



NOTICES OF EMERGENCY RULEMAKING

This section of the Arizona Administrative Register contains Notices of Emergency Rulemaking.

The Office of the Secretary of State is the filing office and publisher of these rules.

Questions about the interpretation of the emergency rules should be addressed to the agency proposing them. Refer to Item #5 to contact the person charged with the rulemaking.

NOTICE OF EMERGENCY RULEMAKING

TITLE 4. PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS

CHAPTER 6. BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EXAMINERS

PREAMBLE

[R15-18]

- 1. Article, Part, or Section Affected (as applicable) Rulemaking Action
2. Citations to the agency's statutory rulemaking authority to include the authorizing statute (general) and the implementing statute (specific):
3. The effective date of the rule:
4. Citations to all related emergency rulemaking notices published in the Register as specified in R1-1-409(A) that pertain to the record of this notice of emergency rulemaking:
5. The agency's contact person who can answer questions about the rulemaking:
6. An agency's justification and reason why a rule should be made, amended, repealed or renumbered, to include an explanation about the rulemaking:



- 7. A reference to any study relevant to the rule that the agency reviewed and either relied on or did not rely on in its evaluation of or justification for the rule, where the public may obtain or review each study, all data underlying each study, and any analysis of each study and other supporting material:**  
The Board did not review or rely on a study in its evaluation of or justification for this rule.
- 8. A showing of good cause why the rulemaking is necessary to promote a statewide interest if the rulemaking will diminish a previous grant of authority of a political subdivision of this state:**  
Not applicable
- 9. A summary of the economic, small business, and consumer impact:**  
The primary economic impact of this rulemaking will be the benefit that accrues to applicants for licensure as a marriage and family therapist because they will have accurate knowledge of which examination is approved and required.
- 10. Any other matters prescribed by statute that are applicable to the specific agency or to any specific rule or class of rules. When applicable, matters shall include but are not limited to:**  
None
- a. Whether the rule requires a permit, whether a general permit is used and if not, the reasons why a general permit is not used:**  
The rule does not require a permit. It does, however, address the approved examination required of applicants for licensure as a marriage and family therapist.
- b. Whether a federal law is applicable to the subject of the rule, whether the rule is more stringent than federal law and if so, citation to the statutory authority to exceed the requirements of federal law:**  
No federal law is applicable to the subject matter of the rule.
- c. Whether a person submitted an analysis to the agency that compares the rule's impact of the competitiveness of business in this state to the impact on business in other states:**  
No analysis was submitted.
- 11. A list of any incorporated by reference material as specified in A.R.S. § 41-1028 and its location in the rule:**  
No material is incorporated by reference.
- 12. An agency explanation about the situation justifying the rulemaking as an emergency rule:**  
The Association of Marital and Family Therapy Regulatory Boards decided to change the company contracted to design the examination required for licensure as a marriage and family therapist. After review of the announcement and the current rule, the Board made a finding, as required under A.R.S. § 41-1026(A)(5), that the current rule needs to be amended as an emergency measure to avoid serious prejudice to the interests of applicants for licensure as a marriage and family therapist. Without this rule change, these applicants will not have accurate knowledge of the requirements for licensure. This emergency situation was not caused by the Board, which acted as quickly as practicable following the announcement by the Association of Marital and Family Therapy Regulatory Boards.
- 13. The date the Attorney General approved the rule:**  
March 18, 2015
- 14. The full text of the rules follows:**

#### TITLE 4. PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS

#### CHAPTER 6. BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EXAMINERS

#### ARTICLE 6. MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY

Section  
R4-6-602. Examination

#### ARTICLE 6. MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY

##### R4-6-602. Examination

- A.** The marriage and family therapy credentialing committee approves the marriage and family therapy licensure examination offered by the ~~Professional Examination Service~~ Association of Marital and Family Therapy Regulatory Boards.
- B.** Applicants for associate marriage and family therapist and marriage and family therapist licensure shall receive a passing score on an approved licensure examination.
- C.** An applicant shall pass an approved examination within 12 months after the date of service of the written deficiency notice described in R4-6-302(D)(6). An applicant shall not take an approved examination more than twice during the 12-month testing period.
- D.** If the required examination is not passed within the 12 months referenced in subsection (C), the Agency shall close the



applicant's file with no recourse to appeal. To receive further consideration for licensure, the applicant shall submit a new application and fee.