

**BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS, MARITAL AND FAMILY  
THERAPISTS, AND CLINICAL PASTORAL THERAPISTS**

**POLICY STATEMENT REGARDING LICENSURE BY RECIPROCITY**

The Board for Professional Counselors, Marital and Family Therapists, and Clinical Pastoral Therapists (“The Board”) feels that it is important to allow licensure by reciprocity. The Board is in the process of updating the rules and regulations to reflect the new Licensure by Reciprocity rule. This policy takes effect immediately upon approval by the Board and will remain in effect until approval of the final rule or the policy is rescinded by the Board.

An applicant applying for licensure under Title 63, Chapter 22, is eligible for licensure by reciprocity if the applicant is licensed at the highest level of licensure for independent practice available in the applicant’s state and the applicant satisfies the following:

1. Applicant maintained an active license from another jurisdiction for not less than three (3) of the five (5) years immediately preceding the application.
2. Applicant’s license from the originating state is not currently encumbered or restricted.
3. Applicant must pass the Tennessee Jurisprudence exam.
4. Applicant must meet all other minimum statutory requirements for licensure under the selected licensure type.

**Reason for Policy Statement:** The Board wanted to simplify the application process for out-of-state practitioners who wish to practice in Tennessee.

**HISTORY:** This Policy Statement was adopted by the Board for Professional Counselors, Marital and Family Therapists, and Clinical Pastoral Therapists on the 6<sup>th</sup> of December, 2019. Amended the 3<sup>rd</sup> of January, 2020.