

Dear Senators VanOrden, Bjerke, Wintrow, and  
Representatives Vander Woude, Erickson, Rubel:

The Legislative Services Office, Research and Legislation, has received the enclosed rules of the  
Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses - ID Licensing Board of Professional Counselors &  
Marriage & Family Therapists:

IDAPA 24.15.01 - Rules of the Idaho Licensing Board of Professional Counselors and Marriage and  
Family Therapists-Proposed Rule (Docket No. 24-1501-2601).

Pursuant to Section 67-454, Idaho Code, a meeting on the enclosed rules may be called by the  
cochairmen or by two (2) or more members of the subcommittee giving oral or written notice to Research  
and Legislation no later than fourteen (14) days after receipt of the rules' analysis from Legislative  
Services. The final date to call a meeting on the enclosed rules is no later than 09/21/2026. If a meeting is  
called, the subcommittee must hold the meeting within forty-two (42) days of receipt of the rules' analysis  
from Legislative Services. The final date to hold a meeting on the enclosed rules is 10/19/2026.

The germane joint subcommittee may request a statement of economic impact with respect to a  
proposed rule by notifying Research and Legislation. There is no time limit on requesting this statement,  
and it may be requested whether or not a meeting on the proposed rule is called or after a meeting has  
been held.

To notify Research and Legislation, call 334-4854, or send a written request to the address on the  
memorandum attached below.



**Terri Kondeff**  
Director

# Legislative Services Office

## Idaho State Legislature

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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Rules Review Subcommittee of the Senate Health & Welfare Committee and the House Health & Welfare Committee

**FROM:** Division Manager - Matt Drake

**DATE:** September 03, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses - ID Licensing Board of Professional Counselors & Marriage & Family Therapists

IDAPA 24.15.01 - Rules of the Idaho Licensing Board of Professional Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists-Proposed Rule (Docket No. 24-1501-2601)

#### Summary and Stated Reasons for the Rule

The Idaho Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (DOPL) submits Notice of Rulemaking regarding the Rules of the Idaho Licensing Board of Professional Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists. The Division states that the rulemaking is intended to reduce a regulatory burden on marriage and family therapists by decreasing direct supervisory hour requirements. The proposed rule reduces the postgraduate supervision requirement for marriage and family therapists from two hundred (200) to one hundred (100) hours and reduces the required individual-supervision component from one hundred (100) to fifty (50) hours. It also provides that all supervision hours must be provided by a licensed marriage and family therapist who meets the supervisor qualifications set forth in rule, replacing the current split under which only one hundred (100) hours required a licensed marriage and family therapist and the balance could be provided by a supervisor with at least two (2) years of experience practicing marriage and family therapy. The rule permits fees to be aggregated for biennial licensure and changes the fee-table heading from "Annual Renewal Fee" to "Renewal Fee," without changing the listed fee amounts.

#### Negotiated Rulemaking / Fiscal Impact

Negotiated rulemaking was conducted. No fiscal impact on the state general fund is anticipated.

#### Statutory Authority

The rulemaking appears to be within the statutory authority granted to the Board in Sections 54-3404(2) and (3), and 54-3411, Idaho Code.

cc: Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses - ID Licensing Board of Professional Counselors & Marriage & Family Therapists  
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**\*\*\* PLEASE NOTE \*\*\***

Per the Idaho Constitution, all administrative rules may be reviewed by the Legislature during the next legislative session. The Legislature has 3 options with this rulemaking docket: **1)** Approve the docket in its entirety; **2)** Reject the docket in its entirety; or **3)** Reject the docket in part.

## **IDAPA 24 – DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSES**

### **24.15.01 – RULES OF THE IDAHO LICENSING BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS**

**DOCKET NO. 24-1501-2601**

#### **NOTICE OF RULEMAKING – PROPOSED RULE**

**AUTHORITY:** In compliance with Section [67-5221\(1\)](#), Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency has initiated proposed rulemaking procedures. The action is authorized pursuant to Section [54-3404\(3\)](#), Idaho Code.

**PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE:** Public hearing(s) concerning this rulemaking will be held as follows. Additional meetings may be scheduled and will be posted on the DOPL website (<https://dopl.idaho.gov/calendar/>) and <https://townhall.idaho.gov>.

**Thursday, August 13, 2026  
10:30 a.m. (MT)**

**In person:  
Thunderbolt Conference Room  
Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses  
11341 W. Chinden Blvd., Bldg. 4  
Boise, ID 83714**

**[Virtual Teams Meeting Link](#)  
Meeting ID: 243 081 718 996 753  
Passcode: D8xu7pZ7**

Rulemaking meetings will be held in person and via web conferencing to provide a rulemaking platform that enables broad participation by stakeholders from across the state and minimize travel for stakeholders. The meeting site(s) will be accessible to persons with disabilities, if needed. Requests for accommodation must be made not later than five (5) days prior to the meeting to the agency address below.

**DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY:** The following is a nontechnical explanation of the substance and purpose of the proposed rulemaking:

Through this rulemaking, the Division seeks to reduce a regulatory burden on marriage and family therapists by decreasing the direct supervisory hour requirements for marriage and family therapists.

**FEE SUMMARY:** The following is a specific description of the fee or charge imposed or increased: N/A.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The following is a specific description, if applicable, of any negative fiscal impact on the state general fund greater than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) during the fiscal year as a result of this rulemaking:

No fiscal impact on the state general fund will occur as a result of these changes.

**NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING:** Pursuant to Section [67-5220\(1\)](#), Idaho Code, negotiated rulemaking was conducted. The Notice of Intent to Promulgate Rules - Negotiated Rulemaking was published in the May 6, 2026 Idaho Administrative Bulletin, [Vol 26-5, Pages 19-20](#).

**INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE:** Pursuant to Section [67-5229\(2\)\(a\)](#), Idaho Code, the following is a brief synopsis of why the materials cited are being incorporated by reference into this rule: N/A.

**ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS:** For assistance on technical questions concerning the proposed rule, contact Ryan Bernard, Legislative & Regulatory Affairs Chief, at (775) 870-7926. Materials pertaining to this rulemaking, including any available preliminary rule drafts, can be found on the DOPL website at the following web address: <https://dopl.idaho.gov/rulemaking/>.

Anyone may submit written comments regarding this proposed rulemaking. All written comments must be directed to the undersigned and must be delivered on or before August 26, 2026.

DATED this 1st day of July, 2026.

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**THE FOLLOWING IS THE PROPOSED TEXT OF DOCKET NO. 24-1501-2601**  
**(Only Those Sections With Amendments Are Shown.)**

**24.15.01 – RULES OF THE IDAHO LICENSING BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS**  
**AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS**

**100. LICENSURE.**

**01. Professional Counselor. (7-1-24)**

**a.** Approved Graduate Program. A graduate program that is primarily counseling in nature and is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) or substantially similar and approved by the Board. (7-1-24)

**b.** Required Examination. The National Counselor Examination prepared by the National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC). (7-1-24)

**c.** Acceptable Supervised Experience. Four hundred (400) of the one thousand (1,000) hours must be direct client contact and the supervised experience must include a minimum of one (1) hour of individual supervision for every twenty (20) hours of direct client contact. A supervised graduate-level educational experience (i.e. practicum or internship) may be utilized to fulfill this requirement which can be provided by a counselor education faculty member or doctoral student at an accredited college or university, or a site supervisor approved by an accredited college or university. (7-1-24)

**02. Clinical Professional Counselor. (7-1-24)**

**a.** Approved Experience. One thousand (1,000) of the two thousand (2,000) direct client contact hours must be supervised by a licensed clinical professional counselor, with the remaining supervision provided by any supervisor as defined in these rules; and one (1) hour of clinical supervision for every thirty (30) hours of direct client

contact, with at least half of the supervised hours involving individual, rather than group, supervision. (7-1-24)

**b.** Required Examination. The National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination (NCMHCE) prepared by the National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC). (7-1-24)

**03. Associate Marriage And Family Therapist.** (7-1-24)

**a.** Approved Graduate Program. A graduate program in marriage and family therapy or a related field which is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE) or the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling (CACREP-MCFC), or is substantially similar and approved by the Board. (7-1-24)

**b.** Required Practicum. The practicum must occur over a period of twelve (12) months or longer and require three hundred (300) hours of direct client contact, of which at least one hundred (100) hours must be with two or more individuals conjointly who share an ongoing relationship beyond that which occurs in the therapeutic experience itself. These hours may be completed as part of a practicum, registered intern supervised experience, or supervised experience in another jurisdiction. (7-1-24)

**c.** Required Examination. The National Marital and Family Therapy Examination as approved by the Association of Marital and Family Therapy Regulatory Boards (AMFTRB) or another recognized competency examination in marriage and family therapy that is approved by the Board. (7-1-24)

**04. Marriage And Family Therapists.** (7-1-24)

**a.** Approved Graduate Program. A graduate program in marriage and family therapy or a related field accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE) or substantially similar and otherwise approved by the Board. (7-1-24)

**b.** Required Practicum. See Rule 100.03.b. (7-1-24)

**c.** Required Postgraduate Supervised Experience. Two thousand (2,000) hours of direct client contact over a period of at least two (2) years which includes: (1) one thousand (1,000) direct client contact hours with two or more individuals conjointly who share an ongoing relationship beyond that which occurs in the therapeutic experience itself; and (2) ~~two one~~ hundred (200/100) hours of supervision, of which ~~one hundred fifty~~ (100/50) hours must be individual, rather than group, supervision. ~~One hundred (100) All supervised~~ hours must be ~~supervised provided~~ by a licensed marriage and family therapist, ~~with the remaining one hundred (100) hours of supervision provided by a supervisor who has at least two (2) years of experience practicing marriage and family therapy who meets the supervisor qualifications as set forth in these rules.~~ (7-1-24) ( )

**d.** Required Examination. The National Marital and Family Therapy Examination as approved by the Association of Marital and Family Therapy Regulatory Boards (AMFTRB) or another recognized competency examination in marriage and family therapy that is approved by the Board. (7-1-24)

**05. Foreign Educated Applicants.** Applicants with a graduate degree from a country other than the United States may be required to submit a certification from a credential evaluation service that is a member of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES). The service must certify that the graduate degree is equivalent to an approved graduate degree from the United States. All information submitted to the Board must be submitted with an English translation. (7-1-24)

**06. Registered Post-Graduate Interns.** A post-graduate intern registration is required to engage in the supervised practice of counseling or marriage and family therapy while completing supervised experience hours or while awaiting examination results. To register as an intern, the individual must: (1) have an approved graduate degree as defined in these Rules; and (2) designate a supervisor approved by the Board. An individual may not practice as an intern for more than four (4) years from the original date of registration, unless good cause is demonstrated to the board. (7-1-24)

**07. Continuing Education.** In each twenty-four (24) month period preceding the renewal of a license,

all licensees must complete six (6) hours in ethics, three (3) hours of boundaries, and three (3) hours in suicide assessment or intervention. Additionally, licensees are required to comply with the continuing education and competence sections of the Codes of Ethics pertaining to their licensure. (7-1-24)

**(BREAK IN CONTINUITY OF SECTIONS)**

**400. FEES.**

These fees may be aggregated for biennial licensure.

| TYPE                          | INITIAL FEE                                                          | <del>ANNUAL</del> RENEWAL FEE |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Application                   | \$100                                                                |                               |
| License                       | \$100                                                                | \$120                         |
| Intern Registration           | \$25                                                                 |                               |
| Reinstatement Fee             | As provided in Section 67-2614,<br>Idaho Code                        |                               |
| Examination and Reexamination | \$25 administrative fee plus amount<br>charged by exam administrator |                               |

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