

(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, 1998] OCTOBER 1, 2001 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, [1997] 2001, is certified as a certified chemical dependency counselor, 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] IN AN AGENCY OR FACILITY ACCREDITED BY THE JOINT COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATIONS OR CERTIFIED UNDER TITLE 8, SUBTITLE 4 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE; 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 or a program that the Board determines to be substantially equivalent in subject matter and extent of training.

(3) The Board shall waive the requirements for certification as a certified supervised counselor—alcohol and drug for any person who has filed a letter of intent with the Board by [July 1, 1998] OCTOBER 1, 2001 if:

(i) The person holds an associate's degree in health or human services counseling or has completed a program that the Board determines to be substantially equivalent in subject matter and extent of training to an associate's degree in health or human services counseling; or

(ii) The person, as of July 1, [1997] 2001, is certified as a certified alcoholism counselor, certified drug counselor, 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 an Addiction Counselor II or 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] IN AN AGENCY OR FACILITY ACCREDITED BY THE JOINT COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATIONS OR CERTIFIED UNDER TITLE 8, SUBTITLE 4 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE.