

Instructions and Important Information

Read Carefully Before Completing Your Application

Renew online at www.breeze.ca.gov for faster processing

REQUIRED CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR ACTIVE STATUS

The continuing education (CE) hours listed below, including specific courses, are required to renew your license with an Active status. All CE must have been taken from a Board-accepted provider. Please see the [CE Chart](#) and [CE Information Brochure](#) for further details.

- **18 hours are required to renew an initial license**
- **36 hours are required to renew a license for each two-year renewal period**
- You must have completed a six-hour Law and Ethics course as part of the above hours.
- **Required for Renewal in 2021 and 2022** (if not submitted with licensure application): ***Suicide Risk Assessment and Intervention (6 hours)*** *Note: Can also be completed via supervised training - see [FAQ](#) for more information.*

All CE must have been taken within the two years prior to submission of your *Application for License Renewal*. Note: The Suicide Risk Assessment and Intervention training may have been taken at any time prior to submission of your application. However, in order for it to count toward your 18 or 36 hours of CE, you must take a course from an acceptable provider within the two years prior to submission of this application. See [FAQ](#) for more information.

Do NOT submit proof of CE with your application – retain it in your files in case of audit. You must retain your CE certificates for at least two years from the date of your renewal. The Board performs random CE audits. If audited, you must provide copies of your CE certificates at that time.

See page 3 for information about renewing with an Inactive or Retired status.

CONVICTION OR DISCIPLINE

Check the box next to "Yes" on the application if, since your last renewal, either of the following have occurred:

1. You have had any license (includes registrations, certificates, or other means to engage in practice) disciplined by a government agency. "Discipline" includes, but is not limited to, suspension, revocation, voluntary surrender, probation or any other restriction. "License" includes professional registrations, certificates, or other means to engage in practice. Do not report disciplinary action taken by the California Board of Behavioral Sciences;

OR

2. You been convicted of, pled guilty to, or pled nolo contendere to any misdemeanor or felony in the United States, its territories, or a foreign country? Convictions dismissed under sections 1203.4, 1203.4a, or 1203.41 of the Penal Code (or equivalent non-California law) must be disclosed. If you have obtained a dismissal of such a conviction, submit a certified copy of the court order. Do not include:

- Offenses prior to your 18th birthday
- Charges dismissed under section 1000.3 of the Penal Code
- Convictions under sections 11357(b), (c), (d), (e) or section 11360(b) of the Health and Safety Code which are two (2) years or older
- Traffic violations for which a fine of \$500 or less was imposed
- Infractions

HOW TO APPLY

Do not mail your application more than 90 days prior to your expiration date.

- **Complete the attached application.**
- **If you have a name change that you would like processed with your application, you must attach the “Notification of Name Change” form and all required documentation.** This form is available online at https://www.bbs.ca.gov/pdf/forms/change_name.pdf. Your license will reflect your new name only if a complete application is received. Do not send original documents unless specifically requested.
- **FEE: Attach a check or money order in the amount shown below payable to “Behavioral Sciences Fund”:**

License Type	ACTIVE RENEWAL FEE		INACTIVE RENEWAL FEE	
	On Time	Delinquent*	On Time	Delinquent*
LMFT LCSW LPCC	\$220	\$320	\$120	\$170
LEP	\$200	\$300	\$100	\$150

***IF RENEWAL IS POSTMARKED AFTER YOUR EXPIRATION DATE:**

You must pay the Delinquent amount above. There is no grace period.

- **Submit your application and fee to the address below:**

Board of Behavioral Sciences
 1625 North Market Blvd., Suite S200
 Sacramento CA 95834

TO CONFIRM RECEIPT OF APPLICATION:

To confirm receipt, mail your application using a method that includes tracking. You may also contact your bank to see if your check has been cashed.

ADDRESS CHANGE:

If your address has changed, be sure to update it ASAP online at www.breeze.ca.gov.

APPLICATION PROCESSING TIME

Allow 30 days for processing. Once your application has been approved your license status will be updated online at www.breeze.ca.gov, and you will receive confirmation in the mail. **Do not assume your license has been renewed until you verify your status online.**

EXPIRED LICENSE AND AUTOMATIC CANCELLATION

A license that is not renewed by the expiration date is deemed expired. **It is illegal to practice on an expired license unless you are working in an exempt setting. In addition:**

- You may not supervise or sign off experience hours while your license is expired.
- You are not entitled to payment by a client or third-party payor for services performed while your license is expired.

EXPIRED LICENSE AND AUTOMATIC CANCELLATION (continued)

- **A license that is not renewed within three (3) years after its expiration date will be cancelled. To become licensed again, you must reapply for a new license, meet all current requirements, and pass the licensing examinations.**

INACTIVE AND RETIRED STATUS OPTIONS

If you are not practicing, you may place your license on Inactive or Retired status. A holder of an inactive or retired license may not engage in any activity for which an active license is required, including the following:

- You may not provide psychotherapy unless you are working in an exempt setting.
- You may not supervise or sign off experience hours.
- You are not entitled to payment by a client or third-party payor for services performed.

An Inactive license must be renewed every two years. There is no penalty for having an Inactive status, you can renew Inactive indefinitely, and no CE is required. To return to Active status, you must complete the CE required at the time of reactivation, submit an *Inactive to Active License Status Change* application, and pay the remainder of the renewal fee.

A Retired license never has to be renewed. To return to Active status, you must complete CE, obtain fingerprint clearance, and submit a *Retired to Active License Status Change* application and fee. **A license that has been retired for three (3) years or longer is not eligible for reactivation.**

INACTIVE AND RETIRED STATUS OPTIONS (continued)

To obtain an Inactive license:

- Submit a complete *Application for License Renewal*;
- Mark the “Inactive Renewal” box; and
- Submit the inactive renewal fee.

To obtain a Retired license:

- Meet all outstanding requirements for renewal; and
- Submit an *Application for Retired License*, available online at <https://www.bbs.ca.gov/licensees/manage.html>

QUESTIONS?

Please visit the **Contact Us** link at www.bbs.ca.gov and select an option under “Message the Board.”

APPLICATION FOR
LICENSE RENEWAL



Office Use Only:

Carefully read the "Instructions and Important Information" FIRST

Do not submit more than 90 days prior to expiration date

Attach Correct Fee

Allow 30 Days for Processing

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Legal Name*:	Last	First	Middle	Amount Enclosed:	\$
License Type and Number:	<input type="checkbox"/> LMFT # _____	<input type="checkbox"/> LCSW # _____	<input type="checkbox"/> LEP # _____	License Expiration Date:	

ACTIVE RENEWAL FEE

License Type	On Time	Delinquent
LMFT LCSW LPCC	\$220	\$320
LEP	\$200	\$300

INACTIVE RENEWAL FEE

On Time	Delinquent
\$120	\$170
\$100	\$150

RENEWAL STATUS – MARK ONE:

- Active Renewal:** I have completed the required hours of continuing education within the last two years and have attached the Active Renewal Fee as listed above. Renew my license with an Active status.
- Inactive Renewal:** I have attached the Inactive Renewal Fee as listed above. Renew my license with an Inactive status.

CONVICTION OR DISCIPLINE - MARK ONE: Yes No

Since your last renewal, have you been convicted of, pled guilty to, or pled nolo contendere to a misdemeanor or felony, or have you had any disciplinary action taken by any regulatory or licensing board in this or any other state, as described in the "Instructions and Important Information"?

** You must use your legal name. Your "legal name" is the name established legally by your birth certificate, marriage or domestic partnership certificate, or divorce decree (for example). If you have a name change that you would like processed with your application, you must follow the directions in the attached Instructions and Important Information under "How to Apply."*

I have read and understand the attached *Instructions and Important Information*. I swear under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that all statements, answers and representations on this form are true, complete and accurate. I understand that providing false information or omitting pertinent information may be grounds for disciplinary action.

Signature of Applicant

Date