

645—31.8(154D) Licensure by endorsement. An applicant who has been a licensed marriage and family therapist or mental health counselor under the laws of another jurisdiction may file an application for licensure by endorsement with the board office. The board may receive by endorsement any applicant from the District of Columbia or another state, territory, province or foreign country who:

1. Submits to the board a completed application;
2. Pays the licensure fee;
3. Shows evidence of licensure requirements that are similar to those required in Iowa;
4. Provides official copies of the academic transcripts sent directly from the school to the board;
5. Supplies satisfactory evidence of the candidate's qualifications in writing on the prescribed forms by the candidate's supervisors. If verification of clinical experience is not available, the board may consider submission of documentation from the state in which the applicant is currently licensed or equivalent documentation of supervision; and
6. Provides verification(s) of license(s) from every jurisdiction in which the applicant has been licensed, sent directly from the jurisdiction(s) to the board office. Web-based verification may be substituted for verification direct from the jurisdiction's board office if the verification provides:
 - Licensee's name;
 - Date of initial licensure;
 - Current licensure status; and
 - Any disciplinary action taken against the license.
7. In lieu of the requirements listed in paragraphs "3" through "5" of this rule, a mental health counselor applicant may provide to the board evidence that the applicant has demonstrated appropriate qualifications at either tier 1 or tier 2 of the National Credentials Registry of the American Association of State Counseling Boards. The mental health counselor applicant shall have the National Credentials Registry of the American Association of State Counseling Boards send directly to the board official verification that the applicant has met the qualifications.