

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
Kentucky Board of Licensure for Marriage and Family Therapists
(New Administrative Regulation)

201 KAR 32:046. Examination.

RELATES TO: KRS 335.320, 335.332(1)

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 335.320(9), 335.330

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT:

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 335.330 requires an applicant to pass a written examination prescribed by the board. This administrative regulation establishes the process for taking the examination.

Section 1. Examination for Licensure.

- (1) An applicant for licensure shall submit to a written examination in accordance with subsections (2) and (3) of this section.
- (2) An applicant shall hold a Marriage and Family Therapist Associate Permit issued by the Kentucky Board of Licensure for Marriage and Family Therapists.
- (3) The applicant shall be required to pass the national exam offered through The Association of Marriage and Family Therapy Regulatory Board.
- (4) If an applicant for licensure fails the objective examination, the candidate shall be permitted to retake the examination.
- (5) Any request for deferment of the examination shall be made by the applicant directly to the testing agency, who shall have full discretion to grant or deny the request.

Section 2. Examination for Licensure by Endorsement. Applicants for licensure by endorsement shall be required to pass:

- (1) The national exam offered by The Association of Marriage and Family Therapy Regulatory Board; or
- (2) The exam offered by the California Board of Behavioral Sciences.

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PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD: A public hearing on this administrative regulation shall be held on November 23, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. local prevailing time at the Mayo-Underwood Building, Room 127 CW, 500 Mero Street, Frankfort, Kentucky. Individuals interested in being heard at this hearing shall notify this agency in writing by five (5) workdays prior to the hearing, of their intent to attend. If no notification of intent to attend the hearing was received by that date, the hearing may be cancelled. A transcript of the public hearing will not be made unless a written request for a transcript is made. If you do not wish to be heard at the public hearing, you may submit written comments on the proposed administrative regulation. Written comments shall be accepted through November 30, 2026. Send written notification of intent to be heard at the public hearing or written comments on the proposed administrative regulation to the contact person by using the PPC public comment portal at the address listed below.

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