The Board of Behavioral Sciences of the Department of Consumer Affairs hereby adopts regulations in Division 18 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, as follows:

ADD § 1805.2. ADDITIONAL EXAMINATION TIME: ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

The board, in its sole discretion, may grant additional examination time to an applicant for whom English is his or her second language. To qualify for consideration, the applicant must submit a request for additional time stating that English is his or her second language, and provide one of the following:

(a) A Test of English as a Foreign Language, Internet Based Test (TOEFL-iBT) certification score of 85 or below, sent by Educational Testing Service directly to the board. The TOEFL must have been taken within the previous two years prior to application.

(b) Documentation from the qualifying master’s degree program that the program had granted the applicant additional examination time or other allowance due to speaking English as a second language while he or she was enrolled in the program. Acceptable documentation includes, but is not limited to, a letter from the chair of the qualifying master’s degree program, or from the educational institution’s chief academic officer.

(c) Documentation that the qualifying master’s degree was obtained from an educational institution outside the United States, and that at least fifty percent of the coursework was presented in a language other than English. Acceptable documentation includes, but is not limited to, a letter from the chair of the qualifying master’s degree program, or from the educational institution’s chief academic officer.

If approved, the applicant will be allotted time–and-a-half (1.5x) when taking the required board-administered examination. Allowance of this option for a required national examination is subject to availability from the exam-administering entity.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 4980.60 and 4990.20, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 4980.397, 4980.50, 4989.22, 4992.05, 4992.1, 4999.52 and 4999.53, Business and Professions Code.

Dated: _____________ Signed: __________________________

Kim Madsen, Executive Officer