## OVERVIEW OF THE BOARD'S LICENSING PROCESS

June 25, 2021

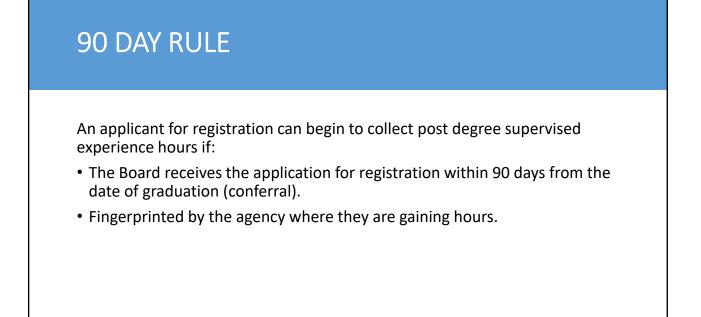


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REGISTRATION BY THE NUMBERS				
	INITIAL APPS RECEIVED	SUBSEQUENT APPS RECEIVED	REGISTRANT POPULATION	
AMFT	2,887	742	14,792	
ASW	3,237	653	16,572	
APCC	1,348	58	5,579	
TOTAL APPS RECEIVED	7,472	1,453	36,943	

## REGISTRATION ISSUES

Forget to renew (loss of hours, unlicensed practice)

Unaware that the CA Law & Ethics Exam is required for renewal

Unaware of the need to apply for a subsequent registration

Unaware of the prohibition of subsequent registrations in non-exempt settings

Unable to gain hours within six years (Average length to collect hours is three years)

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## CALIFORNIA LAW & ETHICS EXAM

- Simple form and fee for applying
- Applicants will be approved if they have a registration that is current, delinquent or cancelled
- The CA Law & Ethics Exam can be taken every 90 days
- If the candidate needs to retake the CA Law & Ethics Exam and they have a current or delinquent renewal, they will have to provide a certificate for completing a 12-hour CA Law & Ethics course with the retake application submitted after their last renewal

#### CALIFORNIA LAW & ETHICS EXAM DETAIL

	LMFT	LPCC	LCSW
DEVELOPED BY	Board of Behavioral Sciences and DCA Office of Professional Examination Services	Board of Behavioral Sciences and DCA Office of Professional Examination Services	Board of Behavioral Sciences and DCA Office of Professional Examination Services
SCORED QUESTIONS	50	50	50
PRE-TEST QUESTIONS	25	25	25
TIME ALLOTTED	90 Minutes	90 Minutes	90 Minutes
RETAKE WAIT PERIOD	90 Days	90 Days	90 Days
CURRENT PASS RATE (YTD)	82%	75%	80%
EXAMS ADMINISTERED (YTD)	3,543	1,311	3,693

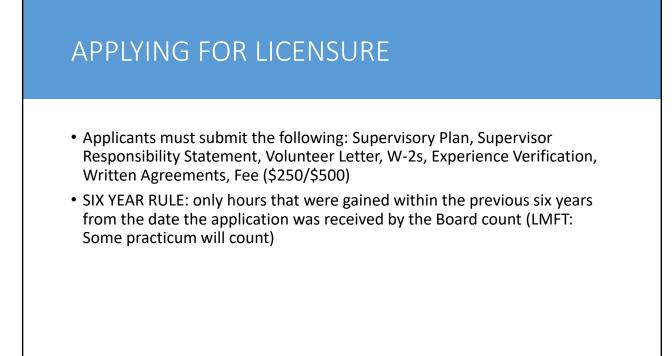
CA LAW & ETHICS EXAM ISSUES Unaware that the CA Law & Ethics Exam is needed for renewal

Confusion as to when the 12-hour CA Law & Ethics course is required for retake

There is no limit to the amount of exam attempts

Prevents issuance of a subsequent registration for those who have not passed

Depending on exam status a passing score may never expire (Clinical exam and seven-year rule)



LICENSE APPLICATIONS BY THE NUMBERS			
	LICENSE APPS RECEIVED (FY 20/21 to date)	LICENSING POPULATION	
LMFT	3,154	50,208	
LCSW	2,553	33,304	
LPCC	445	2,692	
TOTAL APPS RECEIVED	6,132	86,204	

## LICENSE APPLICATION ISSUES

Deficiencies (usually run about 20 30%)

Confusion about the six year rule for supervised experience and the six year limitation of a registration

Evaluation and calculation of hours can be complicated

Non qualifying degrees

Understanding of appropriate supervision settings

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# CLINICAL EXAM SPECIFICS

	LMFT	LPCC	LCSW	LEP
Developed By	Board of Behavioral Sciences and DCA Office of Professional Examination Services	National Board for Certified Counselors and the Center for Credentialing & Education (CCE)	Association of Social Work Boards	Board of Behavioral Sciences and DCA Office of Professional Examination Services
Scored Questions	150	Approx. 200	150	100
Pre-Test Questions	25	N/A	20	25
Time Allotted	240 Minutes	180 Minutes	240 Minutes	150 Minutes
Days Until Retake	120 Days	90 Days	90 Days	180 Days
Current Pass Rate (FY YTD)	77%	81%	81%	74%
Exams Administered (FY YTD)	4,315	324	3,584	173
LIMITATION: Must pass within se	even years from first attempt or need	to start over by taking the Law & Ethi	cs Exam	

## CLINICAL EXAM ISSUES

Candidate not maintaining their exam eligibility by taking the exam every year

Confusion about accepting the National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Exam

Candidates requesting extension of exam eligibility

The California exam may not be recognized by other jurisdictions

