

**\*\*New Regulations\*\***

The Board promulgated new regulations that were effective May 27, 2022. Following is a summary of the changes:

36-01(1). (Definitions) Supervision may be in person or online.

36-01(5). Add addiction counselors.

36-01(7). Defines of clinical contact hour.

36-01(16). Adds CACREP with regard to its accredited marriage, couple and family counseling specialty program as an approved national educational accrediting body for marriage and family therapists.

36-04(2). (Licensing provisions for LPC-A) Replaces “completion” with graduation.

36-04(3). The program must require and follow substantially similar educational standards. A school may submit a program to the Board for review and determination as to whether it meets substantially similar education standards.

36-04(5) The supervision plan can be submitted with the application, or after the applicant obtains employment. An associate cannot begin providing counselor services until the completed supervision plan is submitted to and received by the Board.

36-06(3)(b)(ii). (Licensing provisions for LPC-S) Supervision may be performed by other qualified mental health practitioner approved by the Board prior to beginning supervision.

36.07(2). (Licensing Provisions for LMFT-A). Graduation from a marriage, couple and family counseling specialty program accredited by CACREP does not require education review.

36-07(3). The educational program must require and follow substantially similar educational standards. An applicant may submit evidence of successful completion of a master’s degree, specialist’s degree, or doctoral degree from a marriage, couple and family counseling specialty program accredited by CACREP, or a post-degree program accredited by COAMFTE or one that requires and follows substantially similar educational standards, or from a marriage, couple and family counseling specialty program accredited by CACREP. A school may submit a program to the Board for review and determination as to whether it meets substantially similar educational standards.

36-07(5). The supervision plan can be submitted with the application, or after the applicant obtains employment. An associate cannot begin providing counselor services until the completed supervision plan is submitted to and received by the Board.

36-08(3). (Licensing provisions for LMFT) Clinical supervisor must be approved prior to beginning supervision.

36-09(4).(Licensing provisions for LMFT-S) Supervision may be performed by a qualified mental health practitioner approved by the Board prior to beginning the supervision.

36-10(2). (Licensing provisions for LAC-A) Replace completion with graduation.

36-10(5). The supervision plan can be submitted with the application, or after the applicant obtains employment. An associate cannot begin providing counselor services until the completed supervision plan is submitted to and received by the Board.

36-11(3). (Licensing provisions for LAC). Supervision may be performed by a qualified mental health practitioner approved by the Board prior to beginning the supervision.

36-14(A). (Endorsement licensing) Allows an individual licensed in another state to seek endorsement licensure in South Carolina if specific conditions are met, including not having a current or pending investigation in any state where they are licensed, and certifying that they have read and understand the Board's statutes, regulations and code of ethics specific to the licenses being sought. An applicant is only eligible for endorsement licensure in this state at an equivalent credential level.

36-14(B)(1). (Endorsement licensing for supervisors). Allows a supervisor licensed in another state to seek endorsement licensure in South Carolina if specific conditions are met, including not having a current or pending investigation in any state where they are licensed, and certifying that they have read and understand the Board's statutes, regulations and code of ethics specific to the licenses being sought. An applicant is only eligible for endorsement licensure in this state at an equivalent credential level.

36-15(1). (Reinstatement of Lapsed Licenses) Licenses lapsed fewer than five years can be reinstated with payment of fees and completion of CEs. Licenses lapsed five years or more require Board appearance to determine if the license should be reinstated and the terms under which the reinstatement is to be made.

36-16(1). (Continuing Education for LPC, LMFT, LAC, and Supervisors) Update terminology. CE hours may be obtained through CE programs and activities provided by Board-approved CE providers, or licensees may obtain up to 20 hours of required CE per two year licensure period by completing one or more of the following. CE may be taken in person or online.

36-17(2).(Continuing Education for LPES) CE may be taken in person or online.

36-27(D)(4)(e). (Standards for supervision) Supervisor can now supervise up to fifteen supervisees.

The above is an abbreviated summary of the changes. Licensees should review the regulations in their entirety.