



Board of Behavioral Sciences

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To: Board Members

Date: May 1, 2025

From: Steve Sodergren
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Subject: Discussion and Possible Action to Initiate a Rulemaking to Amend
CCR, Title 16, Sections 1816, 1816.1, 1816.2 and 1816.4 (Fee
Reductions)

Summary

In 2020, after performing a fee audit, the Board sponsored legislation to increase its fees. Effective January 1, 2021, Assembly Bill 3330 (Stats. 2020, ch. 359), raised the Board's initial licensing, initial registration, examination, and renewal fees. California Business and Profession Code (BPC) section 128.5(b) provides that if at the end of any fiscal year the Board "has unencumbered funds in an amount **that equals or is more than the agency's operating budget for the next two fiscal years, the agency shall reduce license or other fees**, whether the license or other fees be fixed by statute or may be determined by the agency within limits fixed by statute, **during the following fiscal year** in an amount that will reduce any surplus funds of the agency to an amount less than the agency's operating budget for the next two fiscal years." (Emphasis added.)

Background

At its February 2025 meeting, the Board discussed its current reserve fund balance and the need for a proposal to reduce current fees to comply with the 24-month reserve limitation in BPC Section 128.5(b). It is currently projected that, under the current fee structure, the Board will exceed the 24-month reserve limit and reach a fund balance of 26.3 months by the end of FY 2024-25. (**Attachment A**)

In consultation with the Department's Budget office, it is recommended that the Board's initial licensing, initial registration, examination, and renewal fees be reduced by 50 percent (50%) for a period of 48 months, starting January 1, 2026. It is currently projected that a 48-month reduction would lower the reserve fund to 15.4 months by the end of FY 2029-2030, bringing the Board's operating expenses within the limits imposed by BPC section 128.5. The projections are based upon a July 1, 2026, implementation date. (**Attachment B**)

In consultation with the Budget Office and in Board staff's experience, a reserve fund equivalent to 15.4 months of operating expenses is considered acceptable to ensure the Board can withstand economic uncertainties while retaining the flexibility to pursue any necessary budget realignments in the future. Additionally, the four-year time frame provides the Board with sufficient opportunity to implement any necessary changes to fee regulations to address potential shortfalls resulting from the temporary fee reduction.

The Board's fee schedule is established by Business and Professions Code (BPC) sections 4984.7, 4989.68, 4996.3, and 4999.120, which define the current minimum fees to be charged and set a maximum fee limit that the Board may set through regulation. The specific fees are outlined in California Code of Regulations (CCR) sections 1816, 1816.1, 1816.2, and 1816.4. To implement a fee reduction as required by BPC section 128.5, the Board would need to pursue regulatory amendments to implement a temporary reduction of the current fees.

Discussion of Proposed Adjustments

Proposed amendments to CCR sections 1816, 1816.1, 1816.2, and 1816.4 are shown in **Attachment C**. The amendment will reduce the fees, indicated below, for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030, and are as follows:

1. **Reduce Renewal Fees by 50% for a Four-Year Period, Proposed Amendments to Section 1816**

Currently, the annual renewal fee for registration of an associate marriage and family therapists, associate clinical social workers, and associate professional clinical counselors is set at \$150 dollars. The proposed amendments will reduce this fee to \$75.00 dollars.

Currently, the biennial active renewal fee for licensed marriage and family therapists, licensed clinical social workers, licensed professional clinical counselors, and licensed educational psychologists is set at \$200.00. The proposed amendments will reduce this fee to \$100.00.

There is also an additional amendment to correct wording in 1816(c) that refers to "associate professional clinical counselors" registration. It would be amended to read "associate professional clinical counselor" registration.

2. **Reduce Initial License and Registration Fees by 50% for a Four-Year Period, Proposed Amendments to Section 1816.1**

Currently, the application fee for registration of an associate marriage and family therapist, associate clinical social worker, and associate professional clinical counselor is set at \$150.00. The proposed amendments will reduce this fee to \$75.00.

Currently, the fee for initial issuance of the license for a licensed marriage and family therapist, licensed clinical social worker, licensed professional clinical counselor, and licensed educational psychologist is set at \$200.00. The proposed amendments will reduce this fee to \$100.00.

In addition, this proposal would make a technical correction for accuracy to the title in subsection (a) to add the word “licensed” before the words “marriage and family therapist.”

3. Reduce Examination Fees by 50% for a Four-Year Period, Proposed Amendments to Section 1816.2

Currently the fee for an applicant to take the licensed marriage and family therapist, the licensed clinical social worker, or the licensed professional clinical counselor California law and ethics examination is set at \$150.00. The proposed amendments will reduce this fee to \$75.00.

Currently the fee to take the board-administered licensed marriage and family therapist clinical exam or the licensed educational psychologist written examination is set at \$250.00. The proposed amendments will reduce this fee to \$125.00.

4. Reduce Fees for Application for Licensure by 50% for a Four-Year Period, Proposed Amendments to Section 1816.4

Currently the fee for the licensed marriage and family therapist, licensed clinical social worker, licensed educational psychologist, and licensed professional clinical counselor applications for licensure are set at \$250.00. The proposed amendments will reduce this fee to \$125.00.

Additionally, the proposal amends the current title of the section from “Examination Eligibility Application Fees” to “Fees for Application for Licensure” to more accurately reflect the content of this section.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board review the proposed regulatory text shown in **Attachment C** and consider whether to approve it as written, or to suggest changes to the proposed text. After review and discussion, consider one of the following motions:

Motion A: (To be used if the Board has NO suggested changes for the proposed regulatory text):

Approve the proposed regulatory text as presented in **Attachment C** and submit the approved text to the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs and the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency for review, and if no adverse comments are

received, authorize the Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to initiate the rulemaking process, make any non-substantive changes to the text and the package, and set the matter for a hearing if requested. If after the 45-day public comment period, no adverse comments are received and no public hearing is requested, authorize the Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to complete the rulemaking, and adopt the proposed regulations as noticed for Title 16, California Code of Regulations sections 1816, 1816.1, 1816.2 and 1816.4.

Motion B: (To be used if the Board DOES have suggested changes for the proposed regulatory text)

Approve the proposed regulatory text as presented in **Attachment C** with the following changes: (*specify the proposed changes to the proposed text*). In addition, submit the approved text as revised at this meeting to the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs and the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency for review, and if no adverse comments are received, authorize the Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to initiate the rulemaking process, make any non-substantive changes to the text and the package, and set the matter for a hearing if requested. If after the 45-day public comment period, no adverse comments are received and no public hearing is requested, authorize the Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to complete the rulemaking, and adopt the proposed regulations as noticed for Title 16, California Code of Regulations sections 1816, 1816.1, 1816.2 and 1816.4.

Attachments

Attachment A: Current Fee Structure Projections

Attachment B: Four Year Fee Reduction Projections

Attachment C: Proposed Regulatory Language: Fee Reductions Title 16, Division 18, California Code of Regulations, Sections 1816, 1816.1, 1816.2 and 1816.4.

Attachment A: Current Fee Structure Projections

0773 - Behavioral Science Fund
 Analysis of Fund Condition
 (Dollars in Thousands)

Prepared 4.28.2025

2025-26 Governor's Budget with CY FM8 Projections							
Status Quo		Actuals	FM8	GB			
		2023-24	CY 2024-25	BY 2025-26	BY+1 2026-27	BY+2 2027-28	BY+3 2028-29
		2029-30					
BEGINNING BALANCE		\$ 18,461	\$ 16,240	\$ 34,645	\$ 40,862	\$ 47,964	\$ 54,847
Prior Year Adjustment		\$ 269	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Adjusted Beginning Balance		\$ 18,730	\$ 16,240	\$ 34,645	\$ 40,862	\$ 47,964	\$ 54,847
REVENUES, TRANSFERS AND OTHER ADJUSTMENTS							
Revenues							
4121200 - Delinquent fees		\$ 177	\$ 186	\$ 181	\$ 181	\$ 181	\$ 181
4127400 - Renewal fees		\$ 12,075	\$ 12,892	\$ 12,102	\$ 12,102	\$ 12,102	\$ 12,102
4129200 - Other regulatory fees		\$ 186	\$ 209	\$ 189	\$ 189	\$ 189	\$ 189
4129400 - Other regulatory licenses and permits		\$ 7,893	\$ 8,676	\$ 9,062	\$ 9,062	\$ 9,062	\$ 9,062
4163000 - Income from surplus money investments		\$ 704	\$ 686	\$ 456	\$ 1,622	\$ 1,855	\$ 2,079
4171400 - Escheat of unclaimed checks and warrants		\$ 24	\$ 47	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12
4171500 - Escheat Unclaimed Property		\$ 1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4172500 - Miscellaneous revenues		\$ 4	\$ 4	\$ 4	\$ 4	\$ 4	\$ 4
Totals, Revenues		\$ 21,064	\$ 22,700	\$ 22,006	\$ 23,172	\$ 23,405	\$ 23,629
Transfers to Other Funds							
Loan from/to BBS (0773) to GF (0001) per CS 13.40, BA of 2023		\$ -10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Totals, Transfers and Other Adjustments		\$ -10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTALS, REVENUES, TRANSFERS AND OTHER ADJUSTMENTS		\$ 11,064	\$ 32,700	\$ 22,006	\$ 23,172	\$ 23,405	\$ 23,629
TOTAL RESOURCES		\$ 29,794	\$ 48,940	\$ 56,651	\$ 64,034	\$ 71,369	\$ 85,351
Expenditures:							
1111 Department of Consumer Affairs (State Operations)		\$ 12,604	\$ 13,306	\$ 14,626	\$ 15,065	\$ 15,517	\$ 15,982
9892 Supplemental Pension Payments (State Operations)		\$ 212	\$ 158	\$ 158	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
9900 Statewide General Administrative Expenditures (Pro Rata) (State Operations)		\$ 738	\$ 831	\$ 1,005	\$ 1,005	\$ 1,005	\$ 1,005
TOTALS, EXPENDITURES AND EXPENDITURE ADJUSTMENTS		\$ 13,554	\$ 14,295	\$ 15,789	\$ 16,070	\$ 16,522	\$ 16,987
FUND BALANCE							
Reserve for economic uncertainties		\$ 16,240	\$ 34,645	\$ 40,862	\$ 47,964	\$ 54,847	\$ 61,489
Months in Reserve		13.6	26.3	30.5	34.8	38.7	43.4

NOTES:

1. Assumes workload and revenue projections are realized in BY+1 and ongoing.
2. Expenditure growth projected at 3% beginning BY+1.
3. CY \$10M GF loan repayment reported for display purposes only.

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Other Regulatory Fees & Permits and Renewal Fees (Status Quo)

Revenue Category	Current Fee Amount	2025-2026 GB Projected Wkld	Revenues
App Exam/License Fees			
LMFT			
ASSOCIATE APPLICATION	\$150	5,384	\$807,526
EVALUATION APPLICATION	\$250	3,106	\$776,621
INITIAL LICENSE APPLICATION	\$200	2,589	\$517,800
LAW & ETHICS APPLICATION	\$150	6,480	\$971,933
CLINICAL EXAM APPLICATION	\$250	5,061	\$1,265,307
LCSW			
ASSOCIATE APPLICATION	\$150	5,265	\$789,814
EVALUATION APPLICATION	\$250	3,357	\$839,290
INITIAL LICENSE APPLICATION	\$200	2,549	\$509,838
LAW & ETHICS APPLICATION	\$150	7,451	\$1,117,719
LEP			
EVALUATION APPLICATION	\$250	184	\$45,900
WRITTEN EXAM APPLICATION	\$250	262	\$65,541
INITIAL LICENSE APPLICATION	\$200	196	\$39,172
LPCC			
ASSOCIATE APPLICATION	\$150	2,381	\$357,192
INITIAL LICENSE APPLICATION	\$200	1,327	\$265,464
EVALUATION APPLICATION	\$250	1,093	\$273,336
LAW & ETHICS APPLICATION	\$150	2,800	\$419,934
Subtotal:			\$9,062,387
Renewal Fees			
LMFT			
BIENNIAL RENEWAL	\$200	19,760	\$3,951,998
INTERN RENEWAL (ANNUAL)	\$150	11,818	\$1,772,750
INACTIVE RENEWAL	\$100	1,854	\$185,430
RETIRED RESTORE TO ACTIVE	\$200	4	\$816
INACTIVE TO ACTIVE	\$100	138	\$13,792
LCSW			
BIENNIAL RENEWAL	\$200	13,129	\$2,625,710
ASSOC. LCSW RENEWAL (ANNUAL)	\$150	14,614	\$2,192,121
INACTIVE RENEWAL	\$100	1,147	\$114,700
RETIRED RESTORE TO ACTIVE	\$200	1	\$200
INACTIVE TO ACTIVE	\$100	58	\$5,757
LEP			
BIENNIAL RENEWAL	\$200	725	\$145,058
INACTIVE RENEWAL	\$100	142	\$14,200
RETIRED RESTORE TO ACTIVE	\$200	0	\$0
INACTIVE TO ACTIVE	\$100	13	\$1,326
LPCC			
ANNUAL RENEWAL (LPCC INTERN)	\$150	4,426	\$663,927
BIENNIAL RENEWAL	\$200	1,970	\$393,976
BIENNIAL RENEWAL OF INACTIVE	\$100	115	\$11,514
INACTIVE TO ACTIVE	\$100	4	\$400
CE PROVIDERS			
RETIRED LICENSE FEE - MFC	\$40	120	\$4,800
RETIRED LICENSE FEE - LCS	\$40	65	\$2,596
RETIRED LICENSE FEE - LEP	\$40	11	\$440
RETIRED LICENSE FEE - LPCC	\$40	2	\$80
Subtotal:			\$12,101,591
Total Revenues:			\$21,163,978

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Attachment B: Four Year Fee Reduction Projections

Board of Behavioral Sciences Other Regulatory Fees & Permits and Renewal Fees (50% Reduction)			
Revenue Category	Proposed Fee Amount	2025-2026 GB Projected Wkld	Revenues
App Exam/License Fees			
LMFT			
ASSOCIATE APPLICATION	\$75	5,384	\$403,763
EVALUATION APPLICATION	\$125	3,106	\$388,311
INITIAL LICENSE APPLICATION	\$100	2,589	\$258,900
LAW & ETHICS APPLICATION	\$75	6,480	\$485,966
CLINICAL EXAM APPLICATION	\$125	5,061	\$632,653
LCSW			
ASSOCIATE APPLICATION	\$75	5,265	\$394,907
EVALUATION APPLICATION	\$125	3,357	\$419,645
INITIAL LICENSE APPLICATION	\$100	2,549	\$254,919
LAW & ETHICS APPLICATION	\$75	7,451	\$558,860
LEP			
EVALUATION APPLICATION	\$125	184	\$22,950
WRITTEN EXAM APPLICATION	\$125	262	\$32,771
INITIAL LICENSE APPLICATION	\$100	196	\$19,586
LPCC			
ASSOCIATE APPLICATION	\$75	2,381	\$178,596
INITIAL LICENSE APPLICATION	\$100	1,327	\$132,732
EVALUATION APPLICATION	\$125	1,093	\$136,668
LAW & ETHICS APPLICATION	\$75	2,800	\$209,967
Subtotal:			\$4,531,194
Renewal Fees			
LMFT			
BIENNIAL RENEWAL	\$100	19,760	\$1,975,999
INTERN RENEWAL (ANNUAL)	\$75	11,818	\$886,375
INACTIVE RENEWAL	\$50	1,854	\$92,715
RETIRED RESTORE TO ACTIVE	\$100	4	\$408
INACTIVE TO ACTIVE	\$50	138	\$6,896
LCSW			
BIENNIAL RENEWAL	\$100	13,129	\$1,312,855
ASSOC. LCSW RENEWAL (ANNUAL)	\$75	14,614	\$1,096,061
INACTIVE RENEWAL	\$50	1,147	\$57,350
RETIRED RESTORE TO ACTIVE	\$100	1	\$100
INACTIVE TO ACTIVE	\$50	58	\$2,879
LEP			
BIENNIAL RENEWAL	\$100	725	\$72,529
INACTIVE RENEWAL	\$50	142	\$7,100
RETIRED RESTORE TO ACTIVE	\$100	0	\$0
INACTIVE TO ACTIVE	\$50	13	\$663
LPCC			
ANNUAL RENEWAL (LPCC INTERN)	\$75	4,426	\$331,964
BIENNIAL RENEWAL	\$100	1,970	\$196,988
BIENNIAL RENEWAL OF INACTIVE	\$50	115	\$5,757
INACTIVE TO ACTIVE	\$50	4	\$200
CE PROVIDERS*			
RETIRED LICENSE FEE - MFC	\$40	120	\$4,800
RETIRED LICENSE FEE - LCS	\$40	65	\$2,596
RETIRED LICENSE FEE - LEP	\$40	11	\$440
RETIRED LICENSE FEE - LPCC	\$40	2	\$80
Subtotal:			\$6,054,753
Total Revenues:			\$10,585,947

*Not included in reduction

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2025-26 Governor's Budget with CY FM8 Projections

50 % Reductions - 48 Months

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4129400 - Other regulatory licenses and permits (effective 7/1/2026)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,531	\$ 4,531	\$ 4,531	\$ 4,531
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**TITLE 16. BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

PROPOSED REGULATORY LANGUAGE

Fee Reductions

**Title 16, Division 18, California Code of Regulations
Sections 1816, 1816.1, 1816.2 and 1816.4**

Proposed amendments to the regulatory language are shown in single underline for text to be added and ~~single strikethrough~~ for text to be deleted.

AMEND SECTIONS 1816, 1816.1, 1816.2, AND 1816.4 IN TITLE 16 OF DIVISION 18 OF THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

§ 1816. Renewal Fees.

- (a) The annual renewal fee for associate marriage and family therapist registration is one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00)- except for the period of time in subsection (h).
- (b) The annual renewal fee for associate clinical social worker registration is one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00)- except for the period of time in subsection (i).
- (c) The annual renewal fee for associate professional clinical counselors registration is one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00)- except for the period of time in subsection (j).
- (d) The biennial active renewal fee for a licensed marriage and family therapist is two hundred dollars (\$200.00)- except for the period of time in subsection (k).
- (e) The biennial active renewal fee for a licensed educational psychologist is two hundred dollars (\$200.00)- except for the period of time in subsection (l).
- (f) The biennial active renewal fee for a licensed clinical social worker is two hundred dollars (\$200.00)- except for the period of time in subsection (m).
- (g) The biennial active renewal fee for a licensed professional clinical counselor is two hundred dollars (\$200.00)- except for the period of time in subsection (n).
- (h) For the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030, the annual renewal fee for associate marriage and family therapist registration is seventy-five dollars (\$75.00).
- (i) For the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030, the annual renewal fee for associate clinical social worker registration is seventy-five dollars (\$75.00).

- (j) For the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030, the annual renewal fee for associate professional clinical counselor registration is seventy-five dollars (\$75.00).
- (k) For the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030, the biennial active renewal fee for a licensed marriage and family therapist is one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
- (l) For the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030, the biennial active renewal fee for a licensed educational psychologist is one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
- (m) For the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030, the biennial active renewal fee for a licensed clinical social worker is one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
- (n) For the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030, the biennial active renewal fee for a licensed professional clinical counselor is one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 128.5, 4980.60 and 4990.20(a), Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 128.5, 4984.7, 4989.68, 4996.3 and 4999.120, Business and Professions Code.

§ 1816.1. Initial License and Registration Fees.

- (a) The fee for initial issuance of the licensed marriage and family therapist license shall be two hundred dollars (\$200.00)- except for the period of time in subsection (h).
- (b) The fee for initial issuance of the licensed educational psychologist license shall be two hundred dollars (\$200.00)- except for the period of time in subsection (i).
- (c) The fee for initial issuance of the licensed clinical social worker license shall be two hundred dollars (\$200.00)- except for the period of time in subsection (j).
- (d) The fee for initial issuance of the licensed professional clinical counselor license shall be two hundred dollars (\$200.00)- except for the period of time in subsection (k).
- (e) The application fee for an associate professional clinical counselor registration shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00)- except for the period of time in subsection (l).
- (f) The application fee for an associate marriage and family therapist registration shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150)- except for the period of time in subsection (m).
- (g) The application fee for an associate clinical social worker registration shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150)- except for the period of time in subsection (n).
- (h) For the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030, the fee for initial issuance of the licensed marriage and family therapist license is one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
- (i) For the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030, the fee for initial issuance of the

licensed educational psychologist license is one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

- (j) For the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030, the fee for initial license issuance of the licensed clinical social worker license is one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
- (k) For the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030, the fee for the initial license issuance of the licensed professional clinical counselor license is one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
- (l) For the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030, the application fee for an associate professional clinical counselor registration is seventy-five dollars (\$75.00).
- (m) For the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030, the application fee for an associate marriage and family therapist registration is seventy-five dollars (\$75.00).
- (n) For the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030, the application fee for an associate clinical social worker registration is seventy-five dollars (\$75.00).

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§ 1816.2. Examination Fees.

- (a) The licensed clinical social worker California law and ethics examination fee shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00); except for the period of time in subsection (f).
- (b) The licensed marriage and family therapist California law and ethics examination fee shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00); except for the period of time in subsection (g).
- (c) The board administered licensed marriage and family therapist clinical examination fee shall be two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00); except for the period of time in subsection (h).
- (d) The licensed educational psychologist written examination fee shall be two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00); except for the period of time in subsection (i).
- (e) The licensed professional clinical counselor California law and ethics examination shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00); except for the period of time in subsection (j).

- (f) For the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030, the fee for the licensed clinical social worker California law and ethics examination is seventy-five dollars (\$75.00).
- (g) For the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030, the fee for the licensed marriage and family therapist California law and ethics examination is seventy-five dollars (\$75.00).
- (h) For the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030, the fee for the board administered licensed marriage and family therapist clinical examination is one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125.00).
- (i) For the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030, the fee for the licensed educational psychologist written examination is one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125.00).
- (j) For the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030, the fee for the licensed professional clinical counselor California law and ethics examination is seventy-five dollars (\$75.00).

Note: Authority Cited: 128.5, 4980.60 and 4990.20(a), Business and Professions Code.
Reference: Sections 128.5, 4984.7, 4989.68, 4996.3, and 4999.120, Business and Professions Code.

§ 1816.4. Examination-Eligibility Application Fees. Fees for Application for Licensure.

- (a) The fee for the licensed marriage and family therapist application for licensure shall be two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00)- except for the period of time in subsection (e).
- (b) The fee for the licensed clinical social worker application for licensure shall be two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00)- except for the period of time in subsection (f).
- (c) The fee for the licensed educational psychologist application for licensure shall be two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00)- except for the period of time in subsection (g).
- (d) The fee for the licensed professional clinical counselor application for licensure shall be two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00)- except for the period of time in subsection (h).
- (e) For the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030, the fee for the licensed marriage and family therapist application for licensure is one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125.00).

(f) For the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030, the fee for the licensed clinical social worker application for licensure is one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125.00).

(g) For the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030, the fee for the licensed educational psychologist application for licensure is one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125.00).

(h) For the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030, the fee for the licensed professional clinical counselor application for licensure is one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125.00).

Note: Authority Cited: Sections 128.5, 4980.60 and 4990.20 (a), Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 128.5, 4984.7, 4989.68, 4996.3, and 4999.120, Business and Professions Code.