

ALABAMA BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COUNSELING (ABEC)
PROPOSED CHANGES TO ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Interested persons may present their view in writing to the Executive Director of the Alabama Board of Examiners in Counseling at any time during the 51 day period following the 31st day of May, 2017, or if requested in advance by personally appearing at Room 765, Medical Forum Building, 950 22nd Street North, Birmingham, AL at 10:00 a.m., Friday, July 21, 2017.

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255-X-1-.08 Finances.

(1) The Board shall set fees and no part of any fee shall be refundable under any conditions.

(2) The following fees shall be in effect:

(a) Application	\$200.00
(b) Licensed Professional Counselor License	\$300.00
(c) Associate Licensed Counselor License	\$150.00
(d) Licensed Professional Counselor Renewal	\$300.00
(e) Associate Licensed Counselor Renewal	\$150.00
(f) Application Package Fee	\$ 25.00
(g) Supervising Counselor Approval Processing Fee	\$150.00
(h) Examination	\$120.00
(i) Duplicate or Replacement License	\$ 15.00
(j) Provisional License	\$150.00
(k) License Reactivation	\$ 50.00 per year not to exceed \$250.00
(l) Written License Verification	\$ 25.00
(m) LPC Reinstatement under 255-X-7-.01(3)(a)	\$500.00
(n) Bad Check Charge	\$ 30.00
(o) Notary Public Services	\$ 30.00
(p) <u>Mailing Labels</u>	<u>\$ 25.00</u>

(3) All fees collected shall be deposited in the State Treasury, with funds being disbursed in accordance with normal state procedures. In addition to fees collected, the Board is empowered to accept grants from foundations and institutions to carry out its functions.

255-X-1-10 Military Exceptions. The Board recognizes the unique challenges of obtaining and maintaining licensure for those who are serving on active duty in the military or who are the spouse of a person serving on active duty in the military.

In its review of applications for licensure, licensure renewal, and requests for inactivation or reactivation of licensure status, the board shall exercise authority to examine individual circumstances related to applicants who are serving on active duty in the military or who are the spouse of a person serving on active duty in the military. In such cases, the Board may accept alternative means of verification as well as grant exceptions for educational requirements, supervised experience requirements, and examination requirements. The Board shall examine each case and determine eligibility for exceptions based on this review but in so doing shall not compromise its mission of public protection.

255-X-2-02 Licensed Professional Counselor. Any person who represents to the public by any title or description of services incorporating the words (licensed professional counselor” or “licensed counselor”; and who offers to render professional counseling services in private practice to individuals, groups, organizations, corporations, institutions, government agencies, or the general public in settings of individual or group practice for a fee, salary or other compensation, implying licensure and training, experience, or expertise in counseling, and who holds a current, valid license to engage in the private practice of counseling, with the exception of those practitioners listed in Code of Ala. 1975, and who holds a current, valid license to engage in the private practice of counseling, with the exception of those practitioners listed in Code of Ala 1975, §34-8A-3.

Author: Alabama Board of Examiners in Counseling

Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §34-8A-2-(+)(4)

History: Filed September 30, 1982. **Amended:** Filed November 9, 2006; effective December 14, 2006.

255-X-2-03 Associate Licensed Counselor. Any person who meets the qualifications set forth in Code of Ala. 1975, §34-8A-8, and who has been licensed to offer counseling services while under the supervision of a Board approved supervisor.

Author: Alabama Board of Examiners in Counseling

Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §34-8A-2(2)(1)

History: Filed September 30, 1982. **Amended:** Filed September 25, 2000; effective October 30, 2000.

255-X-2-22 Active Duty Military. This phrase shall refer to persons who are in active service in a branch of the armed forces of the United States (Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, or Marine Corps), a reserve unit for a branch of the armed forces of the United States, or the Alabama military forces. Verification of active duty military status must accompany a request for Military Exceptions related to initial licensure as an Associate Licensed Counselor or Licensed Professional Counselor, licensure endorsement from another state, renewal of an active or lapsed license, or requests for inactivation or reactivation of an inactive license.

255-X-5-.01 General. An applicant who has met the requirements of Code of Ala. 1975, §34-8A-7(1) through (4) and Chapter 255-X-3-.01(2)(a) through (2)(b)1-11, will be granted permission to take the written examination.

Author: Alabama Board of Examiners in Counseling

Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §34-8A-7(8)(6)

History: Filed September 30, 1982. **Amended:** Filed: January 16, 1996; effective February 20, 1996. **Amended:** Filed November 9, 2006; effective December 14, 2006.