

2017 AMFTRB MODEL FOR LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT

Regarding the endorsement of a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist's (LMFT) license from one jurisdiction to another, AMFTRB recommends granting "**full licensure by endorsement**" under the following circumstances:

1. The applicant has been practicing as an LMFT for one (1) licensure renewal cycle and has not demonstrated legal or ethical issues in any jurisdiction in which they are currently or were formally licensed. Examples of legal or ethical issues that might disqualify an applicant from being licensed by endorsement include: disciplinary actions by a licensure board, criminal complaints or civil actions. Issues that may lead to the disqualification of an applicant include both those that have been resolved and those that are currently open.
2. All member jurisdictions should require that applicants seeking MFT licensure by endorsement have conducted a criminal background check, including a federal fingerprint background check.
3. Member jurisdictions should require that all applicants seeking MFT licensure by endorsement demonstrate a passing score on the AMFTRB MFT National Examination or the equivalent. This ensures a minimum level of demonstrated competency by the LMFT coming into the jurisdiction where they are seeking licensure by endorsement.
4. Certain jurisdictions grant English Language Learners (ELL) additional time to take the MFT National Examination. If the jurisdiction in which the applicant is seeking licensure by endorsement does not grant additional time to take the MFT National Examination to ELL then the score(s) of such applicant should not be accepted for licensure by endorsement in the jurisdiction in which the applicant is seeking licensure if additional time was granted to complete the examination.
5. In addition to the above, applicants seeking licensure by endorsement should demonstrate a passing score on the jurisdiction specific jurisprudence examination, or successful completion of the jurisdiction specific ethics/jurisprudence workshop or review course where required.

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