

**Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
Bureau of Professional Licensing**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

October 4, 2019

9:00 a.m.

Location: G. Mennen Williams Building Auditorium
525 W. Ottawa Street, Lansing, Michigan

The hearing is held to receive public comments on the following administrative rules:

Architects – General Rules (ORR 2019-043 LR)

Authority: MCL 339.205, MCL 339.308, and MCL 339.2009 and Executive Reorganization Order Nos. 1991-9, 1996-2, 2003-1, and 2011-4, MCL 338.3501, MCL 445.2001, MCL 445.2011, MCL 445.2030.

Overview: The proposed rules will revise the definitions of terms used in the rules, revise the education, experience, and examination requirements that must be satisfied to receive a license, adopt by reference a standard of professional conduct that is acceptable to the board, and clarify the requirements pertaining to the seal of an architect. In addition, a new rule will be added that outlines relicensure requirements and the continuing education requirements will be updated to reflect subjects and activities that are acceptable to the board.

Counseling – General Rules (ORR 2019-063 LR)

Authority: MCL 333.16145, 333.16148, 333.18101, and 333.18107, and Executive Reorganization Nos. 1991-9, 1996-2, 2003-1 and 2011-4, MCL 338.3501, 445.2001, 445.2011, and 445.2030.

Overview: The proposed rules clarify definitions and move the educational training curriculum definitions to an educational section, update higher institution educational program regional accreditation standards, update Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) accreditation standards, clarify the educational training program requirements for applicants who are graduates of non-CACREP accredited programs, include a future increased credit hour requirement for applicants who are graduates of non-CACREP accredited programs to coincide with future CACREP imposed requirements, require graduates of non-accredited postsecondary institutions to bear the expense and supply an educational program equivalency determination to the department from a credential evaluation agency, revise the non-CACREP accredited educational training program curriculum to mandate only those courses listed in statute, revise the human trafficking rule to include a date of promulgation, add criteria related to good moral character and fingerprinting as conditions for relicensure of a limited licensed counselor and a licensed counselor, add the National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE) as an approved examination for licensure, remove the relicensure requirements exemptions granted based on MCL 333.18107(2), and add a rule that addresses the requirements for license renewal.

Professional Engineers – General Rules (ORR 2019-031 LR)

Authority: MCL 339.205, MCL 339.308, and MCL 339.2009 and Executive Reorganization Order Nos. 1991-9, 1996-2, 2003-1, and 2011-4, MCL 338.3501, MCL 445.2001, MCL 445.2011, MCL 445.2030.

Overview: The proposed rules will revise the definitions of terms used in the rules, revise the education, experience, and examination requirements that must be satisfied to receive a license, and clarify the requirements pertaining to the seal of a professional engineer. In addition, relicensure and continuing education requirements will be clarified, and the rules pertaining to the standards of practice and professional conduct will be revised.

Board of Occupational Therapists – General Rules (ORR 2018-034 LR)

Authority: MCL 333.16145, MCL 333.16148, MCL 333.16204, MCL 333.18307, MCL 333.18309, MCL 333.18313 and Executive Reorganization Order Nos. 1991-9, 1996-2, 2003-1, and 2011-4, MCL 338.3501, MCL 445.2001, MCL 445.2011, MCL 445.2030.

Overview: The proposed rules will delete prohibited conduct, clarify when an applicant may sit for an exam, clarify that the Department will grant a limited license, clarify that a limited license may be renewed 1 time, clarify who may supervise practice experience, add a good standing provision to the relicensure and endorsement requirements, clarify licensure requirements for a graduate from a non-accredited institution, require an applicant for endorsement to have an active license in another state, clarify the requirements for relicensure, and require that one-half of continuing education be completed in person or through live webinars.

The rules will take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State, unless specified otherwise in the rules. Comments on the proposed rules may be presented in person at the public hearing. Written comments will also be accepted from date of publication until **5:00 p.m. on October 4, 2019**, at the following address or e-mail address:

Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
Bureau of Professional Licensing– Boards and Committees Section
P.O. Box 30670
Lansing, MI 48909-8170
Attention: Policy Analyst Email: BPL-BoardSupport@michigan.gov

A copy of the proposed rules may be obtained by contacting Board Support at (517) 241-7500 or the email address noted above. Electronic copies also may be obtained at the following link:

http://dmbinternet.state.mi.us/DMB/DTMBORR/AdminCode.aspx?AdminCode=Department&Dpt=LR&Level_1=Bureau+of+Professional+Licensing

The meeting site and parking are accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals attending the meeting are requested to refrain from using heavily scented personal care products, in order to enhance accessibility for everyone. People with disabilities requiring additional accommodations (such as materials in alternative format) in order to participate in the meeting should call (517) 241-7500).