

This is an amendment to 16.27.14 NMAC, Section 8, effective 11/18/2025.

**16.27.14.8 TEMPORARY LICENSES:** Temporary mental health counselor licenses (LMHC) and associate marriage and family therapist licenses (LAMFT) shall be granted as follows:

**A.** Will be granted to individuals meeting all educational requirements for the license sought. The temporary license is intended to permit the licensee time to meet examination requirements for the license. The temporary license shall not be valid for more than ~~[60 days after the results of the next examination become available]~~ one year and cannot be renewed. ~~[(The temporary license must be returned to the board office)].~~ Individuals practicing under a temporary license shall not provide supervision.

**B.** A temporary license will be granted for a period not to exceed ~~[six months]~~ one year or for a period of time necessary for the board to ensure that the applicant has met licensure requirements as set out in that act.

**C.** ~~[Effective July 1, 2006, the]~~ The board will grant a temporary license and exam approval letter if the applicant has met the educational requirements for licensure in the given field being sought. If the applicant fails the required exam, the board [shall schedule the applicant to re take the examination and] shall re-issue another exam approval letter. The temporary license may be extended upon the following conditions:

(1) After one year, the license may be extended upon the receipt of an extension request and a letter from the licensee's supervisor detailing the plans to prepare the temporary license holder for the exam.

(2) After two years, the license may be extended upon the receipt of an extension request, proof of enrollment in an exam preparation class specific to the requisite exam, and a letter from the licensee's supervisor detailing the plans to prepare the temporary license holder for the exam.

**D.** The licensee may not practice when the temporary license expires. [a second temporary license. If the applicant fails the second exam, the board may re-issue a third temporary license. The board shall not issue more than three temporary licenses.] Should the applicant [fail the required examination three times,] not pass the required exam within the three year temporary license period, the board office shall not issue another temporary license for that [application for licensing.] license type. The board office may however, issue further exam approval letters if the applicant pays the requisite fee.

**E.** Upon passing the requisite examination, the applicant holding the temporary LMHC or LAMFT shall be issued the LMHC or LAMFT license so that the applicant may continue to practice under supervision and acquire the requisite clinical hours and supervision for the independent license (LPCC, LMFT, LPAT, or LADAC).

~~**D.** The time and hours acquired under a temporary license shall not expire or become null and void upon a gap in licensure as long as the hours were obtained within the five years preceding the issuance of the LMHC or LAMFT license.~~

~~**E.** Upon the expiration of a temporary license, the individual must refrain from practicing until another temporary license or the full license is issued to them.]~~

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