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## **TEMPORARY LICENSE ELIGIBILITY**

### **I. Eligibility for a Temporary License**

1. A temporary license application must be submitted with an application for a licensure by examination/endorsement, or after the licensure application was submitted.
    - The Board shall issue a temporary license only in the same discipline and at the same practice level for which application referenced above is made.
    - The Board cannot issue a temporary license unless the applicant has an application for licensure on file.
  2. You must either:
    - a) Be currently licensed or certified by a behavioral health entity in another state. NOTE: If you currently hold a non-independent level license with the AZ Board of Behavioral Health Examiners and are applying for an independent level license, you are not eligible for a temporary license.
- OR**
- b) Be applying within 12 months of graduation from the education program submitted to meet licensure requirements and have not previously taken the exam required for licensure.
3. You are not eligible for a temporary license if you:
  - a) Are the subject of a pending complaint or if you have had a license or certificate to practice a health care profession suspended or revoked by another state regulatory entity.
  - b) Have a criminal history or a history of disciplinary action by a state regulatory entity, unless Board approved.
  - c) Have been previously denied a license by the Board.

### **II. Practice Limitations for Temporary Licenses**

If your request for a temporary license is approved, pursuant to A.A.C. R4-6-210, you shall not engage in the independent practice of behavioral health but rather, shall practice behavioral health only under direct supervision as prescribed in A.A.C. R4-6-211(A).

### **III. Fee**

The temporary application fee of \$50 is non-refundable and can be paid by credit card on the Board's website, or by cashier's check or money order. Personal and business checks cannot be accepted.

### **IV. Additional Requirements and Restrictions for a Temporary License**

The requirements and restrictions regarding temporary licenses are contained in A.A.C. R4-6-306 (see page 2). You will find the most current statutes and rules by visiting the Board's website at [www.azbbhe.us](http://www.azbbhe.us).

**PLEASE NOTE:** If approved, temporary licenses are issued for one year. If a temporary licensee withdraws their license application, fails to take or pass a required exam, is denied a license by examination or endorsement, or the Board receives an adverse action on the applicant's criminal history background check, the temporary license will expire and/or be immediately revoked.

**R4-6-306. Application for a Temporary License**

- A.** To be eligible for a temporary license, an applicant shall:
1. Have applied under R4-6-301 for a license by examination or R4-6-304 for a license by endorsement,
  2. Have submitted an application for a temporary license using a form approved by the Board and paid the fee required under R4-6-215, and
  3. Be one of the following:
    - a. Applying for a license by endorsement;
    - b. Applying for a license by examination, not currently licensed or certified by a state behavioral health regulatory entity, and:
      - i. Within 12 months after obtaining a degree from the education program on which the applicant is relying to meet licensing requirements,
      - ii. Has completed all licensure requirements except passing the required examination, and
      - iii. Has not previously taken the required examination; or
    - c. Applying for a license by examination and currently licensed or certified by another state behavioral health regulatory entity.
- B.** An individual is not eligible for a temporary license if the individual:
1. Is the subject of a complaint pending before any state behavioral health regulatory entity,
  2. Has had a license or certificate to practice a health care profession suspended or revoked by any state regulatory entity,
  3. Has a criminal history or history of disciplinary action by a state behavioral health regulatory entity unless the Board determines the history is not of sufficient seriousness to merit disciplinary action, or
  4. Has been previously denied a license by the Board.
- C.** A temporary license issued to an applicant expires one year after issuance by the Board.
- D.** A temporary license issued to an applicant who has not previously passed the required examination for licensure expires immediately if the temporary licensee:
1. Fails to take the required examination by the expiration date of the temporary license; or
  2. Takes but fails the required examination.
- E.** A temporary licensee shall provide written notice and return the temporary license to the Board if the temporary licensee fails the required examination.
- F.** An applicant who is issued a temporary license shall practice as a behavioral health professional only under direct supervision. The temporary license may contain restrictions as to time, place, and supervision that the Board deems appropriate.
- G.** The Board shall issue a temporary license only in the same discipline for which application is made under subsection (A).
- H.** The Board shall not extend the time of a temporary license or grant an additional temporary license based on the application submitted under subsection (A).
- I.** A temporary licensee is subject to disciplinary action by the Board under A.R.S. § 32-3281. A temporary license may be summarily revoked without a hearing under A.R.S. § 32-3279(C)(4).
- J.** If the Board denies a license by examination or endorsement to a temporary licensee, the temporary licensee shall return the temporary license to the Board within five days of receiving the Board's notice of the denial.
- K.** If a temporary licensee withdraws the license application submitted under R4-6-301 for a license by examination or R4-6-304 for a license by endorsement, the temporary license expires.