**Section 1283.50 Application for Examination and Licensure** **as a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist**

a) An applicant for examination shall file an application, on forms supplied by the Division, at least 90 days prior to an examination date. The application shall include:

1) Verification, on forms provided by the Division, that the applicant has completed the education requirements defined in Section 1283.30.

2) Verification on forms provided by the Division, signed by an employer or supervisor, that following the receipt of the first qualifying degree, the applicant obtained at least 3000 hours of work experience as defined in Section 1283.15. If the applicant is self-employed, the applicant shall submit three affidavits from peers, clients or colleagues familiar with the applicant's work.

3) Verification of at least 200 hours of clinical supervision as defined in Section 1283.25.

4) Verification of at least 1000 hours of clinical experience pursuant to Section 1283.20.

5) The required fee set forth in Section 1283.95(a)(1).

6) If applicable, certification on forms provided by the Division, from the state or territory of the United States in which the applicant was originally licensed and the state in which the applicant is currently licensed stating:

A) The time during which the applicant was licensed in that jurisdiction, including the date of the original issuance of the license;

B) A description of the examination in that jurisdiction; and

C) Whether the file on the applicant contains any record of disciplinary actions taken or pending.

b) An applicant for licensure who has taken and passed the examination set forth in Section 1283.40 in another jurisdiction shall file an application in accordance with subsection (a) and have the applicant's examination scores submitted to the Division directly from the testing entity.

c) In lieu of compliance with subsections (a)(1), (2), (3) and (4), the Division shall accept certification of clinical membership from the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy.

d) When the accuracy of any submitted documentation or the relevance or sufficiency of the course work or experience is questioned by the Division or the Board because of lack of information, discrepancies or conflicts in information given or a need for clarification, the applicant seeking licensure shall be requested to:

1) Provide such information as may be necessary; and/or

2) Appear for an interview before the Board to explain such relevance or sufficiency, clarify information or clean up any discrepancies or conflicts in information.

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