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## Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners

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To: Louisiana Department of Justice  
Public Protection Division-  
Occupational Licensing Review Program  
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From: Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners

To Whom It May Concern:

The Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners has proposed amendments to LAC 46: LX503. To facilitate the Department of Justice's review of the proposed rule, the Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners provides answers to the following questions:

1. Describe any relevant factual background to the occupational regulation and the purpose of the occupational regulation.

This is a technical rule revision to remove language that may cause confusion as the licensee wants a list of instruments due to the language. The proposed rule makes a technical revision to the definition of "Appraisal" under Chapter 5. It adds the word "and" to improve sentence clarity and removes the phrase "and symptom screening checklists or instruments" from the list of tools included under appraisal. This change is intended to clarify the scope of appraisal activities allowed for counselors and does not create new regulatory obligations.

2. Is the occupational regulation within the scope of the occupational licensing board's general authority to regulate in a given occupation or industry? If so, identify the law that provides the authority for the rule and describe how the occupational regulation is within the scope.

In accordance with the Louisiana Administrative Procedures Act (R.S. 49:4950 et seq.) and through the authority of the Mental Health Counseling Licensing Act (R.S. 37:1101 et seq.).

3. Check all of the following that apply as reasons the occupational regulation is subject to review
  - Other activity: Active state supervision to ensure compliance.

4. Identify the clearly articulated state policy (e.g., health, safety, welfare, or consumer protection) in state statute, or any supporting evidence of the harm the action/proposed action is intended to protect against?

The policy of the Louisiana Mental Health Counselor Practice Act, as stated in LA R.S. 37:1103, is that activities of such persons in the mental health counseling area should be regulated for the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare and to provide for the regulation of the practice of mental health counseling in the state of Louisiana.

5. Do any less restrictive alternatives to the occupational regulation exist for addressing the same harm? If so, include a comparison of the occupational regulation to the alternatives and a justification for not pursuing a less restrictive alternative. If no less restrictive alternatives exist, explain why.

The Board is not aware of any less restrictive alternatives. The language revision is to clarify to clarify the scope of appraisal activities allowed for counselors.

6. Describe the process that the occupational licensing board followed in developing the proposed rule, including any public hearings held, studies conducted, and data collected or analyzed.

The Fiscal and Economic Impact Statement (FEIS) was submitted and approved. The notice of intent was sent to the Louisiana Register along with the required Oversight Committees. The Notice of Intent was published in the July 20, 2025, Louisiana Register with public comments being accepted until August 10, 2025. The Board did not receive any requests or public comments and therefore did not conduct a public hearing.

7. Does the occupational regulation relate to a matter on which there is pending litigation or a final court order?

No.

8. Please identify the board members voting in favor of this rule, and state whether the member is an active market participant.


Laura Fazio-Griffith (Active), Abigail Hays (Active), Amanda Dossaji (Active), Foley Nash (Active), Mark Reynaud (Active), Kelly Austin (Active), Eric Dishongh (Active), Ashley Thibodeaux (Active).

9. Is there anything else that the occupational licensing board would like the Department to know about the proposed rule?

No.

The Board did not receive any requests or public comments and therefore did not conduct a public hearing. Should you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact Jamie S. Doming or Raelene Lundin at (225) 295-8444 or via email to [lpcboard@lpcboard.org](mailto:lpcboard@lpcboard.org).

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Raelene Lundin". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name and last name clearly distinguishable.

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