

## Bureau of Professional Licensing Marriage & Family Therapy FAQs

### 1. How long are Marriage and Family Therapist licenses valid? Can I renew my license early? How will I know when I need to renew?

Your initial Marriage & Family Therapist license is good for 3 years. All subsequent LMFT renewals will also be valid for 3 years.

You will be mailed and emailed a renewal notification postcard to your mailing and email addresses on record approximately 90 days prior to the expiration date of your license. Remember to notify the Department of any address change by submitting a MiPLUS modification. It is your responsibility as a licensed health professional to renew your license on time. **Failure to receive the renewal postcard or email notification, or to notify to Department of an address change does not exempt you from renewing your license on time.**

You can renew online by logging into your MiPLUS account at <http://www.michigan.gov/MiPLUS>. You may pay your renewal fee by using a debit or credit card containing a Discover, MasterCard, American Express, or Visa logo.

### 2. Do I need to complete continuing education?

The law for Marriage & Family Therapy does not require continuing education for renewal. You are responsible for maintaining your competence in your profession, but you do not have to demonstrate the ways you are doing that for renewal.

### 3. When do I have to meet the requirements for the completion of training in identifying victims of human trafficking?

Rule 338.7202 requires licensees to complete one time training in identifying victims of human trafficking beginning with the 2017 renewal cycle. This training requirement will need to be completed prior to the license renewal in 2019. Applicants who apply for a license after March 17, 2021 will be required to have completed the required training in identifying the victims of human trafficking.

### 4. How can I meet the requirements for the completion of training in identifying victims of human trafficking?

The one-time human trafficking training may be done through: a teleconference or a webinar, online presentation, live presentation, or printed or electronic media. The training must cover all of the following: understanding the types and venues of human trafficking in MI or the US; identifying victims of human trafficking in health care settings; identifying the warnings signs of human trafficking in health care settings

for adults and minors; and the resources for reporting suspected victims of human trafficking.

The training may be offered through a nationally recognized or state recognized, health related organization, by or in conjunction with a state or federal agency, an approved training program, college or university, or by reading a relevant article in a peer review journal, health care journal or scientific journal. If audited, licensees are to have an appropriate certificate or self-certify.

**5. There have been changes to the Public Health Code and Administrative Rules that require licensees and individuals seeking licensure to complete implicit bias training. When does this take effect?**

Beginning June 1, 2022, completion of 2 hours of implicit bias training within the 5 years immediately preceding issuance of the license or registration is required. For initial renewals completed after June 1, 2022, completion of one hour of implicit bias training is required for each year of licensure since June 1, 2021. Once the initial renewal is completed, then 1 hour of implicit bias training will be required for each year of the current license cycle going forward. **Please note, this training must be completed for each renewal cycle prior to the renewal being completed.**

The Board conducts a random audit after each renewal period. At that time, a percentage of all licensees renewing will be randomly selected and notified by mail that they must submit evidence of having obtained their implicit bias training. If you are selected in an audit, then you will be required to submit a copy of your implicit bias training documentation. **(Please retain your original.)**

**6. How do I file a complaint against a health care professional?**

Information on how to [File an Allegation Against a Health Care Licensee](#) can be located on the Bureau of Professional Licensing's website at [www.michigan.gov/bpl](http://www.michigan.gov/bpl).

**7. Where can I find a copy of the administrative rules pertaining to Marriage and Family Therapy?**

You may view the current Administrative Rules on the Bureau of Professional Licensing's website at [www.michigan.gov/bplrules](http://www.michigan.gov/bplrules).