

APPLICATION FOR
**INITIAL CALIFORNIA
LAW & ETHICS EXAMINATION**



Instructions and Important Information

Read Carefully Before Completing Your Application

WHO MAY APPLY

This application may ONLY be used by the following individuals:

- Applicants who have held an Associate registration and have not ever taken the Law and Ethics Exam; and
- Out-of-state applicants who have submitted an *Application for Licensure*, have received notice of approval, and have been instructed to apply for the Law and Ethics exam.

If you have previously taken the Law and Ethics Exam, you must instead submit a [Request for Re-Examination](#).

HOW TO APPLY

1. Ensure that your current email address is on file via the [BreEZe system online](#). *Otherwise you will not receive notice that you are eligible to take the exam.*
2. Complete the attached application.
3. **FEE:** Attach a \$150 check or money order payable to “Behavioral Sciences Fund”:
4. Submit your application and fee to the address below:

Board of Behavioral Sciences
1625 North Market Blvd., Suite S200
Sacramento CA 95834

Alternatively, you may apply via the [BreEZe system online](#).

APPLICANTS PURSUING DUAL LICENSURE

The California Law and Ethics Examination is different for each license type. A separate application and fee are required for each examination.

TO CONFIRM RECEIPT OF APPLICATION

To confirm receipt, mail your application using a method that includes tracking. You may also contact your bank to see if your check has been cashed.

ADDRESS CHANGE

If your address has changed, be sure to update it ASAP online at www.breeze.ca.gov.

APPLICATION PROCESSING TIME

Allow 4–6 weeks for processing. Please do not contact the Board to check on the status unless your application has been on file for 45 or more days. Pearson Vue administers the exam. After the Board processes your application, you will receive an e-mail notifying you of eligibility from Pearson Vue. You may contact Pearson Vue to schedule your exam once you receive the email. Do not attempt to schedule a date with Pearson Vue until you receive notification of eligibility. Pearson Vue testing centers are located throughout the state as well as some out of state, offering testing 5–6 days a week. Refer to the [Candidate Handbook](#) for testing site locations.

EXPEDITED PROCESSING

The Board is required to expedite the licensure process for the following applicants:

- **Honorably discharged veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces** pursuant to Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 115.4. Download the request form from the Board's [website](#) and include it ON TOP OF your application.
- **Spouses/Partners of persons on active duty military** pursuant to BPC section 115.5. Download the request form from the Board's [website](#) and include it ON TOP OF your application.
- **Refugees / Asylees / Special Immigrant Status Holders ("SI" or "SQ")** pursuant to BPC section 135.4. Download the request form from the Board's [website](#) and include it ON TOP OF your application.

TESTING ACCOMMODATIONS

Reasonable accommodations will be provided to candidates who have a qualifying disability or medical condition. All testing sites are physically accessible to individuals with disabilities. All other accommodations require pre-approval of a [Request for Accommodation](#). If English is your second language (ESL), you may [apply for an ESL accommodation](#).

LAW AND ETHICS EXAM – IMPACT ON ASSOCIATE REGISTRATION RENEWAL

Registrants Must Take the California Law and Ethics Exam to Renew

You are required to take the California Law and Ethics Exam for the license type you are pursuing while a registrant in order to renew (unless you have already passed the California Law and Ethics Exam). Your registration will not be renewable until you have taken the required exam.

Passing Score Required for Issuance of a Subsequent Registration

Applicants cannot be issued a subsequent ASW, AMFT, or APCC registration (second or third number, etc.) without first passing the California Law and Ethics Exam. (Note: Applicants who have already passed the Standard Written exam do not have to pass the Law and Ethics exam unless it has been more than seven years since they passed the Standard Written.)

QUESTIONS?

Please visit the **Contact Us** link at www.bbs.ca.gov and select an option under “Message the Board.”

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Attach \$150 Fee

Allow 45 Days for Processing

Examination Type (SELECT ONLY ONE):

- LCSW Law and Ethics Examination
- LPCC Law and Ethics Examination
- LMFT Law and Ethics Examination

SSN or ITIN*:

Legal Name:**

Last

First

Middle

* You may provide either your Social Security Number, your Federal Employer Identification Number, or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, as applicable.

** You must use your legal name. Your "legal name" is the name established legally by your birth certificate, marriage or domestic partnership certificate, or divorce decree (for example). If you have a name change that you would like processed with your application, you must attach the "Notification of Name Change" form and all required documentation. This form is available online at https://www.bbs.ca.gov/pdf/forms/change_name.pdf. Your license will reflect your new name only if a complete "Notification of Name Change" is received with your application. Do not send original documents unless specifically requested.

NOTE: Knowingly providing false information or omitting pertinent information may be grounds for denial of this application.

Signature of Applicant

Date