

Report From Agency

STATE OF WISCONSIN MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY, PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING, AND SOCIAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF RULEMAKING :	
PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE :	REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY, :	CR 25-040
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING, AND :	
SOCIAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD :	
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I. THE PROPOSED RULE:

The proposed rule, including the analysis and text, is attached.

II. REFERENCE TO APPLICABLE FORMS:

N/A

III. FISCAL ESTIMATE AND EIA:

The Fiscal Estimate and EIA is attached.

IV. DETAILED STATEMENT EXPLAINING THE BASIS AND PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED RULE, INCLUDING HOW THE PROPOSED RULE ADVANCES RELEVANT STATUTORY GOALS OR PURPOSES:

The Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling, and Social Work Examining Board conducted a comprehensive evaluation of its rules to implement the Counseling Compact established by 2023 Wisconsin Act 55 to ensure clarity and consistency with applicable Wisconsin statutes. The following updates were made:

- Created definitions of “counseling compact”, “privilege to practice” and “single state license”.
- Identified the requirements for obtaining a license based upon the privilege to practice and the requirements to obtain a privilege to practice.
- Amended the unprofessional conduct requirements in MPSW 20 to also apply to those practicing in Wisconsin under a privilege to practice.

V. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS AND THE BOARD’S RESPONSES, EXPLANATION OF MODIFICATIONS TO PROPOSED RULES PROMPTED BY PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling, and Social Work Examining Board held a public hearing on July 16, 2025. No comments were received.

VI. RESPONSE TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

All of the recommendations suggested in the Clearinghouse Report have been accepted in whole.

VII. REPORT FROM THE SBRRB AND FINAL REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ANALYSIS:

N/A