

**OREGON BOARD OF LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS & THERAPISTS
PROPOSED CHANGES TO ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
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833-050-0061

Effective Dates of Intern Registration

(1) Initial registration as an intern will be effective when applicant completes the registration process that includes approval of completed request and internship plan.

(2) An intern must practice under supervision until all license requirements are met and the license is granted;

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Intern Registration Renewal

(1) Intern must renew registration annually within 30 days of the intern's annual renewal date. Annual renewal date is the first day of the month of initial registration.

(2) Registration renewal requires the intern to provide to the Board a renewal fee as established in OAR 833-070-0011, renewal forms, and updated Professional Disclosure Statement.

(43) If the intern does not provide the required fee and documents within 30 days of renewal, the internship will be expired.

(54) Renewal may be denied if any of the conditions of the plan are not being met.

(5) Interns must renew registration annually until being granted a license or the expiration of intern registration.

833-100-0021 Informed Consent

(14) Licensees and registered interns obtain written informed consent from each client for rendering professional services. Informed consent constitutes informing the client as early in the therapeutic relationship as possible:

- a) The nature and anticipated course of therapy;**
- b) Services and approaches to be used;**
- c) Potential risks or experimental methods proposed;**
- d) Alternatives for treatment;**
- e) Fees;**
- f) Involvement of third parties;**

- g) Limits of confidentiality; and**
- h) The client's right to accept or refuse part or all therapeutic treatment.**

(15) Licensees or registered interns may submit a written request for an exemption to distribution of informed consent. The licensee or intern must:

- (a) Satisfy the Board that there is good cause may be exempted from specific requirements; and**
- (b) Obtain written exemption from the Board.**
- (c) Situations qualifying for waiver include but are not limited to licensees or registered interns providing crisis services.**

(16) A licensee makes available as part of the disclosure statement a bill of rights of clients, including a statement that consumers of counseling or therapy services offered by Oregon licensees have the right:

- (a) To expect that a licensee has met the minimum qualifications of training and experience required by state law;
- (b) To examine public records maintained by the Board and to have the Board confirm credentials of a licensee;
- (c) To obtain a copy of the Code of Ethics;
- (d) To report complaints to the Board;
- (e) To be informed of the cost of professional services before receiving the services;
- (f) To be assured of privacy and confidentiality while receiving services as defined by rule or law, including the following exceptions:
 - (A) Reporting suspected child abuse;
 - (B) Reporting imminent danger to the client or others;
 - (C) Reporting information required in court proceedings or by client's insurance company or other relevant agencies;
 - (D) Providing information concerning licensee case consultation or supervision; and
 - (E) Defending claims brought by the client against licensee;
- (g) To be free from being the object of discrimination on any basis listed in subsection (9) of this rule while receiving services.

(~~46~~ **17**) A licensee terminates a client relationship when it is reasonably clear that the treatment no longer serves the client's needs or interests. Whenever possible prior to termination, a licensee provides pre-termination counseling and recommendations and alternatives for the client.