

This is an amendment to 16.27.15 NMAC, Sections 3, 8, 13, and 14, effective 11/30/2021.

**16.27.15.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** These parts are promulgated pursuant to the Counselor and Therapist Practice Act, [~~Section 61-9A-10, 11, 12, 13, and 15~~] Sections 61-9A-9, 61-9A-10, 61-9A-11, 61-9A-12, 61-9A-13, 61-9A-14, 61-9A-14.2, and 61-9A-15 NMSA 1978.

[16.27.15.3 NMAC - Rp 16 NMAC 27.12.3, 6/15/2001; A, 11/30/2021]

**16.27.15.8 EXAMINATION CANDIDATES:** Each applicant who has completed the educational and supervision requirements for licensure as a professional clinical mental health counselor, professional marriage and family therapist, professional art therapist, professional mental health counselor, mental health counselor, and alcohol and drug abuse counselor, shall be required to pass the board approved examination(s) as part of the requirements for licensure in the given discipline.

[16.27.15.8 NMAC - Rp 16 NMAC 27.12.8, 6/15/2001; A, 7/1/2004; A, 11/30/2021]

**16.27.15.13 EXAMINATION SPECIFICS:** Individuals will be informed of examination specifics, such as location and time of the examination, upon registration.

**A.** Individuals who arrive late will be admitted. However, additional time will not be granted.

**B.** Individuals who have previously [~~taken~~] passed the approved examinations for licensure will not be required to [~~test~~] re-test as long as the applicant currently holds a valid license from another state, territory, or foreign nation.

[16.27.15.13 NMAC - Rp 16 NMAC 27.12.13, 6/15/2001; A, 7/1/2004; A, 11/30/2021]

**16.27.15.14 REPEATED EXAMINATIONS:**

**A.** Qualified applicants who fail to obtain the minimum required passing score for an exam must surrender their temporary license immediately. An applicant may reapply for a temporary license and is eligible to sit for the next exam without incurring further application fees; however, applicant is responsible for all new exam related fees. Applicants must pay the examination fee for each scheduled examination.

**B.** Applicants who cannot sit for the examinations due to circumstances beyond their control [~~must~~] shall submit a written request to the board at least 30 days prior to the scheduled examination explaining the extenuating circumstances. Extenuating circumstances include illness, death in immediate family, military service, or other severe circumstances which do not allow an applicant to attend the scheduled examination. Applicant must provide documentation of extenuating circumstances.

**C.** Applicants who fail [~~the examinations or fails~~] to sit for scheduled examinations without prior notification or fail to register for the exam during their approval period must submit a new application, including the application fee, and all documentation.

[16.27.15.14 NMAC - Rp 16 NMAC 27.12.14, 6/15/2001; A, 7/1/2004; A, 11/30/2021]