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AMEND: 833-020-0041

RULE TITLE: Direct Method

NOTICE FILED DATE: 04/09/2026

RULE SUMMARY: Clarifies requirements for direct method application.

RULE TEXT:

(1) The direct method is required for applicants who have completed the supervised clinical experience completed requirements set forth in OAR 833-030-0021 for LPC or OAR 833-040-0021 for LMFT.

(2) The direct method requires the applicant to document no less than the total minimum number of supervised clinical experience hours required for licensure, all of which must have been completed prior to the date of application for licensure.

(3) Applicants seeking licensure as a professional counselor must meet the requirements specified in OAR 833, division 30.

(4) Applicants seeking licensure as a marriage and family therapist must meet the requirements specified in OAR 833, division 40.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 675.785 - 675.835

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 675.785 - 675.835

AMEND: 833-020-0081

RULE TITLE: Examination

NOTICE FILED DATE: 04/09/2026

RULE SUMMARY: Removes automatic license denial and one-year wait period for licensure candidates that fail the competency examination for a third time, and adds provision for study plan after second failure.

RULE TEXT:

- (1) All applicants must pass a competency exam and an Oregon law and rules exam approved by the Board.
- (2) Applicants who have passed the competency exam within 10 years prior to applying for licensure are not required to retake the exam.
- (3) Applicants applying by the reciprocity method who have passed the competency exam 10 years or more prior to applying for licensure in Oregon must:
 - (a) Retake the exam; or
 - (b) Document completion of continuing education activities which at minimum meet the requirements described in OAR chapter 833, division 80 within the 24-month period prior to application or initial licensure.
- (4) In lieu of exam verification, applicants applying by the reciprocity method who have maintained a comparable license in another jurisdiction for at least two years may complete continuing education in accordance with section (3)(b) of this rule to satisfy the competency exam requirement.
- (5) Re-examination. Any candidate who fails to achieve a passing score on the competency examination shall be allowed to retake the examination a second time. If the examination is failed a second time, the Board may require the candidate to submit a written study plan for approval prior to each subsequent re-examination.
- (6) Special Accommodations. Requests for special accommodations for a disability or for English as a second language must be made at the time the written request to sit for the examination is made, or when the disability becomes known to the applicant. The request must include:
 - (a) Disability. Written verification of the disability from a qualified care provider (i.e. a person certified or licensed by the state to provide such services) detailing:
 - (A) Nature, extent, and duration of disability; and
 - (B) Recommendation(s) for accommodation.
 - (b) English as Language Learners. Written request for reasonable accommodation detailing:
 - (A) Level of proficiency in English including, but not limited to, number of years speaking and/or writing English;
 - (B) History of special accommodations granted in similar testing circumstances;
 - (C) Other information to support request for special accommodation; and
 - (D) Recommendation(s) for accommodation.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 675.785 - 675.835, 676.160 - 676.180

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 675.785 - 675.835

AMEND: 833-050-0011

RULE TITLE: Associate Registration Method

NOTICE FILED DATE: 04/09/2026

RULE SUMMARY: Clarifies requirements for associate registration method application.

RULE TEXT:

The associate registration method is required for applicants who have not yet met the post-degree supervised clinical experience requirements set forth in OAR 833-030-0021 for LPC or OAR 833-040-0021 for LMFT. The associate registration method requires applicants to obtain Board approval of an associate registration plan for completing required supervised direct client contact.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 675.785 - 675.835

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 675.785 - 675.835

AMEND: 833-110-0031

RULE TITLE: Representations to the Board

NOTICE FILED DATE: 04/09/2026

RULE SUMMARY: Prohibits licensees, residents, temporary practitioners, and applicants from making misrepresentations to the Board or allowing third parties to submit responses to Board forms on their behalf. Sets forth that failure to comply violates statute and may be grounds for sanction.

RULE TEXT:

- (1) Policy. To carry out its public protection mandate, the Board must ensure the accuracy, integrity, and authenticity of its processes and the information it receives and relies upon to make decisions. This rule applies to all licensees, registered associates, temporary practitioners, and applicants (collectively, "subjects").
- (2) Subjects must not make omissions or false, misleading or deceptive statements on any correspondence or form submitted to the Board.
- (3) Subjects must not authorize, direct, or permit any third party to submit substantive responses to any Board form, including applications and renewals, on behalf of the subject.
- (4) Subjects must personally provide accurate and complete responses to all questions required by the Board, including but not limited to character and fitness disclosures, criminal history information, history of education and supervised clinical experience, attestations, and certifications.
- (5) Nothing in this rule precludes a subject from receiving limited clerical or technical assistance, including translation services, reasonable accommodations for disability, or independent legal advice, provided that the subject personally determines and supplies all responses.
- (6) Failure to comply with any provision of this rule, or misrepresentation of compliance, constitutes a violation of ORS 675.825(1)(a) and may be grounds for disciplinary action by the Board.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 675.705 – 675.835

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 675.745, 675.785, 675.825