

ACCREDITATION OF HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATIONS OR THAT IS CERTIFIED UNDER
TITLE 8, SUBTITLE 4 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE.

17-306.

(c) (1) The Board shall waive the requirements for certification as a certified professional counselor-alcohol and drug under § 17-302.3 of this subtitle for any person who:

(i) Has filed a letter of intent with the Board by July 1, [1997] 1998;

(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;

(iii) As of July 1, [1996] 1997, is certified as a certified chemical dependency counselor [or certified clinical supervisor], ITS EQUIVALENT, OR HIGHER by the Maryland Addiction Counselor Certification Board, ANOTHER STATE, THE CERTIFICATION COMMISSION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE COUNSELORS, OR THE INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATION RECIPROCITY CONSORTIUM, OR IS EMPLOYED IN THE CAPACITY OF A PROGRAM SPECIALIST I, II, III, OR ITS EQUIVALENT, OR HIGHER, 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

(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-alcohol and drug for any person who has filed a letter of intent with the Board by July 1, [1997] 1998 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;

(ii)‡ The person, as of July 1, [1996] 1997, is certified as a certified chemical dependency counselor [or certified clinical supervisor], ITS EQUIVALENT, OR HIGHER, by the Maryland Addiction Counselor Certification Board, ANOTHER STATE, THE CERTIFICATION COMMISSION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE COUNSELORS, OR THE INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATION RECIPROCITY CONSORTIUM, or is employed in the capacity of a Program Specialist I, II, [or] III, or its equivalent, OR HIGHER, if the person is employed