



Board of Behavioral Sciences

Memo

1625 North Market Blvd., Suite S-200
Sacramento, CA 95834
(916) 574-7830, (916) 574-8625 Fax
www.bbs.ca.gov

To: Board Members

Date: November 10, 2025

From: Carl Peralta, Registrant Manager
Lisa Cigelske, Licensing Manager
Andrea Patrick, Licensing Manager

Subject: Licensing Report

Licensing Population

A total of 5,925 new registration/licenses were issued in the first quarter of fiscal year (FY) 2025/2026. As of November 11, 2025, the Board has 157,249 registrants/licensees which is an approximate 2% gain since the fourth quarter of FY 2024/2025. This figure includes all licenses that have been issued and that are current and/or eligible to renew.

Additionally, there are currently 16,277 licensees certified to serve as supervisors.

Registration

The registration unit received 743 more applications 1st quarter 25/26 over 4th quarter 24/25. With that increase came an increase in deficiencies. The total number of approved deficient applications in 1st quarter was 1,278 versus 843 approved deficient applications in 4th quarter 24/25, an increase of 435 or 41%. This increase is normal at this time of year due to college graduates submitting applications prior to the release of their transcripts or incomplete transcripts.

Between all license types, the ASW applications decreased 7.51%, however AMFT & APCC both saw increases, AMFT had a significant increase of 49.42% (or 726 apps) and APCC saw an increase of 19.44% (or 129 apps).

Registration processing times increased 12 days, from 14 working days to 26, which directly correlates to the increase in applications and deficiencies.

Registration applications took a very slight downturn from 1st quarter 25/26 over 24/25, from 4,050 to 3,995. Processing timeframes are relatively equal at 28 days in 24/25 versus 26 days currently.

Licensing

The licensing unit received 444 less clinical exam applications 1st quarter 25/26 over 4th quarter 24/25, or a 22.16% drop. However, the total number of approved deficient applications in the 1st quarter rose by 18 (or 3.45%) from 512 deficient applications, to 530 deficient applications. The percent of deficient applications for 1st quarter was 29.74% versus 23% during 4th quarter.

Licensing applications can have various deficiency reasons. The most common are missing hours, missing documents, missing additional coursework. Licensing applications are also down slightly with 1,835 applications received 24/25 versus 1,782 applications currently. Processing timeframes are relatively equal with 45 days in 24/25 versus 47 days currently.

Initiatives and Projects

The Registration and Licensing Units continue to cross-train staff to support workload demands across all license types and applications, ensuring greater flexibility and operational efficiency.

Furthermore, staff from both units are actively collaborating to develop and update stakeholder resources. Newly created Supervisor FAQs and Out-of-State Licensee FAQs are currently under review and are anticipated to be published on our website in early 2026.

Attachments

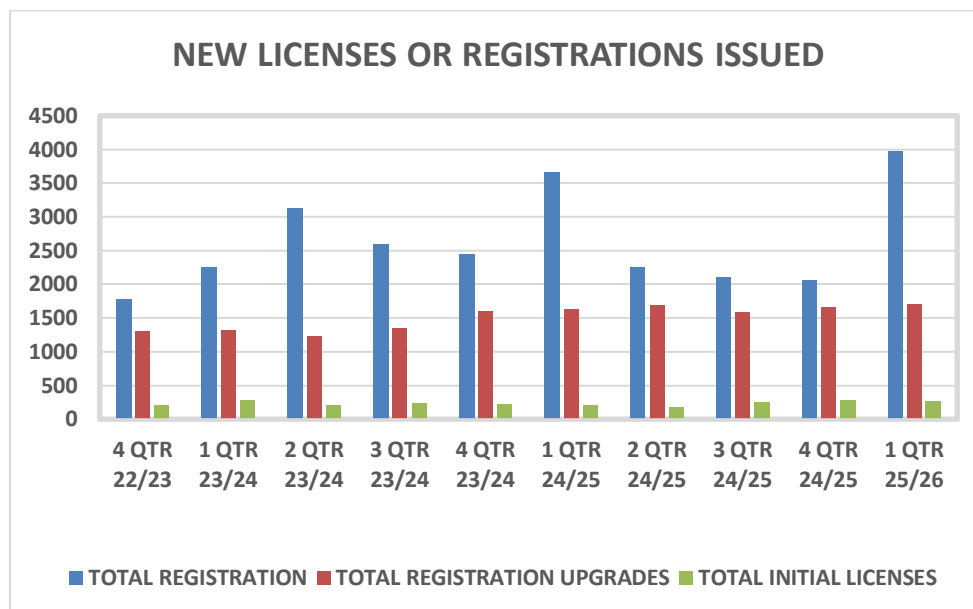
Attachment A: Licensing Population

Attachment B: Licensing Applications/Processing Times

ATTACHMENT A: LICENSING POPULATION

NEW REGISTRATIONS & LICENSES ISSUED FY 25/26					
	1 st Qtr Volumes	2 nd Qtr Volumes	3 rd Qtr Volumes	4 th Qtr Volumes	TOTALS
AMFT Registration	1,484				1,484
ASW Registration	1,774				1,774
APCC Registration	708				708
LMFT Upgrade	795				795
LMFT Initial	14				14
LCSW Upgrade	710				710
LCSW Initial	112				112
LEP Initial	61				61
LPCC Upgrade	193				193
LPCC Initial	74				74
TOTAL	5,925				5,925

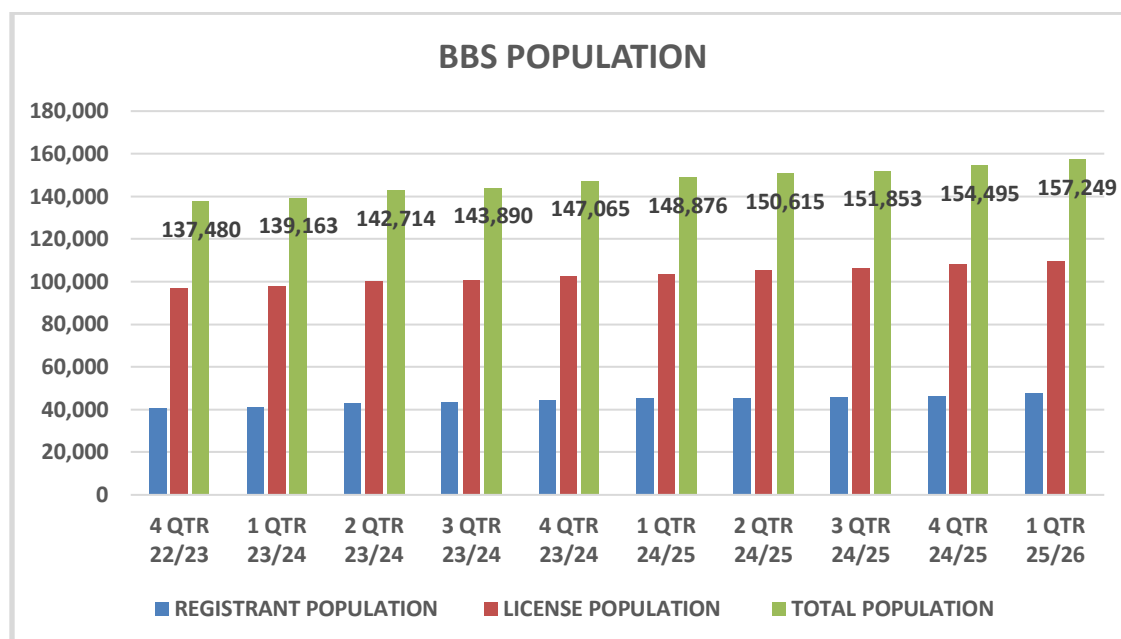
NEW SUPERVISOR CERTIFICATIONS 25/26					
	1 st Qtr Volumes	2 nd Qtr Volumes	3 rd Qtr Volumes	4 th Qtr Volumes	TOTALS
LMFT Supervisor	67				67
LCSW Supervisor	53				53
LPCC Supervisor	10				10
LEP Supervisor	0				0
TOTAL	130				130



ATTACHMENT A: LICENSING POPULATION

POPULATION AS OF November 11, 2025				
	CURRENT	CURRENT INNACTIVE	DELINQUENT	
AMFT	18,476	0	1,813	18,475
LMFT	50,913	3,340	3,845	58,107
	67,575	3,340	5,668	76,582
ASW	18,164	0	2,836	21,000
LCSW	38,309	2,204	2,373	42,886
	56,473	2,204	5,209	63,886
LEP	1,799	226	372	2,397
APCC	6,080	0	2,143	8,223
LPCC	5,791	194	176	6,161
	11,871	194	2,319	14,384
	137,718	5,964	13,568	157,249

SUPERVISOR POPULATION AS OF November 11, 2025	
LMFT Supervisors	8,363
LCSW Supervisors	7,230
LPCC Supervisors	25
LEP Supervisors	659
TOTAL SUPERVISORS	16,277



Attachment B: Licensing Applications Received/Processing Times

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FY 25/26					
Applications	1 st Qtr Volumes	2 nd Qtr Volumes	3 rd Qtr Volumes	4 th Qtr Volumes	FY TOTAL
AMFT Registration	1,832				1,832
AMFT Sub Registration	117				117
LMFT Exam	758				758
LMFT Out of State	13				13
ASW Registration	1,435				1,435
ASW Sub Registration	292				292
LCSW Exam	752				752
LCSW Out of State	136				136
LEP Exam	54				54
LEP Out of State	0				0
APCC Registration	728				728
APCC Sub Registration	30				30
LPCC Examination	218				218
LPCC Out of State	113				113
Total Applications	6,478				6,478

APPLICATION PROCESSING TIMES FY 25/26					
Applications	1 st Qtr	2 nd Qtr	3 rd Qtr	4 th Qtr	+/- Last Qtr
AMFT Registration	31				+19
LMFT Examination	85				+16
ASW Registration	17				+5
LCSW Examination	82				+24
LEP Examination	12				-6
APCC Registration	31				+14
LPCC Examination	7				0

