

RECIPROCAL LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

Requirements

As of 04/29/08, a new law, House Bill 2325, significantly revised the Board's reciprocity requirements. To qualify for a reciprocal license pursuant to House Bill 2325, applicants submitting an application after 04/29/08 must now establish all of the following:

1. You have been licensed or certified by another state regulatory agency for at least 5 years before submitting your reciprocal license application in Arizona.
2. That certification or license is in the same discipline and at the same level as the reciprocal license you are seeking in Arizona.
3. That certification or license is currently active and in good standing.
4. You worked at least 6,000 hours in the practice of behavioral health in the state you are using to qualify for a reciprocal license during the 5 years before applying for a reciprocal license in Arizona.
5. There were minimum education, work experience and/or clinical supervision requirements in effect in the state you are using to qualify for a reciprocal license application and you met those requirements. For example, you will not qualify for a reciprocal license if you were grandfathered into licensure in the state you are using to qualify for a reciprocal license.
6. You have passed the exam required in Arizona. If you have not already passed the exam required in Arizona when you apply for a reciprocal license, you will be required to take and pass that exam before approval of your application.
7. You meet all other licensure requirements established by the Board. A.R.S. § 32-3275

Practice Restriction

A professional with a reciprocal license can only practice under the direct supervision of a behavioral health professional licensed in Arizona. They are not allowed to maintain any type of independent or private practice. They must have a direct supervisor who has immediate responsibility and oversight for all services provided by the professional practicing under a reciprocal license and the direct supervisor must work for the same entity as the supervisee.

Upgrade Application

You can apply for a regular license as soon as you have completed all of the following and submit a Reciprocal License Upgrade Application:

1. At least 1600 hours and 12 months of supervised work experience in the practice of behavioral health in Arizona after issuance of the reciprocal license.
2. 50 hours of clinical supervision by a clinical supervisor licensed at the independent level in Arizona.
3. Demonstrate competency to practice behavioral health as determined by the Board.