



Board of Professional Counselors

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Professional Counselor License by Credentials Application Instructions

This application contains all the documents you will need to apply for a permanent license to practice as a professional counselor in Alaska. Read these instructions and the Board of Professional Counselors Statutes and Regulations before you complete the application.

A person may apply for licensure to practice professional counseling in the State of Alaska under the provisions of AS 08.29. Applicants may qualify for licensure by credentials or by examination.

Note the following:

- Appropriate fees must accompany applications before initial screening can begin.
- An incomplete application or any unusual circumstances noted in the application may require additional processing time.
- The application review process is defined by the requirements set forth in state law. The board and its staff must comply with those laws in processing applications.
- If you received this application from a source other than directly from the division or its official website, the application may be outdated or not an official version. Ensure you have the current version as outdated versions will not be accepted.

The following must be received by the division before your application for Professional Counselor License by Credentials can be reviewed:

1. APPLICATION

A signed, completed application (#08-4911, pages 1-6).

2. FEES

Fees made payable to "State of Alaska."

Nonrefundable Application Fee: \$200.00

Initial License Fee: \$250.00

Total Fees Due: \$450.00

3. VERIFICATION OF LICENSURE

Verification of Licensure must be sent directly to the department from each jurisdiction where the applicant holds or has ever held a license to practice professional counseling. Each verification must include an explanation of any disciplinary action taken against the licensee. Check with each of the state boards you are or have been licensed in for their verification request process. If a state offers free primary source verification on their website, that may be accepted as long as the website clearly confirms that it's a primary source verification.

4. CRIMINAL JUSTICE REPORT

Each applicant is required to submit a complete report of criminal justice information for Alaska under AS 12.62.005 – AS 12.62.200 to our division. The Alaska report can be obtained by contacting the Department of Public Safety, Alaska State Troopers. The report must be issued no earlier than 90 days prior to the date of this application.

The Department of Public Safety, Criminal Records and Identification (R&I) Bureau maintains Alaska criminal justice information. An application for an Alaska report of criminal justice can be obtained online or in person. Please check with the law enforcement office regarding what will be required to obtain the report.

In addition to the Alaska reports, if a state other than Alaska is your primary state of residence you must submit an equivalent report from your state of residency to our division. Nonresident applicants will need to contact your state law enforcement office to obtain a complete report of criminal justice information.

Note: The report of state criminal justice information must come from a law enforcement agency. Internet self-searches will not be accepted. The report must include previous and middle names.

5. STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

A copy of the current statutes and regulations pertaining to licensure requirements for the practice of professional counseling from the state where you are currently licensed.

6. OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS

If you are from a state that does not require you to have sixty graduate semester hours in counseling, then include a transcript showing you have a minimum of sixty semester hours (obtained either during or after your counseling degree). Contact your school to obtain the official transcript and have them send the document directly to our division.

7. EDUCATIONAL COURSEWORK CHECK SHEET

If your graduate degree is in a related field, you must complete the Educational Coursework Check Sheet (#08-4911a). "Related field" includes psychology, marital and family therapy, social work, and applied behavioral science.

General Information

APPLICATION PROCESSING:

The average processing time varies by program. When the application is complete and correct, all supporting documents have been received and all fees have been paid, the application will be forwarded to the Board of Professional Counselors for their review. Start the process far enough in advance to allow for processing time. Applications are reviewed in order of receipt in our office, and walk-in customers should not expect immediate review.

LICENSE TERM:

Licenses are issued for a two-year period and expire on October 31 of odd-numbered years, regardless of the date of issuance, except licenses issued within 90 days of the expiration date which are issued to the next biennial expiration date. One renewal notice will be sent via email or mail at least 30 days before license expiration to the last known email or mailing address of record. Failure to receive a renewal notice does not relieve a licensee from the responsibility of renewing a license on time.

PROFESSIONAL FITNESS QUESTIONS:

A “yes” response in the application does not mean your application will be denied. If you have responded “yes” to any professional fitness questions, submit an explanation with the charging and closing court documentation (e.g. court records, fitness letters, etc.).

DENIAL OF APPLICATION:

Be aware that the denial of an application of licensure may be reported to any person, professional licensing board, federal, state, or local governmental agency, or other entity making a relevant inquiry or as may be required by law.

ADDRESS OR NAME CHANGE:

In accordance with 12 AAC 02.900, it is the applicant's responsibility to notify the division, in writing, of changes of address or name. Name and address change notification forms are available on the division's website. The address of record with the division will be used to send renewals and all other official notifications. The name appearing on the license must be your current legal name.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPIES:

If any of the required documents will be issued under a former name, indicate on the application and submit marriage license and/or court documents that are notarized as a “certified true copy of the original document”. To obtain a certified true copy, you must present the notary with the original document along with the photocopy. You must write, “I certify this is a true copy of the original document” and sign your name. The notary will compare the original document with the copy and then notarize your signature.

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS:

AS 08.01.060 requires a U.S. Social Security Number be on file with the division before a professional license is issued. If you do not have a U.S. Social Security Number, complete the Request for Exemption from Social Security Number Requirement form located at ProfessionalLicense.Alaska.Gov.

PUBLIC INFORMATION:

All information on the application form will be available as a public record, unless required to be kept confidential by state or federal law.

ABANDONED APPLICATIONS:

Under 12 AAC 02.910, an application is considered abandoned when 12 months have elapsed since correspondence was last received from or on behalf of the applicant. An abandoned application is denied without prejudice. At the time of abandonment, the division will send notification to the last known address of the applicant, who has 30 days to submit a written request for a refund of biennial license and other fees paid. The application fee will not be refunded. If no request for refund is received within that timeframe, no refund will be issued, and all fees will be forfeited.

BUSINESS LICENSES:

The status of a professional license will directly impact the status of an associated business license. Renewal applications for business licenses are mailed separately. For more information about business licenses, (907) 465-2550 or BusinessLicense.Alaska.Gov.

STALE DOCUMENTS:

Application forms, authorizations and verifications older than 12 months from the date the document was received by the division will be considered stale; the document must be resubmitted as appropriate before the application will be considered by the division or a licensing board. Application documents include the application documents and verifications of licensure from other licensing jurisdictions. (12 AAC 02.915)

PAYMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT:

If the Alaska Child Support Enforcement Division has determined that you are in arrears on child support, you may be issued a nonrenewable temporary license valid for 150 days. Contact Child Support Services at (907) 269-6900 to resolve payment issues.

STATUTES AND REGULATIONS:

The complete set of statutes and regulations for this program are available by written request or online at the division's website: ProfessionalLicense.Alaska.Gov. To receive notification of all proposed regulation changes, send a request with your name, preferred contact method (mail or email), and the program you want to be updated on to the regulation specialist at the following email: RegulationsAndPublicComment@Alaska.Gov.



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PART I Current License

Indicate the state license that will be the basis of your application.

State:		License Number:		License Type:	
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PART II Payment of Fees

Required Fees:	<input type="checkbox"/> Application and License Fee (\$200 is Non-Refundable)	\$450.00
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PART III Personal Information

Full Legal Name:				
<p>Provide all other names used (maiden, nicknames, aliases). If any documentation will be received in a prior name, you must provide a certified true copy of the documentation showing proof of legal name change(s).</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/> Other Names Used: _____ </p>				
Mailing Address:	P.O. Box or Street	City	State	Zip
Primary State of Residence:				
Contact Phone:			Date of Birth:	
<p>EMAIL AGREEMENT: By choosing to receive correspondence on any matter affecting my license or other business with the Alaska Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, I agree to maintain an accurate email address through the MY LICENSE web page. I understand that failure to check my email account or to keep the email address in good standing may result in an inability to receive crucial information, potentially resulting in my inability to obtain or maintain licensure.</p>				
Email Address:			Select One:	<input type="checkbox"/> Send my Correspondence Electronically <input type="checkbox"/> Send my Correspondence by Mail
<p>Note: If both boxes are selected above, you will receive correspondence electronically.</p>				
<p>SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: AS 08.01.060 requires you to provide your United States Social Security Number. It is considered confidential information and will not be publicly disclosed; it may be used to verify inter-state licensure.</p>				

PART IV Education

Either a master's **OR** a doctorate degree with a minimum of 60 graduate semester hours is required.

Name of School:

Degree Awarded:

Date Awarded:

Degree Type:

Master's Doctorate

If master's degree, do you have 60 graduate semester hours in counseling?

Yes No

PART V Professional License(s)

List all states or jurisdictions in which you currently are or have ever been licensed or certified to practice professional counseling, psychology, marital and family therapy or social work.

Check here if none.

State or Jurisdiction	Issue Date	Expiration Date	Type
			<input type="checkbox"/> License <input type="checkbox"/> Certification
			<input type="checkbox"/> License <input type="checkbox"/> Certification
			<input type="checkbox"/> License <input type="checkbox"/> Certification
			<input type="checkbox"/> License <input type="checkbox"/> Certification

PART VI Professional Background

Do you hold, or have you ever held, any other professional license(s)?

Yes No

State or Jurisdiction

License Number

License Type

State or Jurisdiction	License Number	License Type

PART VII Examination(s)

List any state(s) where you passed a professional counseling examination.

State

Exam Date

Exam Type

State	Exam Date	Exam Type
		<input type="checkbox"/> NCE <input type="checkbox"/> NCMHCE
		<input type="checkbox"/> NCE <input type="checkbox"/> NCMHCE

PART VIII Professional Fitness Questions

The following questions must be answered. "Yes" answers may not automatically result in license denial.

For each "yes" response to any question, you must provide an explanation and documentation. Use the letter of explanation form (#08-4752) appended to this application; include full details, dates, locations, type of action, organizations or parties involved, and specific circumstances. A separate letter of explanation form must be provided for each "yes" answer documented below. Documentation includes copies of court orders, charging documents, board, or license actions, etc.

The contents of licensing files are generally considered public records, unless required to be kept confidential by state or federal law.

When in doubt, disclose and explain.

1. Have you ever been disciplined by any state board for any violations of the Professional Counselor Practice Act or unethical conduct? Yes No

2. Have you had a professional license denied, revoked, suspended, or otherwise restricted, conditioned, or limited or have you surrendered a professional license, been fined, placed on probation, reprimanded, disciplined, or entered into a settlement with a licensing authority in connection with a professional license you have held in any jurisdiction including Alaska and including that of any military authorities or is any such action pending? Yes No

3. Have you ever had any malpractice settlements or judgements paid on your behalf? (AS 08.29.400) Yes No

4. Have you been convicted of a crime or are you currently charged with committing a crime? For purposes of this question, "crime" includes a misdemeanor, felony, or a military offense, including a conviction involving driving under the influence (DUI) or driving while intoxicated (DWI), driving without a license, reckless driving, or driving with a suspended or revoked license. "Convicted" includes having been found guilty by verdict of a judge or jury, having entered a plea of guilty, nolo contendere or no contest, or having been given probation, a suspended imposition of sentence or a fine. Yes No

5. Are you currently suffering from any condition, mental or physical, that impairs your judgment or that would otherwise adversely affect your ability to practice professional counseling in a competent, ethical and professional manner? Yes No

6. Do you use drugs or alcohol in any manner that impairs your ability to practice professional counseling competently and safely? Yes No

"Yes" Answers

If you answered "yes" to questions 5 or 6, in addition to your personal statement, you must submit a statement from your health care provider indicating your ability to safely practice as a professional counselor. Applications submitted without the appropriate attachments will be considered incomplete and will not be processed.

PART IX Alaska Law

- I hereby certify I have reviewed, understand and will abide by the statutes and regulations applicable to my profession (AS 08.29 and 12 AAC 62).



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Signature Page

Applicant Name:		
Alaska License Number (if known):		<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Application in Process</i>

PART X Agreement

I hereby certify I am the person herein named and subscribing to this application. I further certify I have read the complete application, and I know the full content thereof. I declare all of the information contained herein, and evidence or other documents submitted herewith are true and correct.

I understand any falsification or misrepresentation of any item or response in this application, or any attachment hereto, or falsification or misrepresentation of documents to support this application, is sufficient grounds for denying, revoking, or otherwise disciplining a license, registration, certificate, or permit to practice in the state of Alaska.

I further understand it is a Class A misdemeanor under Alaska Statute 11.56.210 to falsify an application and commit the crime of unsworn falsification.

Applicant Signature:		Date Signed:	
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Education Coursework Check Sheet

You must complete this form if your graduate degree is from a related field. (Related fields include psychology, marital and family therapy, social work and applied behavior science.)

To assist the board in its review of your course work, complete the following form and return it with your application.

Have your transcript(s) forwarded to the division directly from your school(s). Per 12 AAC 62.120(a), to meet the requirements of AS 08.29.110(a)(5), an applicant's degree must be from an institution of higher education in the United States that is accredited by a regional or national accrediting agency and the degree must have included course work in at least 8 of the following subject areas.

Applicant Name:			
Name of College or University Attended:			
Type of Degree:		Date Awarded:	

To establish equivalency, instruction must have been received in eight of the ten subjects.

1. Helping relationships, including counseling theory and practice.

Yes No

Institution	Course Number	Full Course Title	Dates	Credit Hours

2. Human growth and development.

Yes No

Institution	Course Number	Full Course Title	Dates	Credit Hours

3. Lifestyle and career development.

Yes No

Institution	Course Number	Full Course Title	Dates	Credit Hours

4. Group dynamics, processes, counselling, and consulting.

Yes No

Institution	Course Number	Full Course Title	Dates	Credit Hours

5. Assessment, appraisal, and testing of individuals.

Yes No

Institution	Course Number	Full Course Title	Dates	Credit Hours

6. Social and cultural foundation, including multicultural issues.

Yes No

Institution	Course Number	Full Course Title	Dates	Credit Hours

7. Principles of etiology, diagnosis, treatment planning and prevention of mental and emotional disorders and dysfunctional behavior.

Yes No

Institution	Course Number	Full Course Title	Dates	Credit Hours

8. Marriage and family counseling and therapy.

Yes No

Institution	Course Number	Full Course Title	Dates	Credit Hours

9. Research and evaluation.

Yes No

Institution	Course Number	Full Course Title	Dates	Credit Hours

10. Professional counseling orientation and ethics.

Yes No

Institution	Course Number	Full Course Title	Dates	Credit Hours



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Letter of Explanation for a Professional Fitness “Yes” Answer

Use this form only to explain and document any professional fitness “yes” answers. A “yes” answer is not necessarily disqualifying but concealing one may be.

Each “yes” answer requires a separate explanation and associated documentation. Submit all relevant documentation with this form, even if you have previously provided it.

- **Explanations** include full details, dates, locations, type of action, organizations or parties involved, and specific circumstances. If the space provided is insufficient, make additional copies as needed.
- **Documentation** includes copies of court orders, charging documents, board or license actions, decisions against your professional certification, satisfaction of consent agreements (fines paid, community service completed, off probation, etc.), and fitness to practice letters (statement from your provider that you are safe to practice if you check “yes” to any of the questions regarding mental or physical health, or drug or alcohol abuse or addiction).
- **Disciplinary actions** may include, but not be limited to, suspension, surrender, revocation, probation, academic probation, reprimand, censure, restricted license, limited license, conditioned license, or letters of counseling, concern, advice, warning, caution, admonishment, or reprimand.

If you have multiple “yes” answers or multiple incidents for any professional fitness question, you must use a separate copy of this form and provide a full explanation and documentation for each incident.

The contents of licensing files are generally considered public records, unless required to be kept confidential by state or federal law.



Write the professional fitness question number you are answering “yes” to in the box.

Location of Incident:		Date of Incident:	
Explanation of Incident: When in doubt, disclose and explain. <i>Make copies as necessary.</i>			

Did you attach all applicable documents associated with this incident?

- Court Orders
 Consent Agreements
 Disciplinary Actions
 Charging Documents
 Court Records
 Fitness to Practice
 All Other Documentation Related to This Incident
 I have additional incidents for this “yes” answer, or “yes” answers to other Professional Fitness questions and have attached a separate copy of this form for each incident.

Full Name:		Program:	
Signature:		Date Signed:	



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Credit Card Payment Form

All major credit cards are accepted. For security purposes, do not email credit card information. Include this credit card payment form with your application.

Name of Applicant or Licensee:			
Profession Type (e.g., Acupuncture):		License Number (if applicable):	
I wish to make payment by credit card for the following (check all that apply):			AMOUNT
<input type="checkbox"/>	Application Fee:		
<input type="checkbox"/>	License or Renewal Fee:		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (fine, exam, etc.):		
1.			
2.			
			TOTAL:

Name (as shown on credit card):			
Mailing Address:			
Phone Number:		Email (Optional):	
Signature of Credit Card Holder:			

CREDIT CARD INFO: Your payment cannot be processed unless all fields are completed.

1. Credit Card Number:		All 3 fields MUST be completed. This section will be destroyed after the payment is processed.
2. Expiration Date:		
3. Security Code:		