



Notice of Proposed Changes to Occupational Licensing Fees for Professions Regulated by 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 02.325. Board of Professional Counselors The proposed changes will increase fees for initial licenses and renewals for professional counselors, and will establish new fees for the new associate counselor license and the newly regulated approved counselor supervisor certification.

2. What are the proposed fees?

Current fees are \$250 for the professional counselor initial license and license renewal fees, the new proposed fees for both are \$270. The current board-approved supervisor fee is a one-time fee of \$150, now that the certification is no longer perpetual and is required to be renewed, the new fees are \$200 for initial certification and certification renewal. Associate counselor fees will include a \$200 application fee and a \$150 initial license and renewal fee.

(Words in **boldface and underlined** indicate language being added; words [CAPITALIZED AND BRACKETED] indicate language being deleted. Complete new sections are not in boldface or underlined.)

12 AAC 02.325. Board of Professional Counselors. (a) The following fees are established for professional counselors:

- (1) application fee for [ANY] initial license, \$200;
- (2) license fee for all or part of **the** [ANY] initial biennial license period, **\$270** [\$250];
- (3) [ANY] biennial license renewal fee, **\$270** [\$250];
- (4) ANY BOARD-APPROVED SUPERVISOR FEE, \$150].

12 AAC 02.325 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

(b) The following fees are established for associate counselors:

- (1) application fee for initial license, \$200;
- (2) license fee for all or part of the initial biennial license period, \$150;
- (3) biennial renewal fee, \$150.

(c) The following fees are established for approved counselor supervisors:

- (1) certification fee for all or part of the initial biennial license period, \$200;
- (2) biennial certification renewal fee, \$200.

3. How are the estimated costs determined?

AS 08.01.065 requires *all costs* of regulating the profession to be borne by its licensees. The proposed fees are based on known and anticipated costs.

4. What do licensing fees pay for?

Professional license fees fund all activities required to administer and regulate a profession, including processing applications and renewals, maintaining records and systems, conducting investigations, audits, supporting enforcement and disciplinary actions, and covering board operations such as meetings, travel, legal assistance, and regulatory development. Because licensing programs must be financially self-sustaining, these fees ensure the full cost of oversight, regulation, and program stability is paid by the licensees themselves.

5. When will the new fees be effective?

After the public comment deadline, comments received are compiled and given to the Department for consideration. The Department 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 Department 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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