

**State of California  
Office of Administrative Law**

**In re:**  
**Board of Behavioral Sciences**

**Regulatory Action:**

**Title 16, California Code of Regulations**

**Adopt sections:** 1805.01, 1805.05, 1822.50,  
1822.51, 1822.52, 1829.1,  
1829.2, 1829.3, 1877.1,  
1877.2, 1877.3

**Amend sections:** 1805, 1806, 1816, 1816.2,  
1816.3, 1816.4, 1816.5,  
1816.6, 1816.7, 1829, 1877

**Repeal sections:**

**NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF REGULATORY  
ACTION**

**Government Code Section 11349.3**

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The Board of Behavioral Sciences (Board) is making numerous changes in Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations including adopting several new sections and amending numerous sections. The Board is tasked with regulating the practice of licensed marriage and family therapists, licensed educational psychologists, licensed clinical social workers and licensed professional clinical counselors. In this rulemaking action the Board is making changes to the examination process. SB 704 (Chapter 387, Statutes of 2011), SB 821 (Chapter 473, Statutes of 2013) and SB 1466 (Chapter 316, Statutes of 2014) restructure the examination process effective January 1, 2016. One of the changes is the requirement for those seeking licensure to pass two exams: a California law and ethics examination and a clinical examination. Additionally, all registered interns must take the California law and ethics exam during each yearly renewal registration period until passed and if the intern fails the exam they must take a 12-hour California law and ethics course.

OAL approves this regulatory action pursuant to section 11349.3 of the Government Code. This regulatory action becomes effective on 1/1/2016.

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