:10-7-7.1. amends the application procedure for voided application for inactivity to more clearly define that an applicant shall take and pass exam(s). The proposed amendments to 86:10-11-5. reduces the supervised experience requirement for direct client contact to one-thousand (1000) hours and the face-to-face supervised experience requirement to one-hundred (100) hours. Strikes the three-hundred fifty (350) direct client contact for every one-thousand hours of full time on-the-job experience requirement. Reduces the full-time experience requirement to match the definition of full time. Strikes the ratio of forty-five minutes of face-to-face supervision for every twenty (20) hours of on-the-job experience requirement. 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 graduate education requirements that are no longer in use. The proposed amendments to 86:10-11-6. strikes duplicative requirements and more clearly defines the Evaluation of Supervised Experience semi-annual due date. Prescribes that supervised experience shall be reported in quarter credit hours. The proposed amendments to 86:10-15-1. 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 86:10-17-2. strikes the requirements for continuing education in counseling ethics and counseling supervision to be accrued from programs pre-approved by the Board. The proposed amendments to 86:10-17-3. strikes the requirements for continuing education from home-study and technology-assisted distance-learning to be accrued from programs pre-approved by the Board. The proposed amendments to 86:10-19-1. amends the required information provided on the license certificate to accommodate electronic issuance and notification. The proposed amendments to 86:10-19-4. amends requirement for licensure eligibility notification to allow for electronic notification. The proposed amendments to 86:10-19-5. strikes the replacement license requirement. This requirement is no longer in use as the license is issued electronically. The proposed amendments to 86:10-21-6. strikes the requirement to display current verification card. This requirement is no longer in use as the verification cards are issued electronically. The proposed 86:10-27-7. 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 86:10-23-1.

amends the renewal notification requirement to allow for electronic notification. The proposed amendments to 86:10-23-2. amends the failure to renew notification requirement to allow for electronic notification. The proposed amendments to 86:10-23-3. strikes the return of license requirement for a permanently expired license. This requirement is no longer in use as the license is issued electronically. The proposed amendments to 86:10-27-1. amends the directory requirement to accommodate electronic notification of information of consumer interest. The proposed amendments to 86:10-27-2. strikes the brochure requirement to accommodate amendments to 86:10-27-2.

2. **CLASSES OF PERSONS BENEFITTED:** Persons benefitting would be Licensed Professional Counselors, Licensed Professional Counselor Candidates, Licensed Professional Counselor supervisors, consumers, employers, and Agency staff.
3. **ECONOMIC IMPACT:** The Board does not anticipate any economic impact upon the most likely affected classes of persons or political subdivisions as a result of implementation of the proposed rule change at this time.
4. **COST:** The Board does not anticipate any costs to the Board to implement and enforce as a result of the proposed changes in the rules at this time. Additional record keeping, if any, will be performed by existing staff.
5. **IMPACT ON POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS:** The Board does not anticipate any economic impact on any political subdivision to implement the proposed rule changes at this time.
6. **ADVERSE EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESS:** The Board does not anticipate any adverse economic impact on small businesses as a result of these proposed rule changes at this time.
7. **LESS COSTLY METHODS:** None.
8. **SIGNIFICANT RISKS:** The Board does not anticipate any impact on public health, safety, or environment as a result of these proposed rule changes at this time.
9. **DETRIMENTAL EFFECTS:** The Board does not anticipate any detrimental effects on public health, safety, or environment as a result of these proposed rules changes at this time.
10. The initial rule impact statement was prepared on November 15, 2023.