

**State of California
Office of Administrative Law**

**In re:
Board of Behavioral Sciences**

Regulatory Action:

Title 16, California Code of Regulations

**Amend sections: 1816, 1816.1, 1816.2,
1816.4**

**NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF REGULATORY
ACTION**

Government Code Section 11349.3

OAL Matter Number: 2025-1222-02

OAL Matter Type: Regular (S)

In this rulemaking action, the Board of Behavioral Sciences reduces fees for applications, examinations, licensure, and renewals for the professionals it regulates.

OAL approves this regulatory action pursuant to section 11349.3 of the Government Code. This regulatory action becomes effective on 7/1/2026.

Date: February 4, 2026



Andrea Christensen
Senior Attorney

For: Kenneth J. Pogue
Director

Original: Steve Sodergren, Executive
Officer

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NOTICE PUBLICATION/REGULATIONS FORM

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AGENCY WITH RULEMAKING AUTHORITY
Board of Behavioral Sciences

AGENCY FILE NUMBER (If any)

A. PUBLICATION OF NOTICE (Complete for publication in Notice Register)

1. SUBJECT OF NOTICE Fee Reductions	TITLE(S) 16	FIRST SECTION AFFECTED 1816	2. REQUESTED PUBLICATION DATE 09/19/2025
3. NOTICE TYPE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice re Proposed Regulatory Action <input type="checkbox"/> Other	4. AGENCY CONTACT PERSON Rachael Lanzone	TELEPHONE NUMBER (916) 574-7919	FAX NUMBER (Optional)
OAL USE ONLY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACTION ON PROPOSED NOTICE <input type="checkbox"/> Approved as Submitted <input type="checkbox"/> Approved as Modified <input type="checkbox"/> Disapproved/Withdrawn	NOTICE REGISTER NUMBER 2025, 38-2	PUBLICATION DATE 09/19/2025

B. SUBMISSION OF REGULATIONS (Complete when submitting regulations)

1a. SUBJECT OF REGULATION(S) Fee Reductions	1b. ALL PREVIOUS RELATED OAL REGULATORY ACTION NUMBER(S)		
2. SPECIFY CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS TITLE(S) AND SECTION(S) (Including title 26, if toxics related)			
SECTION(S) AFFECTED (List all section number(s) individually. Attach additional sheet if needed.)	ADOPT AMEND Sections 1816, 1816.1, 1816.2 and 1816.4		
TITLE(S) Title 16	REPEAL		
3. TYPE OF FILING			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular Rulemaking (Gov. Code §11346)	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Compliance: The agency officer named below certifies that this agency complied with the provisions of Gov. Code §§11346.2-11347.3 either before the emergency regulation was adopted or within the time period required by statute.	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Readopt (Gov. Code, §11346.1(h))	<input type="checkbox"/> Changes Without Regulatory Effect (Cal. Code Regs., title 1, §100)
<input type="checkbox"/> Resubmittal of disapproved or withdrawn nonemergency filing (Gov. Code §§11349.3, 11349.4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Resubmittal of disapproved or withdrawn emergency filing (Gov. Code, §11346.1)	<input type="checkbox"/> File & Print	<input type="checkbox"/> Print Only
<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency (Gov. Code, §11346.1(b))		<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	

4. ALL BEGINNING AND ENDING DATES OF AVAILABILITY OF MODIFIED REGULATIONS AND/OR MATERIAL ADDED TO THE RULEMAKING FILE (Cal. Code Regs., title 1, §44, and Gov. Code, §11347.1)

N/A

5. EFFECTIVE DATE OF CHANGES (Gov. Code, §§ 11343.4, 11346.1(d); Cal. Code Regs., title 1, §100)

<input type="checkbox"/> Effective January 1, April 1, July 1, or October 1 (Gov. Code §11343.4(a))	<input type="checkbox"/> Effective on filing with Secretary of State	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Changes Without Regulatory Effect	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Effective other (Specify) July 1, 2026
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6. CHECK IF THESE REGULATIONS REQUIRE NOTICE TO, OR REVIEW, CONSULTATION, APPROVAL OR CONCURRENCE BY, ANOTHER AGENCY OR ENTITY

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Department of Finance (Form STD. 399) (SAM §6660)	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair Political Practices Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> State Fire Marshal
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Kimberly Kirchmeyer, Director, Department of Consumer Affairs	Kimberly Kirchmeyer	

7. CONTACT PERSON Rachael Lanzone	TELEPHONE NUMBER (916) 574-7919	FAX NUMBER (Optional)	E-MAIL ADDRESS (Optional) rachael.lanzone@dca.ca.gov
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8. I certify that the attached copy of the regulation(s) is a true and correct copy of the regulation(s) identified on this form, that the information specified on this form is true and correct, and that I am the head of the agency taking this action, or a designee of the head of the agency, and am authorized to make this certification.

SIGNATURE OF AGENCY HEAD OR DESIGNEE Steve Sodergren	DATE 12/15/2025
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TYPED NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNATORY Steve Sodergren, Executive Officer	For use by Office of Administrative Law (OAL) only
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of the State of California

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Office of Administrative Law

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

ORDER OF ADOPTION

The Board of Behavioral Sciences of the Department of Consumer Affairs hereby amends regulations in Division 18 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, to read as follows:

§ 1816. Renewal Fees.

- (a) The annual renewal fee for associate marriage and family therapist registration is one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00)-except for the period of time in subsection (h).
- (b) The annual renewal fee for associate clinical social worker registration is one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00)-except for the period of time in subsection (i).
- (c) The annual renewal fee for associate professional clinical counselors registration is one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00)-except for the period of time in subsection (j).
- (d) The biennial active renewal fee for a licensed marriage and family therapist is two hundred dollars (\$200.00)-except for the period of time in subsection (k).
- (e) The biennial active renewal fee for a licensed educational psychologist is two hundred dollars (\$200.00)-except for the period of time in subsection (l).
- (f) The biennial active renewal fee for a licensed clinical social worker is two hundred dollars (\$200.00)-except for the period of time in subsection (m).
- (g) The biennial active renewal fee for a licensed professional clinical counselor is two hundred dollars (\$200.00)-except for the period of time in subsection (n).
- (h) For the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030, the annual renewal fee for associate marriage and family therapist registration is seventy-five dollars (\$75.00).
 - (i) For the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030, the annual renewal fee for associate clinical social worker registration is seventy-five dollars (\$75.00).
 - (j) For the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030, the annual renewal fee for associate professional clinical counselor registration is seventy-five dollars (\$75.00).
 - (k) For the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030, the biennial active renewal fee for a licensed marriage and family therapist is one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
 - (l) For the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030, the biennial active renewal fee for a licensed educational psychologist is one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

(m) For the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030, the biennial active renewal fee for a licensed clinical social worker is one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

(n) For the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030, the biennial active renewal fee for a licensed professional clinical counselor is one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 128.5, 4980.60 and 4990.20(a), Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 128.5, 4984.7, 4989.68, 4996.3 and 4999.120, Business and Professions Code.

§ 1816.1. Initial License and Registration Fees.

- (a) The fee for initial issuance of the licensed marriage and family therapist license shall be two hundred dollars (\$200.00)- except for the period of time in subsection (h).
- (b) The fee for initial issuance of the licensed educational psychologist license shall be two hundred dollars (\$200.00)- except for the period of time in subsection (i).
- (c) The fee for initial issuance of the licensed clinical social worker license shall be two hundred dollars (\$200.00)- except for the period of time in subsection (j).
- (d) The fee for initial issuance of the licensed professional clinical counselor license shall be two hundred dollars (\$200.00)- except for the period of time in subsection (k).
- (e) The application fee for an associate professional clinical counselor registration shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00)- except for the period of time in subsection (l).
- (f) The application fee for an associate marriage and family therapist registration shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00)- except for the period of time in subsection (m).
- (g) The application fee for an associate clinical social worker registration shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00)- except for the period of time in subsection (n).
- (h) For the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030, the fee for initial issuance of the licensed marriage and family therapist license is one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
- (i) For the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030, the fee for initial issuance of the licensed educational psychologist license is one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
- (j) For the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030, the fee for initial license issuance of the licensed clinical social worker license is one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
- (k) For the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030, the fee for the initial license issuance of the licensed professional clinical counselor license is one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

- (l) For the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030, the application fee for an associate professional clinical counselor registration is seventy-five dollars (\$75.00).
- (m) For the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030, the application fee for an associate marriage and family therapist registration is seventy-five dollars (\$75.00).
- (n) For the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030, the application fee for an associate clinical social worker registration is seventy-five dollars (\$75.00).

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 128.5, 4980.60 and 4990.20(a), Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 128.5, 4984.7, 4989.68, 4996.3 and 4999.120, Business and Professions Code.

§ 1816.2. Examination Fees.

- (a) The licensed clinical social worker California law and ethics examination fee shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00), except for the period of time in subsection (f).
- (b) The licensed marriage and family therapist California law and ethics examination fee shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00), except for the period of time in subsection (g).
- (c) The board-administered licensed marriage and family therapist clinical examination fee shall be two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00), except for the period of time in subsection (h).
- (d) The licensed educational psychologist written examination fee shall be two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00), except for the period of time in subsection (i).
- (e) The licensed professional clinical counselor California law and ethics examination shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00), except for the period of time in subsection (j).
- (f) For the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030, the fee for the licensed clinical social worker California law and ethics examination is seventy-five dollars (\$75.00).
- (g) For the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030, the fee for the licensed marriage and family therapist California law and ethics examination is seventy-five dollars (\$75.00).
- (h) For the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030, the fee for the board-administered licensed marriage and family therapist clinical examination is one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125.00).

- (i) For the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030, the fee for the licensed educational psychologist written examination is one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125.00).
- (j) For the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030, the fee for the licensed professional clinical counselor California law and ethics examination is seventy-five dollars (\$75.00).

NOTE: Authority Cited: 128.5, 4980.60 and 4990.20(a), Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 128.5, 4984.7, 4989.68, 4996.3, and 4999.120, Business and Professions Code.

§ 1816.4. Examination Eligibility Application Fees. Fees for Application for Licensure.

- (a) The fee for the licensed marriage and family therapist application for licensure shall be two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00). except for the period of time in subsection (e).
- (b) The fee for the licensed clinical social worker application for licensure shall be two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00). except for the period of time in subsection (f).
- (c) The fee for the licensed educational psychologist application for licensure shall be two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00). except for the period of time in subsection (g).
- (d) The fee for the licensed professional clinical counselor application for licensure shall be two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00). except for the period of time in subsection (h).
- (e) For the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030, the fee for the licensed marriage and family therapist application for licensure is one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125.00).
- (f) For the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030, the fee for the licensed clinical social worker application for licensure is one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125.00).
- (g) For the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030, the fee for the licensed educational psychologist application for licensure is one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125.00).
- (h) For the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030, the fee for the licensed professional clinical counselor application for licensure is one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125.00).

NOTE: Authority Cited: Sections 128.5, 4980.60 and 4990.20 (a), Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 128.5, 4984.7, 4989.68, 4996.3, and 4999.120, Business and Professions Code.