



NEW CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE) REGULATIONS FAQ'S FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION PROVIDERS

I. HOW WILL THE NEW REGULATIONS AFFECT CONTINUING EDUCATION PROVIDERS?

The new regulations will discontinue the Board's authority to approve or renew continuing education providers.

A. After **January 1, 2015**, the Board will no longer be accepting applications for new continuing education providers ("CE providers"). CE providers with Board-issued, valid CE provider numbers may continue to provide continuing education courses until the valid provider number expires. Once the provider number expires, it cannot be renewed. Therefore, if you wish to continue to provide continuing education courses, you must apply to become a provider with one of the approval agencies or organizations recognized by the Board.

B. After **July 1, 2015**, existing CE provider numbers, issued by the Board, will no longer be renewable.

II. WHERE DO BBS LICENSEES OBTAIN THEIR CONTINUING EDUCATION AFTER JANUARY 1, 2015?

Licensees may only obtain continuing education hours from one of the following:

A. A Board-approved continuing education provider with a current CE provider number. (Note: As previously stated, these Board-issued CE provider numbers will no longer be renewable after July 1, 2015.)

B. An accredited or approved postsecondary institution that meets the requirements set forth in Sections 4980.54(f)(1), 4989.34, 4996.22(d)(1), or 4999.76(d) of the Business & Professions Code.

C. A Board-recognized approval agency or a continuing education provider that has been approved or registered by a Board-recognized approval agency. Listed below are the Board-recognized approval agencies:

- i. National Association of Social Workers (NASW)**
- ii. Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB)**
- iii. National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC)**
- iv. National Association of School Psychologists (NASP)**
- v. American Psychological Association (APA)**

D. An organization, institution, association or other entity that is recognized by the Board as a continuing education provider. Listed below are the Board-recognized continuing education providers:

- i. American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT)**
- ii. American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy-California Division (AAMFT-CA)**
- iii. California Association for Licensed Professional Clinical Counselors (CALPCC)**

- iv. California Association for Marriage and Family Therapists (CAMFT)
- v. National Association of Social Workers-California Chapter (NASW-CA)
- vi. California Society for Clinical Social Work (CSCSW)
- vii. California Association of School Psychologists (CASP)
- viii. California Psychological Association (CPA)
- ix. California Counseling Association (CCA)
- x. American Counseling Association (ACA)

III. DOES THIS MEAN THAT THERE WILL NO LONGER BE CONTINUING EDUCATION PROVIDERS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES?

Yes. The new regulations will discontinue the Board’s authority to approve or renew continuing education providers. In order to become a continuing education provider for Board of Behavioral Sciences licensees, you will need to apply with one of the aforementioned board-recognized approval agencies.

IV. WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS TO BECOME AN APPROVAL AGENCY FOR THE BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES?

The Board may recognize other entities as approval agencies if the entity can demonstrate the following in writing:

- A. The entity is an organization that represents a licensed health care profession
- B. The entity has a documented code of Ethics.
- C. The entity has documented procedures for maintaining a continuing education approval program, including, but not limited to:
 - i. Maintaining and managing records and data related to continuing education programs.
 - ii. Monitoring and approving continuing education providers and courses.
- D. The entity has policies to avoid a conflict of interest between provider functions and approval functions.
- E. The entity has the capacity to evaluate courses to ensure compliance with the CCR, Title 16, Section 1887.4.

The entity may advertise that it has been recognized by the Board once it has received written confirmation from the Board.

V. TO PROVIDE CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR ALL OF THE BOARD’S LICENSE TYPES, MUST I APPLY TO EACH AGENCY, ORGANIZATION, INSTITUTION OR ASSOCIATION?

Each agency, organization, institution or association is different. Please check with the entity you are interested in and determine their requirements and the applicability of your proposed coursework to the various license types.

VI. WHERE CAN I FIND THE APPROVED REGULATIONS?

You can find the approved regulations by going to the home page on the Board’s website at www.bbs.ca.gov. Click into the “Board Activity” tab and then click into “Approved Regulations.”