

INFORMATION FOR LICENSED MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST EXAM CANDIDATES

BLACKOUT PERIOD (DECEMBER 1 –DECEMBER 31, 2015)

In order to ensure a successful exam restructure transition, the Board will be implementing an examination blackout period for Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT) examinations to ensure the integrity of examination candidate data during the transition. The examination blackout period will be from **December 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015**. The Board will work with candidates who have eligibility to ensure that they are not adversely affected.

If you are currently eligible to take the Standard Written Exam or the Clinical Vignette Exam you may schedule and take the exam before November 30, 2015. After November 30, 2015 you will not be able to schedule your exam.

On January 1, 2016 you will be able to schedule your exam. If you were eligible to take the Standard Written Exam, you will schedule and take the California Law & Ethics Exam. If you were eligible to take the Clinical Vignette Exam, you will schedule for and take the Clinical Exam.

HOW WILL THE EXAMS CHANGE?

CURRENT EXAMINATIONS FOR LMFT	NEW EXAMINATION FOR LMFT	
Standard Written Exam	California Law & Ethics Exam	75 items/2 hours 90 day waiting period between exams
Clinical Vignette Exam	Clinical Exam	200 items/4+ hours 120 day waiting period between exams

ARE YOU CURRENTLY ELIGIBLE FOR THE STANDARD WRITTEN EXAM?

- You will not have to submit an application to take the California Law & Ethics exam.
- To be able to participate in the Standard Written exam you must schedule with PSI and take the examination before November 30, 2015. If you do not participate in the Standard Written Exam by November 30, 2015 you will be required to take the California Law & Ethics Exam before your eligibility expiration date.

- After January 1, 2016 you will be able to schedule with PSI for the California Law & Ethics Exam.
- There will be a waiting period for exam results for individuals who take the exam between January 1, 2016 and February 15, 2016.

ARE YOU CURRENTLY ELIGIBLE FOR THE CLINICAL VIGNETTE EXAM?

- You will not have to submit an application to take the new Clinical exam.
- To be able to participate in the Clinical Vignette examination you must schedule with PSI and take the examination before November 30, 2015. If you do not participate in the Clinical Vignette Exam by November 30, 2015 you will be required to take the new Clinical Exam before your eligibility expiration date.
- After January 1, 2016 you will be able to schedule with PSI for the new Clinical Exam.
- There will be a waiting period for exam results for individuals who take the exam between January 1, 2016 and February 15, 2016.

ARE YOU CURRENTLY WAITING TO RETAKE THE STANDARD WRITTEN EXAM?

- If you are eligible to retake the Standard Written Exam (have submitted your form and fee and have passed the 180 day waiting period) you must schedule with PSI and take the examination before November 30, 2015. If you do not participate in the Standard Written Exam by November 30, 2015 you will be required to take the California Law & Ethics Exam before your eligibility expiration date.
- After January 1, 2016 you will be able to schedule with PSI for the California Law & Ethics Exam.
- There will be a waiting period for exam results for individuals who take the exam between January 1, 2016 and February 15, 2016.

ARE YOU CURRENTLY WAITING TO RETAKE THE CLINICAL VIGNETTE EXAM?

- If you are eligible to retake the Clinical Vignette Written Exam (have submitted your form and fee and have passed the 180 day waiting period) you may schedule with PSI and take the examination before November 30, 2015. If you do not participate in the Clinical Vignette Written Exam by November 30, 2015 you will be required to take the new Clinical Exam before your eligibility expiration date.
- After January 1, 2016 you will be able to schedule with PSI for the Clinical Exam.
- There will be a waiting period for exam results for individuals who take the exam between January 1, 2016 and February 15, 2016.

ARE YOU AWAITING APPROVAL OF YOUR APPLICATION FOR EXAMINATION ELIGIBILITY?

If you have already submitted an application for examination eligibility, the exam you will take and your ability to schedule will depend on the timing of your application approval, as follows:

- If your application is approved prior to November 30, 2015: If PSI has slots available on or before November 30, 2015, you may schedule and take the Standard Written Exam. You can also wait to schedule and take the Law and Ethics exam after January 1, 2016.
- If your application is approved on or after December 1, 2015: You will be eligible to schedule and take the California Law & Ethics exam after January 1, 2016.