



Notice of Proposed Changes in the Regulations of the Alaska Board of Professional Counselors

Proposed Regulations - FAQ

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1. What is the purpose of the proposed regulations? What will this regulation do?

12 AAC 62.130. This change will repeal the requirement for those applying for a license by credentials to submit verification of continuing education credits.

12 AAC 62.200. This change will grant the board the authority to ask professional fitness questions on the application for an approved supervisor certification. The questions will relate to previous discipline received for ethics violations and will allow the board to determine qualification for the approved supervisor certification.

2. What are the costs to comply with the proposed regulations?

There is no expected cost to comply with the proposed regulations.

3. What are the positive and negative consequences of the regulations?

12 AAC 62.130. This will remove potential barriers to licensure for applicants that are currently licensed in this profession by another jurisdiction. The applicant will have taken continuing education to meet the guidelines of the licensing jurisdiction in which they hold a current license, which may differ from the requirements in Alaska.

12 AAC 62.200. Currently, there are no limitations on qualifying for an approved supervisor certification based on previous ethics violations. This will support the board's mission of public protection to ensure that ethical individuals are providing supervision to applicants working towards licensure by this board.

There are no negative consequences to the proposed changes.

4. If someone received a license by credentials, are they required to receive continuing education for renewal?

Yes. This change does not remove the continuing education requirements for renewal. If someone has received a license via credentials, they must still meet the requirements in 12 AAC

62.310 before qualifying for renewal. The proposed regulation change only removes the continuing education requirement for initial licensure.

5. When will the regulations be effective?

After the public comment deadline, comments received are compiled and given to the Board for consideration. The Board may adopt the regulation as written/publicly noticed, may amend and adopt them, choose to take no action, or may withdraw the proposed regulations in part or in its whole. After Board action, the adopted regulations go to Department of Law (DOL) for final review/approval. DOL either approves or disapproves regulations. Once approved by DOL, it goes to the Lt. Governor for filing. Regulation takes effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the Lt. Governor.

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