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## LICENSED IN ANOTHER STATE?

### LICENSE BY ENDORSEMENT

Arizona offers 2 paths to licensure by endorsement for applicants who hold a current license or certification in another jurisdiction. The statutes and rules governing the requirements can be found in A.R.S. § 32-3274 and A.A.C. R4-6-304 for non-Arizona residents, and for applicants who have established Arizona residency in A.R.S. § 32-4302 which became effective on August 27, 2019 (see Substantive Policy Statement for additional information).

To qualify for either path to licensure by endorsement, an applicant must have an active, in good standing license in another jurisdiction at the same practice level and in the same discipline as the license applied for.

The application process involves submitting a completed application and fee, criminal history background check, NPDB query, verification of previous and current licensure/certification, documentation of legal residency, completion of the Arizona Statutes/Regulations tutorial, and if applying for an independent level license (LPC, LCSW, LMFT or LISAC), an original transcript demonstrating a masters degree in the applicable field of practice.

The basic requirements for both paths are as follows:

- Path one – Non-Arizona residents
  - Must have had their active license/certification in another state for a minimum of three years
- Path two (Universal Recognition) – Arizona residency required
  - Must have had their active license/certification in another state for a minimum of one year

### LICENSE BY EXAMINATION

Out of state applicants who have not had their license at the same practice level for a minimum of one year (for Arizona residents) or three years (for non-AZ residents) can apply for a license by examination by submitting their education, work experience (if required), and passage of the exam required for licensure.

- Review the Resource Guide for the license type sought
- Complete the applicable application depending on license type sought

## **TEMPORARY LICENSE**

Applicants can apply for a temporary license if they currently have an active license in another jurisdiction, and have an application on file with the Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners. The application for a temporary license can be found on the licensure tab by discipline. Please read the instructions carefully to determine if you are eligible for a temporary license prior to applying.

- Click on the Temporary License link under Additional Applications
- Review the instructions on page 1 to determine eligibility
- Complete the temporary license application on page 2