

REGULATORY IMPACT ANALYSIS AND TIERING STATEMENT

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(1) Provide a brief summary of:

(a) What this administrative regulation does: This administrative regulation establishes the requirements for an equivalent course of study as directed by KRS 335.330(1), which is an alternative educational requirement for an applicant to a master's degree in marriage and family therapy.

(b) The necessity of this administrative regulation: This administrative regulation is necessary because the board is specifically directed by statute to promulgate an administrative regulation that establishes the criteria for an equivalent course of study.

(c) How this administrative regulation conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes: This administrative regulation amendment conforms with the Board's authority in KRS 335.320(9) to promulgate administrative regulations to carry out the provisions of KRS Chapter 335.300 to 335.399, and it satisfies the specific directives of KRS 335:330(1) that an equivalent course of study be established by the board.

(d) How this administrative regulation currently assists or will assist in the effective administration of the statutes: This administrative regulation assists in the effective administration of the statute by setting forth the express requirements for an applicant to qualify for licensure under an equivalent course of study.

(2) If this is an amendment to an existing administrative regulation, provide a brief summary of:

(a) How the amendment will change this existing administrative regulation: This amendment corrects an inaccurate reference to the name of a national entity, but otherwise contains no substantive changes.

(b) The necessity of the amendment to this administrative regulation: This amendment is necessary to correctly refer to the "Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Education."

(c) How the amendment conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes: This administrative regulation amendment conforms with the board's authority in KRS 335.320(9) to promulgate administrative regulations to carry out the provisions of KRS Chapter 335.300 to 335.399. Further, it conforms with the board's authority in KRS 335.330(1) to establish the requirements of an equivalent course of study for applicants who do not have a master's degree in marriage and family therapy.

(d) How the amendment will assist in the effective administration of the statutes: This amendment will assist in the effective administration of the statutes by providing correct terminology to assist applicants in determining whether their educational background qualifies as an equivalent course of study.

(3) Does this administrative regulation or amendment implement legislation from the previous five years? No.

(4) List the type and number of individuals, businesses, organizations, or state and local governments affected by this administrative regulation: This administrative regulation may affect applicants for licensure who may have educational credentials aside from a master's degree in marriage and family therapy, which is estimated to be 10 or fewer applicants in a given year.

(5) Provide an analysis of how the entities identified in question (4) will be impacted by either the implementation of this administrative regulation, if new, or by the change, if it is an amendment, including:

(a) List the actions that each of the regulated entities identified in question (4) will have to take to comply with this administrative regulation or amendment: No action will need to be taken by any current licensees or potential applicants to comply with this amendment.

(b) In complying with this administrative regulation or amendment, how much will it cost each of the entities identified in question (4): There will be no cost for compliance with this amendment.

(c) As a result of compliance, what benefits will accrue to the entities identified in question (4): Potential applicants will avoid any confusion as to what national entity is being referred to.

(6) Provide an estimate of how much it will cost the administrative body to implement this administrative regulation:

(a) Initially: There will be no initial cost to the administrative body to implement this administrative regulation.

(b) On a continuing basis: There will be no continuing cost to the administrative body to implement this administrative regulation.

(7) What is the source of the funding to be used for the implementation and enforcement of this administrative regulation: The Board's operations are funded by fees paid by license holders and applicants.

(8) Provide an assessment of whether an increase in fees or funding will be necessary to implement this administrative regulation, if new, or by the change if it is an amendment: No increase in fees or funding will be necessary to implement this change to this administrative regulation.

(9) State whether or not this administrative regulation establishes any fees or directly or indirectly increases any fees: This administrative regulation does not establish any new fees or increase any fees paid to the Board.

(10) TIERING: Is tiering applied? (Explain why or why not) Tiering is not applied because this regulation applies to all applicants equally.