

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 only good until the next expiration date of your profession (anywhere from 4 months to 1 year). After your first renewal, your license will be valid for 2 years. You will receive renewal information 45-60 days prior to the expiration date of your license and it will state the required renewal fee.

You cannot renew your license early. Our system is not set up to receive renewal information until the renewal time for your profession. We will mail you a renewal application approximately 45-60 days before the expiration date of your current license. Remember to notify the Department in writing of any recent address changes. It is your responsibility to renew your license on time. Failure to notify us of an address change does not exempt you from renewing your license on time. You can renew online at: www.michigan.gov/elicense. Online renewal payments require you to pay with a credit card.

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 on or after April 22, 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. Does my training on identifying victims of human trafficking count towards my CE hours?

No. However, if the training also satisfies a Board's requirements for CE/CPD/PDR, the training may be applied toward the CE/CPD/PDR requirement.

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.

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

You may view the current [Administrative Rules](#) and proposed revisions on the Bureau of Professional Licensing's website at www.michigan.gov/bpl.