

Alabama Board of Examiners in Counseling Administrative Code

Chapter 255-X-6
Licensure

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255-X-6-.01 Licensure.

(1) The Board shall issue a license to practice as a professional counselor to all persons who meet the qualifications and who pass the required examination and meet the required experience qualifications. For all initial licenses, the licensure term may be less than or greater than two (2) years depending on the date of issuance of the license and will expire July 31 of the renewal year.

(2) The Board shall issue a license to practice as an associate licensed counselor to all persons who meet the qualifications set out in Code of Ala. 1975, §34-8A-7(1), (2), (3), and (4). The associate licensed counselor license will be issued for a period of one year and will expire twelve (12) months from the date of issue.

(3) Licensure shall be documented by the issuance of a license document approved by the Board, carrying the approval seal of the board, and bearing the signature of the Chair of the Board. The issuance of a license by the Alabama Board of Examiners in Counseling authorizes a licensee to engage in the private practice of counseling in the State of Alabama only.

(4) Each licensed professional counselor and associate licensed counselor shall be required to display his or her license for inspection by the general public.

(5) Notwithstanding the exemptions provided in Code of Ala. 1975, §34-8A-3, those persons who file an application with the Board or who are licensed as licensed professional counselors or associate licensed counselors shall comply with the regulations of the Board and be subject to the disciplinary provisions of the Board.

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255-X-6-.02 Inactive License. An LPC or ALC may seek inactive status of his or her licensure through a written request to the Board prior to the expiration date of the license. Once the Board renders the license inactive, the licensee shall have all privileges associated with licensure

revoked until the license is reactivated. Otherwise, the licensee will be subject to Section 255-X-7 of the regulations regarding licensure renewal, since the Board will not consider retroactive inactivation of a lapsed license.

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255-X-6-.03 Reactivation of License. An LPC or ALC with an inactive license may request reactivation of licensure through a written request to the Board. An LPC must submit documentation acceptable to the Board of continuing education activities of no less than forty (40) contact clock hours accrued within the twenty-four (24) months immediately preceding the reactivation request. The forty (40) hours of continuing education must contain a minimum of six (6) clock hours devoted to ethical concerns for practice, assessment, supervision, or research in counseling. Additionally, the applicant must pay the reactivation fee as well as the renewal fee noted under 255-X-1-.08 of the regulations.

An ALC must submit documentation acceptable to the Board of continuing education activities of no less than ten (10) contact clock hours accrued within the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the reactivation request. The ten (10) hours of continuing education must contain a minimum of two (2) clock hours devoted to ethical concerns for practice, assessment, supervision, or research in counseling. A proposed plan of supervision must also be submitted by the ALC for Board approval. Additionally, the applicant must pay the reactivation fee as well as the renewal fee noted under 255-X-1-.08 of the regulations.

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