

STATE OF WISCONSIN
EXAMINING BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKERS, MARRIAGE AND
FAMILY THERAPISTS AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

IN THE MATTER OF RULE-MAKING : ORDER OF THE
PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE : EXAMINING BOARD OF SOCIAL
EXAMINING BOARD OF SOCIAL : WORKERS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
WORKERS, MARRIAGE AND : THERAPISTS AND PROFESSIONAL
FAMILY THERAPISTS AND : COUNSELORS ADOPTING RULES
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS : (CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 01-095)

ORDER

An order of the Examining Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors to amend SFC 3.11, relating to the social worker temporary certificate to conform to a new procedure for computerized examinations.

Analysis prepared by the Department of Regulation and Licensing.

ANALYSIS

Statutes authorizing promulgation: ss. 15.08 (5) (b), 227.11 (2) and 457.03 (1), Stats.

Statutes interpreted: s. 457.14, Stats.

The Examining Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors amends s. SFC 3.11 to conform to a new procedure for computerized examinations. Under current law, a social worker temporary certificate expires “9 months from date of issue of the temporary certificate, or release of the examination scores from the next available examination after the date of the application for the temporary certificate, whichever is earlier.” Until recently, examinations were offered only a few times per year. Computerized examinations will soon be offered at any time. Under the current language, the maximum duration of a temporary certificate would be reduced to a few days, and the language must be changed to effect the purpose of the rule.

TEXT OF RULE

SECTION 1. SFC 3.11 is amended to read:

SFC 3.11 Temporary certificate. The social worker section may issue a temporary certificate permitting the use of the title “social worker” to an individual who pays the fee under s. 440.05 (6), Stats., and who meets all the qualifications for the certificate except for passing the required examination. ~~The temporary certificate shall be valid for a period of 9 months from date of issue of the temporary certificate, or release of the examination scores from the next available examination after the date of the application for the temporary certificate, whichever is earlier.~~ The temporary certificate expires upon notification of failure of the examination results

or expiration of the 9 month period, whichever is earlier. The temporary certificate of an individual who fails the examination must be returned to the social worker section. The temporary certificate may not be renewed.

(END OF TEXT OF RULE)

The rules adopted in this order shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin administrative register, pursuant to s. 227.22 (2) (intro.), Stats.

Dated _____

Agency _____

Chairperson

Examining Board of Social Workers, Marriage
and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors

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