

RULE

Department of Health Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners

Teletherapy Registration (LAC 46:LX.503 and 505)

In accordance with the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Administrative Procedures Act (R.S.49:950 et seq.) and through the authority of the Mental Health Counselor Licensing Act (R.S. 37:1101 et seq.), the Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners provides licensed counselors or therapists from other states to register to provide mental health counseling services via telehealth if their license is unencumbered. The Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners hereby amends Chapter 5, Sections 503 and 505 for publication in the November 2025 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

Title 46

PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS

Part LX. Professional Counselors

Subpart 1. Licensed Professional Counselors

Chapter 5. License and Practice of Counseling

§503. Definitions for Licensed Professional Counselors and Provisional Licensed Professional Counselors

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Criminal History Record Information—information collected by state and federal criminal justice agencies on individuals consisting of identifiable descriptions and notations of arrests, detentions, indictments, bills of information, or any formal criminal charges, and any disposition arising from, including sentencing, criminal correctional supervision and release. It shall not include intelligence information gathered for investigatory purposes or any identification information that does not indicate involvement of the individual in the criminal justice system.

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Licensee—an individual holding an approved registration as a telehealth provider or a full or provisional Louisiana license issued by the board. All *licensees* must accurately identify themselves as licensed for telehealth, fully licensed (i.e., licensed) or provisionally licensed.

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Telehealth Registration—

- a. any person who:
 - i. holds a full and unrestricted license or certificate in mental health counseling/psychotherapy in another state or U.S. territory;
 - ii. completes a background check in accordance with licensure requirements
 - iii. attests to be under the authority of the jurisdiction of the state of Louisiana

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Resources, Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors, LR 14:83 (February 1988), amended by the Department

of Health and Hospitals, Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners, LR 16:302 (April 1990), LR 18:51 (January, 1992), LR 22:101 (February 1996), LR 24:437 (March 1998), LR 24:2124 (November 1998), LR 26:493 (March 2000), LR 29:130 (February 2003), LR 33:2654 (December 2007), LR 39:1783 (July 2013), LR 41:710 (April 2015), amended by the Department of Health, Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners LR 45:757 (June 2019), LR 46:1686 (December 2020), LR 51:1863 (November 2025).

§505. Teletherapy Guidelines for Registrants and Licensees (Formerly Diagnosing for Serious Mental Illnesses)

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D. Licensees shall provide services consistent with the jurisdictional licensing laws and rules in both the jurisdiction in which licensee is physically located and where the client is physically located. Licensees providing teletherapy services to clients outside of Louisiana must comply with the regulations in the state in which the client is located at the time of service. The licensee shall contact the licensing board in the state where the client is located and document all relevant regulations regarding teletherapy. A nonresident of Louisiana who wishes to provide teletherapy health services in Louisiana must have approval by the board.

E. Teletherapy is a specialty area and requires board approval. Registrants who may provide teletherapy must meet the following requirements.

1. The licensee must have board approval in Louisiana.

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4. Louisiana licensees privileged in teletherapy must accrue three clock hours of continuing education during each renewal period.

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RULE

Louisiana Economic Development Office of Economic Development

Small and Emerging Business Development Program (LAC 19:II.101, 105, 107, 111, 113, 115, 117, and 301)

Louisiana Economic Development, Office of Economic Development, authorized by and pursuant to the provision of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., and R.S. 36:104, hereby amends the rules for the administration of the Small and Emerging Business Development Program.

The purpose of this regulation is to implement the Administrative Rules and Regulations of the Office of Governor Executive Order No. JML 25-038 to align regulations with the agency's mission and as required by R.S. 51:942, et seq. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

Title 19
CORPORATION AND BUSINESS
Part II. Small and Emerging Business Development
Program

Chapter 1. General Provisions

§101. Statement of Policy

A. In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 51:941-945 and the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950-970 as amended, Louisiana Economic Development's Small and Emerging Business Development Program administers these regulations which are intended to prescribe the procedures for qualifying and certifying small and emerging businesses; to provide for bonding and other financial assistance; to provide for technical and managerial assistance; to provide for a business mentor-protégé program; to recognize achievements for small and emerging businesses; and to facilitate access to state agency procurement.

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§105. Definitions

A. When used in these regulations, the following terms shall have meanings as set forth below.

Assistant Secretary—Repealed.

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Designee—Repealed.

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Deputy Secretary—the deputy secretary of Louisiana Economic Development.

Deputy Undersecretary—the deputy undersecretary of Louisiana Economic Development.

Director—Repealed.

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Louisiana Economic Development (LED)—formerly Department of Economic Development.

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Secretary—the Secretary of Louisiana Economic Development.

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Undersecretary—Repealed.

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§107. Eligibility Requirements for Certification

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D. Requirement for Certification. Must have an e-mail address and appropriately complete the on-line application located on a website designated by LED.

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§111. Eligibility Requirements for Certification

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B. Certification in the SEBD Program is accomplished on-line on a website designated by LED. Applicants must have an e-mail address to become certified in the SEBD Program.

C. ...

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§113. Certification Application Procedure

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C. SEBD Program staff, notifies the applicant by e-mail of the decision whether or not to grant certification.

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§115. Duration of Certification; Graduation through Growth

A. The maximum amount of time that a firm may be granted certification by the SEBD Program is unlimited until the firm graduates, by growing to exceed the eligibility requirements for certification, as provided in §107, or is terminated from the program by LED.

B. Retention of the firm in the program depends upon time, the firm's progress toward attainment of its business goals, willingness or ability to cooperate, and follow through on recommendations of the SEBD Program staff.

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Development, LR 33:2031 (October 2007), amended by Louisiana Economic Development, Office of Economic Development, LR 51:1864 (November 2025).

§117. Reports by Certified Small and Emerging Businesses

A. Mandatory Reporting. By letter, or on forms which may be identified or prescribed by the SEBD Program, certified businesses shall continue to report every five years and at times specified by the SEBD Program their financial position and attainment of the business' performance goals. Failure to report or failure to report on a timely basis, as required every five years or as otherwise requested by the SEBD Program staff, shall result in the business' termination of its SEBD certification and from the program.

B. Verification of Eligibility. SEBD Program staff, may take any reasonable means at any time to confirm a certified firm's eligibility, such as by letter, telephone, contact with other governmental agencies, persons, companies, suppliers, or by either announced or unannounced site inspection.

C. Notification of Changes. To continue participation, a certified firm shall provide the SEBD Program, with a written statement of any changes in an address, telephone number, ownership, control, financial status, or major changes in the nature of the operation. Failure to do so may be grounds for termination of eligibility.

D. Evaluation. The SEBD Program staff, as necessary, shall evaluate the information to determine progress, areas for further improvement, resources needed by the firm, and eligibility for continued participation in the program.

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Chapter 3. Developmental Assistance Program

§301. Small Business Bonding Assistance

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2. Determination of Additional Assistance. In consultation with the business owner, the SEBD Program staff will determine areas in which the business owner needs additional assistance.

3. Referral to Additional Resources. The SEBD Program will assist the firm obtain technical and/or managerial assistance from other resources, such as small business development centers, procurement centers, consultants, business networks, professional business associations, educational institutions, and other public agencies.

4. Ongoing Evaluation. In conjunction with the small and emerging business firm and appropriate external resources, the SEBD Program will periodically assess the SEB firm's progress toward attainment of its business goals. The SEBD Program, in conjunction with the SEB firm, will determine the effectiveness of assistance being administered. If assistance is ineffective, the SEBD Program staff will investigate and take appropriate action.

5. Repealed.

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RULE

Louisiana Works Plumbing Board

Plumbers—Introductory Information; Officers; and
Meetings (LAC 46:LV.101, 503, and 507)

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953, the Louisiana State Plumbing Board (board), hereby amends LAC 46:LV.101, 503, and 507 to be in compliance with recent legislative changes designated as Act No. 438 of the 2025 Legislative Session. The amendment of §101 defines a Responsible Master Plumber; §503 amends the name of a contractors' association as well as the time period for the election of board members, and §507 designates the criteria for holding the position of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the board and designates the voting rights of the Chairman. These amendments will be effective upon final publication in the *Louisiana Register*. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

Title 46

PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS

Part LV. Plumbers

Chapter 1. Introductory Information

§101. Definitions

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Responsible Master Plumber—as that term is used in R.S. 37:1362(B)(1), shall be a master plumber who assumes full legal and professional responsibility for all plumbing operations conducted under a company's license. This individual ensures compliance with all applicable plumbing codes, state laws, and board regulations. A responsible master plumber serves as the point of accountability for permits, inspections, and supervision of licensed and unlicensed personnel working under the company's scope of work.

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1366(D).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Adopted by the Department of Labor, Plumbing Board, 1968, amended and promulgated by the Department of Employment and Training, Plumbing Board, LR 17:49 (January 1991), amended by the Department of Labor, Plumbing Board, LR 21:1348 (December 1995), LR 26:329 (February 2000), amended by the Workforce Commission, Plumbing