

“ADDITIONAL COURSEWORK” CHANGES FOR INDIVIDUALS PURSUING LCSW, LMFT OR LPCC LICENSURE

Effective July 1, 2023

The Board of Behavioral Sciences (Board) has obtained approval of changes to its Additional Coursework regulations. “Additional Coursework” refers to the training required for certain types of applicants for licensure or registration.

There are no new courses required. The changes simply do the following:

- **Streamline course provider requirements; and**
- **Require updated course content for certain courses if the course was TAKEN ON OR AFTER July 1, 2023.**

Additional Coursework-related laws are contained in both statutes (Business and Professions Code or BPC) and in Title 16, Division 18 of the California Code of Regulations (16 CCR). The changes were made to 16 CCR sections 1807, 1807.2, 1810 (renumbered to 1807.3), and newly added section 1810.5.

This document provides a summary of the recent regulation changes, but we recommend you read the [full legal text](#) of the updated regulations (*access at www.bbs.ca.gov>About Us>Law Changes>Regulations*).

What types of organizations will be considered acceptable providers for “Additional Coursework” for courses taken on or after July 1, 2023?

For courses TAKEN ON OR AFTER July 1, 2023, all “additional coursework” required of applicants must now be taken from one of the following types of providers:

- A continuing education provider accepted pursuant to [16 CCR section 1887.4.3](#); or
- An educational institution, including an extension program offered by such an institution, accredited by a regional or national institutional accrediting agency that is recognized by the United States Department of Education; or
- An educational institution, including an extension program offered by such an institution, approved by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education.

What are the changes to the Additional Coursework course content requirements and who do they apply to?

The new requirements **ONLY** apply to courses **TAKEN ON OR AFTER July 1, 2023**, for the courses listed below.

If you took a required course prior to July 1, 2023, you do **NOT** need to take a new course.

The chart below specifies the types of applicants who must comply with the additional coursework regulation changes. **There are no new courses required**, though the content requirements for two existing courses have been changed as indicated below.

COURSE	CHANGE IN REQUIRED CONTENT	CHANGES ONLY APPLY TO THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION TYPES:
HUMAN SEXUALITY	Course must also include the study of gender identity and gender dysphoria.	<p>➔ <u>LCSW</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IN-STATE applicants for LCSW licensure • “Path B” OUT-OF-STATE applicants for LCSW licensure <p>➔ <u>LMFT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants for LMFT licensure with an IN-STATE degree who entered a degree program prior to 08/01/2012 and graduated on or before 12/31/2018 • “Path B” OUT-OF-STATE applicants for LMFT licensure <p>➔ <u>APCC and LPCC</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants for APCC registration with an IN-STATE degree who entered a degree program prior to 08/01/2012 and graduated on or before 12/31/2018 • “Path B” OUT-OF-STATE Applicants for LPCC licensure
ALCOHOLISM AND OTHER CHEMICAL SUBSTANCE DEPENDENCY	Course must also cover substance abuse (as opposed to only substance dependency).	<p>➔ <u>LCSW</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IN-STATE applicants for LCSW licensure • “Path B” OUT-OF-STATE applicants for LCSW licensure <p>➔ <u>LMFT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants for LMFT licensure with an IN-STATE degree who entered a degree program prior to 08/01/2012 and graduated on or before 12/31/2018 <p>➔ <u>APCC</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants for APCC registration with an IN-STATE degree who entered a degree program prior to 08/01/2012 and graduated on or before 12/31/2018