

(C) (1) THE BOARD SHALL WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION AS A CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR ~~DRUG AND ALCOHOL ALCOHOL AND DRUG THERAPIST~~ UNDER § 17.302.3 OF THIS TITLE FOR ANY PERSON WHO:

(I) HAS FILED A LETTER OF INTENT WITH THE BOARD BY JULY 1, 1997;

(II) HOLDS A MASTER'S OR DOCTORAL DEGREE IN A HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COUNSELING FIELD OR HAS COMPLETED A PROGRAM THAT THE BOARD DETERMINES TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT IN SUBJECT MATTER AND EXTENT OF TRAINING AS A MASTER'S OR DOCTORAL DEGREE IN A HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COUNSELING FIELD; ~~AND~~

(III) AS OF JULY 1, 1996, IS CERTIFIED AS A CERTIFIED CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY COUNSELOR OR CERTIFIED CLINICAL SUPERVISOR BY THE MARYLAND ADDICTION COUNSELOR CERTIFICATION BOARD;

(IV) HAS COMPLETED NOT LESS THAN 3 YEARS WITH A MINIMUM OF 3,000 HOURS OF SUPERVISED EXPERIENCE IN ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE COUNSELING APPROVED BY THE BOARD, 2 YEARS OF WHICH SHALL HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AFTER THE AWARD OF THE MASTER'S OR DOCTORAL DEGREE; AND

(V) HAS, BY JULY 1, 2001, SUCCESSFULLY PASSED AN EXAMINATION APPROVED BY THE BOARD.

(2) THE BOARD SHALL WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION AS A CERTIFIED ASSOCIATE COUNSELOR ~~DRUG AND ALCOHOL ALCOHOL AND DRUG THERAPIST~~ FOR ANY PERSON WHO HAS FILED A LETTER OF INTENT WITH THE BOARD BY JULY 1, 1997 IF:

(I) THE PERSON HOLDS A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN A HEALTH OR HUMAN SERVICES COUNSELING FIELD OR HAS COMPLETED A PROGRAM THAT THE BOARD DETERMINES TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT IN SUBJECT MATTER AND EXTENT OF TRAINING TO A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN A HEALTH OR HUMAN SERVICES COUNSELING FIELD; ~~OR~~

(II) THE PERSON, AS OF JULY 1, 1996, IS CERTIFIED AS A CERTIFIED CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY COUNSELOR OR CERTIFIED CLINICAL SUPERVISOR BY THE MARYLAND ADDICTION COUNSELOR CERTIFICATION BOARD OR IS EMPLOYED ~~BY THE STATE~~ IN THE CAPACITY OF A PROGRAM SPECIALIST I, II, OR III, OR ITS EQUIVALENT, IF THE PERSON IS EMPLOYED BY THE STATE, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE, OR AN ENTITY THAT PROVIDES ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELING SERVICES UNDER CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE; AND

(III) THE PERSON HAS COMPLETED NOT LESS THAN 3 YEARS WITH A MINIMUM OF 3,000 HOURS OF SUPERVISED EXPERIENCE IN ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE COUNSELING APPROVED BY THE BOARD, 2 YEARS OF WHICH SHALL HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AFTER THE AWARD OF THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE.

(3) THE BOARD SHALL WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR