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To: Board Members Date: January 24, 2023

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Subject: Update on Board Rulemaking Proposals

Below is the status of Board-approved regulation proposals. See **Attachment** for information on the required steps of the regulatory process.

Continuing Education and Additional Training Requirements

Status: Approved by the Office of Administrative Law and takes effect July 1, 2023

This proposal does the following:

- Update content requirements for human sexuality, child abuse assessment and reporting, and alcoholism and other chemical substance dependency courses and create consistency in the required qualifications for course providers.
- Strike the 18-hour CE exception for initial renewal periods.
- Recast CE "exceptions" as "temporary waivers" and modify CE waiver criteria.
- Require licensees who are granted a waiver to complete six hours of CE in law and ethics.
- Update CE waiver forms incorporated by reference for consistency with the proposed updated requirements and for clarity.
- Specify that a maximum of 18 hours of CE may be met by teaching courses each renewal period, and that the course taught must be for a Board-accepted provider to count.
- Allow a licensee who completes a Board occupational analysis survey to be credited with six hours of CE.
- Repeal outdated regulations pertaining to the Board's former CE program.
- Clarify that professional associations are the only type of organization that may be recognized by the Board as a CE provider.

<u>Examination Waiting Periods, Professional Corporations, Accrediting Agencies</u> and Equivalent Degrees

Status: Approved by the Office of Administrative Law and takes effect April 1, 2023

This proposal would update examination waiting periods for consistency with current practice, add Licensed Professional Clinical Counselors to code sections pertaining to ownership, transfer of shares and naming of professional corporations, delete outdated text pertaining to equivalent accrediting agencies for marriage and family therapist applicants, and specify the accrediting agencies that are acceptable for licensed educational psychologist applicant degree programs.

Enforcement Process

Status: Under review by the Board's Policy and Advocacy Committee

This proposal would result in updates to the Board's disciplinary process. It would also make updates to the Board's "Uniform Standards Related to Substance Abuse and Disciplinary Guidelines (Revised October 2015)," which are incorporated by reference into the Board's regulations. The proposed changes fall into three general categories:

- 1. Amendments seeking to strengthen certain penalties that are available to the Board:
- 2. Amendments seeking to update regulations or the Uniform Standards/Guidelines in response to statutory changes to the Business and Professions Code; and
- 3. Amendments to clarify language that has been identified as unclear or needing further detail.

The proposal was approved by the Board at its meeting in February 2017 and was submitted to the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) to begin the initial review process in July 2017. This regulation package was placed on hold due to the passage of AB 2138. AB 2138 was approved in December 2020, so this proposal is able to move forward again. Staff have proposed additional edits to the document since this time.

Attachment

DCA Regulation Process

Regulation Package Approval Process

Concept Phase



Production Phase



Initial Filing Phase



Final Filing Phase

- Kick-Off Meeting with relevant Board and DCA staff to discuss potential regulation.
- Board staff drafts proposed regulation.
- Regulations Counsel and Second Level Reviewer reviews and approves proposed regulation.
- Board meeting is held, proposed regulation text is presented for vote and approval.

Phase Goal: Proposed Regulation is drafted and approved by the Board to move forward.

- After the Board approves the proposed text, Board staff develop remaining documents in the initial regulatory package.
- Regulation package is prepared with assistance from DCA Budget Analyst and Board Regulations Counsel.
- Following review and approval of the regulatory package by the Budget Analyst and Regulations Counsel, the package is reviewed and approved by the DCA Director and Agency.

Phase Goal: Regulation Package is approved by Agency.

- Following Agency approval, the regulatory package is submitted to OAL for publication in the Notice Register for a 45-day comment period.
- If comments are received, Board Staff draft responses for review by the Regulations Counsel.
- Board meeting is held to approve the responses and modified text, if necessary.
- If substantial changes are made to the text, a 15-day comment period commences.

Phase Goal: Completion of the Public Comment Period with all comments appropriately addressed and any changes to the text approved by the Board.

- Board Staff develops and submits a final regulatory package to the Regulations Coordinator for review.
- If there is a fiscal impact to the regulations, the Budget Analyst submits the package to the Department of Finance (DOF) for review and approval, as necessary.
- The package is reviewed by Regulations Counsel, DCA Director, and Agency.
- Final package is submitted to OAL.
- OAL approves package, Board Staff updates the Board website with the new regulation, and contacts interested parties with notification of the effective date.

Regulatory Package.



Note:

All references to
timeframes
throughout the
Phases shall be
calendar days, unless
the Parties agree
otherwise during the
kick-off meeting or
subsequently to
alternative
timeframes.

Light Blue: B/B Staff/Reg Counsel, Board Counsel, Second Level Reviewer, Budget Staff

Purple: Second Level Reviewer

Orange: B/B Staff Gray: Reg Counsel

Concept Phase

Meet to discuss regulatory concept, confirm statutory authority, walk through six standards from OAL, and determine if there is fiscal/economic impact.

(B/B Staff, Reg Counsel, Board Counsel, Second Level Reviewer, Budget Staff)

Based upon discussion, draft text and incorporate reference documents for proposed regulation, if any, and provide draft text to Reg Counsel. (B/B staff)

Note:

30-day timeframe for reviewing of proposed regulations and legal research. Review proposed regulations, conduct necessary legal research, make necessary edits to language directly to the document, including any related documents, and pose any questions for consideration. (Reg Counsel)

Set meeting with B/B staff to present edits and discuss questions identified from review. (Reg Counsel)

After meeting, finalize regulation language with edits discussed, obtain approval from Executive Officer or Bureau Chief, and submit to Reg Counsel. (B/B staff)

May share proposed text with Board Counsel for review and edit document with any suggestions. (Reg Counsel)

Make any additional edits to the regulation language and submit to Second Level Reviewer. (Reg Counsel)

Note:

Regulation Counsel and Second Level Reviewer have a 30day timeframe for reviewing and finalizing regulation language. Review text for compliance with applicable laws and for relevant departmental uniformity and consistency. (Second Level Review)

Discuss regulation language edits with Reg Counsel. (Second Level Review)

Discuss edits with B/B [may need to meet if edits extensive]. (Reg Counsel)

Finalize regulations and submit to Reg Counsel for final review. (B/B staff)

Concur text is ready for B/B consideration. (Reg Counsel)

If necessary, prepare board meeting materials. (B/B staff)

Review agenda item and board memos or item summaries for B/B meeting at which proposed regulation text is presented. (Reg Counsel)

Attend B/B meeting at which proposed regulation text is presented to B/B for vote and approval, and answer questions or concerns. (Reg Counsel)



Note:

If suggestions are substantial from the Board Counsel, the Regulations Counsel may need to confer with Staff and Executive Officer or Bureau Chief.

Note:

Additional revisions
to the text may raise
new legal issues not
previously identified,
which may also alter
the review
timeframe.



Production Phase After Board/Bureau approves the regulatory text, begin preparing the regulation package for submission. (B/B Staff) Review and analyze text, ISOR, and documents incorporated by reference for fiscal and economic impacts and review Std. Form 399 draft. (Budget Analyst) Make necessary edits to the ISOR and Std. Form 399 and any other documents. (Budget Analyst) Review and make necessary edits directly to the Note: regulation package. (Reg Counsel) Regulations Counsel review will be completed within a 30-day Set meeting with Staff to present edits to documents and timeframe. discuss the questions identified from the review. (Reg Counsel) Finalize the regulation package with edits discussed, obtain approval from the Executive Officer or Bureau Chief, and submit to Regulations Counsel and Budget Analyst. (B/B Staff) Complete final review of the regulation package, working with Staff, until the package is complete. (Reg Counsel) Approve the package, initial the Std. Form 399, and forward the approved form to the Regulations Coordinator with a copy to Regulations Counsel. (Budget Analyst) Request Staff to submit final initial package to Regulations Coordinator. (Reg Counsel) Review regulation package for completeness and forward the package to the Director for review and approval. (Regulations Coordinator) Review and approve regulations package. (DCA Director) Upon Director approval, submit the regulation package to Agency. (Regulations Coordinator) Notify Regulations Coordinator of regulation package approval. (Agency) Notify B/B Staff of regulation package approval. (Regulations Coordinator)



Blue: Agency

Yellow: DCA Director Green: Regulations

Coordinator Red: Budget Analyst Orange: B/B Staff

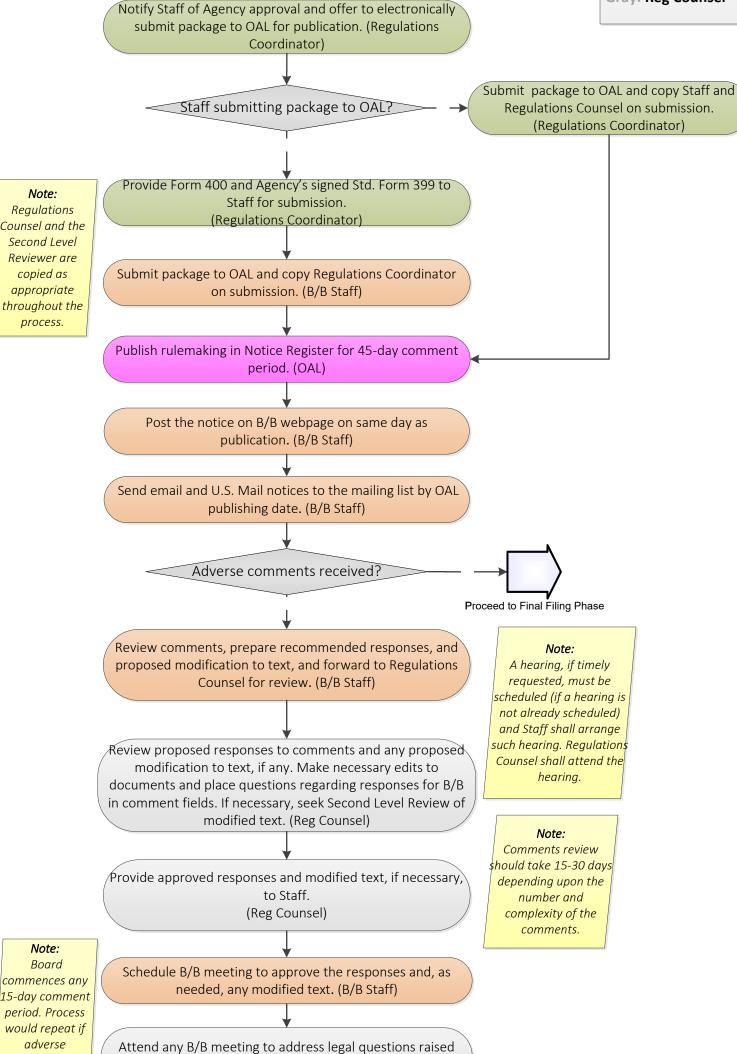
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Initial Filing Phase

Green: Regulations Coordinator Orange: B/B Staff

Pink: OAL

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regarding comments or modified text, if any. (Reg Counsel)

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Note: Board

commences any

period. Process would repeat if adverse

comments were

received, and edits or responses were

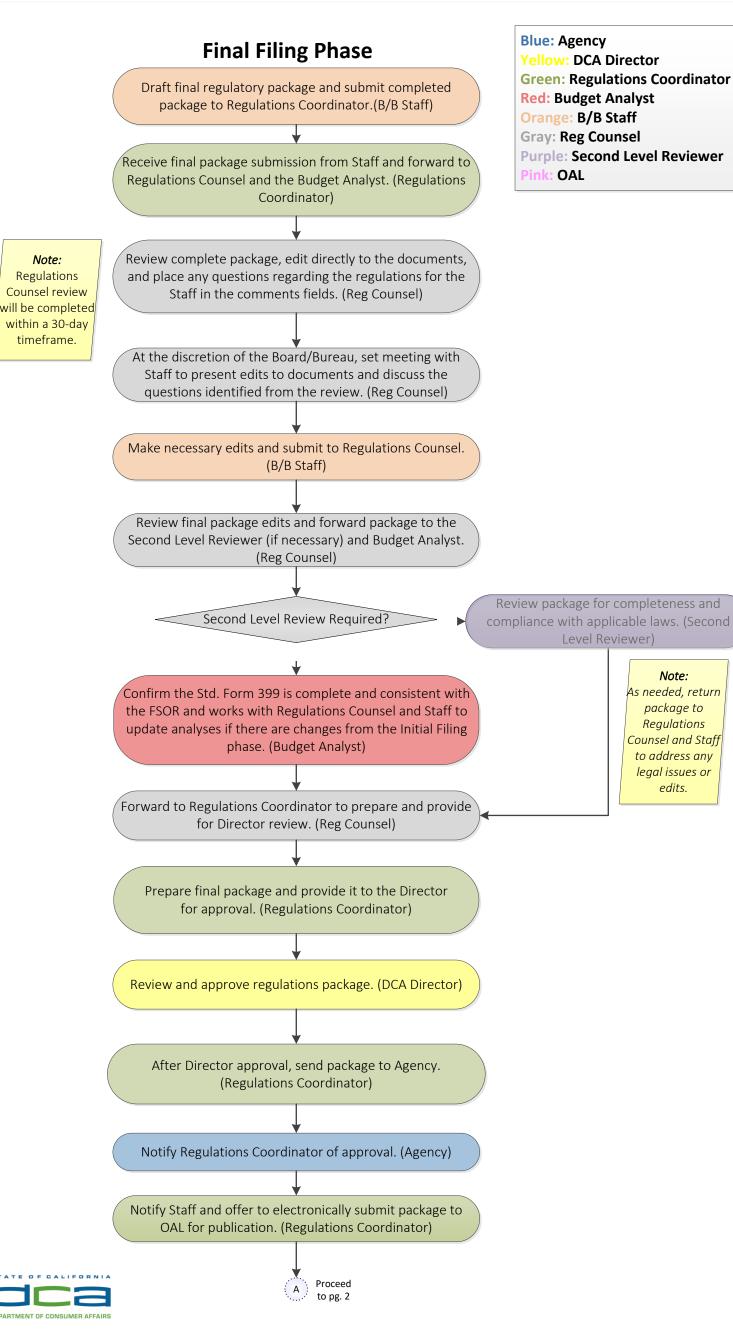
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Counsel and the Second Level Reviewer are

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throughout the process.



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