

(D) THE EXAMINATION SHALL INCLUDE A PORTION THAT TESTS AN APPLICANT'S KNOWLEDGE OF THE MARYLAND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS ACT.

17-306.

[Until July 1, 1989, the] THE Board shall waive the requirements for certification as a professional counselor under § 17-302(d) of this subtitle for any person who:

(1) HAS FILED A LETTER OF INTENT WITH THE BOARD BY JULY 1, 1989;

[(1)](2) Holds a master's degree in a professional counseling field or completed a program of studies judged by the Board to be substantially equivalent in subject matter and extent of training to a master's degree in a professional counseling field;

[(2)](3) [Completed] HAS COMPLETED not less than 3 years of supervised experience in counseling approved by the Board, 2 years of which shall have been completed after the award of the master's degree or its substantial equivalent; and

[(3)](4) [Passed] HAS, BY JULY 1, 1995, PASSED an examination approved by the Board.

17-309.

(a) A certificate expires on the date set by the Board, unless the certificate is renewed for an additional term as provided in this section. A license may not be renewed for a term longer than 2 years.

(b) At least 1 month before a certificate expires, the Board shall send to the certificate holder, by first class mail to the last known address of the certificate holder, a renewal notice that states:

(1) The date on which the current certificate expires;

(2) The date by which the renewal application must be received by the Board for the renewal to be issued and mailed before the certificate expires; and

(3) The amount of the renewal fee.

(c) Before the certificate expires, the certificate holder periodically may renew the certificate for an additional 2-year term, if the certificate holder:

(1) Otherwise is entitled to be certified;

(2) Pays to the Board the renewal fee set by the Board; and

(3) Submits to the Board:

(i) A renewal application on the form that it requires; and

(ii) Satisfactory evidence of compliance with any continuing education requirements set under this section for certificate renewal.