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REFUGEE / ASYLEE / SPECIAL IMMIGRANT VISA HOLDERS EXPEDITE REQUEST

(attach to top of application with required documentation)

Applicant Name: _____ BBS ID# (if known): _____

Licensing Program Type: ☐ **LCSW** ☐ **LEP** ☐ **LMFT** ☐ **LPCC**

Application Type:
☐ Associate Registration
☐ Licensure
☐ Initial Examination
☐ Re-Examination
☐ Testing Accommodations
☐ Initial License Issuance

The Board is required to expedite processing of the above application types for those who meet one of the following requirements (per Business and Professions Code section 135.4):

- Applicant was admitted to the United States as a refugee pursuant to section 1157 of title 8 of the United States Code;
- Applicant was granted asylum by the Secretary of Homeland Security or United States Attorney General pursuant to section 1158 of title 8 of the United States Code; or
- Applicant holds a special immigrant visa and was granted a status pursuant to section 1244 of Public Law 110-181, Public Law 109-163, or section 602(b) of title VI of division F of Public Law 111-8, relating to Iraqi and Afghan translators/interpreters or those who worked for or on behalf of the United States government.

To be considered for expedited processing, complete this form (print on colored paper if possible) and attach it to the TOP of your application with one of the following:

- Form I-94, Arrival/Departure Record, with an admission class code such as “RE” (Refugee) or “AY” (Asylee) or other information designating you a refugee or asylee.
- Special immigrant visa that includes the category of “SI” or “SQ.”
- Permanent Resident Card (Form I-551), commonly known as a “Green Card,” with a category designation indicating that the person was admitted as a refugee or asylee.
- An order from a court of competent jurisdiction (a court or administrative agency having jurisdiction and legal authority to deal with the subject matter) or other documentary evidence that provides reasonable assurance that you qualify for expedited licensure.

Your application will receive expedited processing if sufficient documentation is attached. Applications received without this request form and/or without acceptable documentation will NOT receive expedited processing. Please be aware that the greatest obstacle to an efficient licensing process is submission of an incomplete application.

NOTE: Knowingly making a false statement of fact that is required to be revealed in this application may be grounds for denial.

Signature of Applicant: _____ *Date:* _____