5300.0130 REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE AS A LICENSED MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST.

Subpart 1. Requirements. To be eligible for licensure, an applicant must meet the following requirements:

A. complete the education requirements in Minnesota Statutes, section 148B.33, subdivision 1, clause (5), and defined in part 5300.0140;

B. have obtained the age of majority, the age of majority being 18 years according to Minnesota Statutes, section 645.451, subdivision 5;

C. complete the experience requirements in Minnesota Statutes, section 148B.33, subdivision 1, clause (4), and defined in part 5300.0150;

D. provide evidence of meeting the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 148B.33, subdivision 1, clause (2), through endorsements from at least two individuals with the qualifications in part 5300.0230;

E. agree to conduct all professional activities as a licensed marriage and family therapist in accordance with all laws and rules governing the practice of marriage and family therapy and as specified in the code of ethics for marriage and family therapists in part 5300.0350; and

F. pass the LMFT state examination and the national examination in MFT and state examinations listed in part 5300.0240.

Subp. 2. Denial of licensure to applicant. An applicant who fails to meet all requirements in this part shall be denied a license.

5300.0135 REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE AS A LICENSED ASSOCIATE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST.

Subpart 1. Requirements. To be eligible for licensure, an applicant must meet the following requirements:

A. complete the education requirements in Minnesota Statutes, section 148B.33, subdivision 1, clause (5), and defined in part 5300.0140;

B. be 18 years of age;

C. agree to conduct all professional activities as a licensed associate marriage and family therapist in accordance with all laws and rules governing the practice of marriage and family therapy and as specified in the code of ethics for marriage and family therapists in part 5300.0350; and

D. pass the national examination as listed in part 5300.0240.

Subp. 2. Denial of licensure to applicant. An applicant who fails to meet all requirements in this part shall be denied a license.

5300.0175 LICENSURE PROCESS FOR LICENSED ASSOCIATE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS.

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A licensed associate marriage and family therapist is one who has completed the educational requirements in part 5300.0140 and who has passed the LMFT state examination specified in part 5300.0240. A licensed associate marriage and family therapist must practice under the supervision of a board-approved LMFT supervisor as specified in parts 5300.0160 and 5300.0170. A licensed associate marriage and family therapist must observe all laws and rules that govern the practice of licensed marriage and family therapists. The licensed associate marriage and family therapist status shall be granted for one year upon completion of the required application form and payment of the required fee. Licensed associate marriage and family therapist status may be renewed on a yearly basis for up to six additional years.

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The process of licensure by the board as a licensed marriage and family therapist consists of two separate parts:

A. successful completion of the national examination following completion of all educational requirements; and

B. successful completion of the state examination, following completion of all specified experience requirements.

5300.0190 PROCEDURES FOR ADMISSION TO NATIONAL EXAMINATION

Subpart 1. Information required. To be admitted to the national examination, an applicant must submit to the board the information in items A to D.

A. The applicant must submit a completed application for admission to the national examination on a form provided by the board. The application must include:

(1) a photograph of the applicant; and

(2) an affirmation by the applicant that the statements made in the application are true and correct to the best knowledge of the applicant.

B. The applicant must submit the required, nonrefundable fee for application for admission to the national examination specified in Minnesota Statutes, section 148B.392, subdivision 2, made payable to the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy.

C. The applicant must submit official transcripts of all postbaccalaureate education, including verification of the degrees and certificates granted. The transcripts must be sent directly to the board from the institution granting the degrees and certificates.
(1) The applicant must demonstrate that the degree, program, or coursework documented by the official transcripts submitted meets the requirements of part 5300.0130, subpart 1, item A.

(2) The institution granting the degree or certificate must be regionally accredited at the time the degree or certificate is granted or coursework is completed.

D. An applicant for licensure must inform the board within 30 days of any changes in name, public or mailing address, business address, or other contact information provided.

Subp. 2. Verification of information; board’s powers. The board has authority to verify the authenticity of the information in the application for admission to the national examination and to require the applicant to provide verification.

Subp. 3. Time requirements. An applicant’s file shall be closed if the applicant fails to complete the application for admission to the national examination and provide all information required within six months from the date the board receives the application or requests information from the applicant.

Subp. 4. Admission to the national examination. Upon the board’s approval of an application to take the national examination, an applicant is authorized to register for the national examination. An applicant may register for the national examination only after the board notifies the examination administration that the application has been approved by the board.

Subp. 5. Denial of admission to written examination. The board shall deny an applicant admission to the national examination if for any reason the applicant has not met the requirements of part 5300.0130, subpart 1, item A. The board shall notify the applicant of the denial in writing and state the reasons for the denial. Any subsequent application for admission to the national examination submitted after denial is deemed a new application for admission to the national examination which must be accompanied by the fee for application for admission to the national examination specified in Minnesota Statutes, section 148B.17, subdivision 2.

5300.0200 PROCEDURES FOR APPLICATION FOR STATE LMFT LICENSURE.

Subpart 1. Information required. To be eligible for licensed associate marriage and family therapy licensure, an applicant must submit to the board the information in items A to E.

A. The applicant must submit the initial, completed application for licensed associate marriage and family therapy licensure on a form provided by the board. The application must include: (1) a photograph of the applicant; (2) an affirmation by the applicant that the statements in the application are true and correct to the best knowledge of the applicant; and (3) an agreement by the applicant that the applicant will conduct all professional activities as a licensed associate marriage and family therapist in accordance with all laws and rules governing the practice of marriage and family therapy and as specified in the code of ethics in part 5300.0350.

B. The applicant must submit the required, nonrefundable application fee specified in Minnesota Statutes, section 148B.17, subdivision 2, made payable to the Minnesota Board of Marriage and Family Therapy.
C. The applicant must submit official transcripts of all postbaccalaureate education, including verification of the degrees and certificates granted. The transcripts must be sent directly to the board from the institution granting the degrees and certificates.

(1) The applicant must demonstrate that the degree, program, or coursework documented by the official transcripts submitted meets the requirements of part 5300.0135, subpart 1, item A.

(2) The institution granting the degree or certificate must be regionally accredited at the time the degree or certificate is granted or coursework is completed.

D. The applicant must complete any criminal background check requirements specified in Minnesota Statutes chapter 214, including the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 214.075.

E. The applicant must submit evidence of having passed the state licensure examination administered by the board.

Subp. 2. Information required. To be eligible for licensed marriage and family therapy licensure, an applicant must submit to the board the information in items A to E.

A. The applicant must submit a completed application for licensed marriage and family therapy licensure on a form provided by the board. The application must include an affirmation by the applicant that the statements in the application are true and correct to the best knowledge of the applicant and an agreement by the applicant that the applicant will conduct all professional activities as a licensed marriage and family therapist in accordance with all laws and rules governing the practice of marriage and family therapy and as specified in the code of ethics in part 5300.0350.

B. The applicant must submit the required, nonrefundable application fee specified in Minnesota Statutes, section 148B.17, subdivision 2, made payable to the Minnesota Board of Marriage and Family Therapy.

C. The applicant must submit completed forms provided by the board, verifying the applicant's postgraduate, supervised experience, conforming to the requirements of part 5300.0150, subpart 6, or 5300.0155, subpart 5.

D. The applicant must submit two endorsements attesting to the applicant's professional and ethical character. The endorsements must be completed and signed by individuals who meet the requirements for endorser under part 5300.0230, subparts 1 and 2. The endorsements must be on forms provided by the board.

E. The applicant must submit evidence of having passed the national examination in part 5300.0240, subpart 3.

Subp. 3. Verification of information; board's powers. The board has authority to verify the authenticity of the information in any application for licensure and to require the applicant to provide verification.

Subp. 3a. Time requirements. An application shall be closed if the applicant fails to complete an application requirement or fails to provide all information required within six months from the date the board receives the application or requests additional information from the applicant. An application for licensure submitted following
closure of a prior application is considered a new application for licensure and must be accompanied by the proper fee specified in Minnesota Statutes, section 148B.17, subdivision 2.

Subp. 4. Denial of application for licensure. An applicant who fails to meet all the requirements in subpart 1 shall be denied licensure as a licensed associate marriage and family therapist. An applicant who fails to meet all the requirements in subpart 2 shall be denied licensure as a licensed marriage and family therapist. An applicant who is denied licensure shall be informed in writing of the denial and the reasons for it. An application for licensure submitted following denial is considered a new application for licensure and must be accompanied by the proper fee specified in Minnesota Statutes, section 148B.17, subdivision 2.

5300.0240 EXAMINATION METHODS; SUBJECTS AND PROCEDURES.

Subpart 1. National and state examination required. Examination of an applicant for a license as a marriage and family therapist consists of:

A. a national examination designed and scored by a professional examination service approved by the Association of Marriage and Family Therapy Regulatory Boards; and

B. a state licensure examination provided by the board; and

C. .

Subp. 3. National part of examination. The national examination is the examination approved by the Association of Marriage and Family Therapy Regulatory Boards. The national examination shall be offered on dates established by the Association of Marriage and Family Therapy Regulatory Boards. An applicant who is approved to take the national examination under part 5300.0190 must pay an examination fee directly to the test administrator before taking the examination.

Subp. 2. State part of examination. The state examination of an applicant for licensure shall be conducted according to methods determined by the board. The state examination of an applicant shall take place at time of filing of the applicant's initial application for licensure with the board. The state examination of an applicant shall cover:

A. the applicant's knowledge of the statutes and rules governing marriage and family therapists;

B. the applicant's knowledge of the code of ethics;

C. the applicant's awareness of the responsibilities to the board and to the public; and

D. other practice-related areas.

Subp. 5. [Repealed, 41 SR 87]
Subp. 46 Passing score required on examination. The passing score of the national examination is determined by the Association of Marriage and Family Therapy Regulatory Boards. The passing score for the state examination shall be determined by the board. An applicant must pass both parts of the examination to qualify for licensure as a marriage and family therapist.

Subp. 5: Reexamination permitted. An applicant who has failed the national or state examination may be reexamined, but not more than five times without a variance. Each time an applicant is reexamined on the national examination, the applicant must pay an examination fee to the test administrator.

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