

REQUEST FOR CHANGES PURSUANT TO G.S. 150B-21.10

AGENCY: Board of Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselors

RULE CITATION: 21 NCAC 53 .0505

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT: June 16, 2026.

PLEASE NOTE: This request may extend to several pages. Please be sure you have reached the end of the document.

The Rules Review Commission staff has completed its review of this Rule prior to the Commission's next meeting. The Commission has not yet reviewed this Rule and therefore there has not been a determination as to whether the Rule will be approved. You may email the reviewing attorney to inquire concerning the staff recommendation.

In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following changes be made:

On the Submission for Permanent Rule Form 0400, number 7., did you receive a response from OSBM after your agency requested a consultation on December 18, 2025? If so, what was their response?

Did your agency do an analysis of the potential fiscal impact? How did your agency decide a fiscal note was not required (number 8)?

Line 3, add space between the Rule citation and name.

Please double check formatting is correct for this Rule.

Line 4, add "to" after "pursuant".

Line 5, add a comma after "Compact" and after "90".

Line 9, add a comma after the first "Commission."

Line 11, make "individuals" lowercase.

Line 12, add "the Board website" where the exam can be found.

Line 13, is it necessary to include "individuals seeking the privilege to practice in this State" three different times within this Rule?

Line 14, do individuals only have to complete the jurisprudence exam? Or must they "pass" the exam by attaining a certain score? Please clarify.

Please retype the rule accordingly and resubmit it to our office at 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

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Commission Counsel
Submitted to Agency: June 2, 2026

1 21 NCAC 53 .0505 is adopted as published in 40.14 NCR 1219 as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 53 .0505 PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING LICENSURE COMPACT FEES AND EXAMINATION**

4 (a) Pursuant to G.S. 90-349.3(c), individuals seeking the privilege to practice in this State pursuant the Professional
5 Counseling Licensure Compact as set forth in Article 24A of Chapter 90 shall pay the initial non-refundable
6 application fee set forth in Rule .0501 of this Section, and thereafter, shall pay the non-refundable renewal fee set forth
7 in Rule .0503 of this Section.

8 (b) The individual practicing pursuant to the Compact shall pay the required non-refundable application and renewal
9 fees set forth in Paragraph (a) of this Rule to the Counseling Compact Commission and the Commission shall
10 thereafter remit the applicant’s fee to the Board.

11 (c) Pursuant to G.S. 90-349.4(a)(8), Individuals seeking the privilege to practice in this State pursuant to the
12 Professional Counseling Licensure Compact shall complete a jurisprudence exam published on the Board website.
13 Individuals seeking the privilege to practice in this State or to renew the privilege shall submit documentation of
14 completion of the jurisprudence exam, taken within six months prior to seeking the privilege to practice or within six
15 months prior to the expiration of the privilege. The exam administrator’s fees for such exam shall be paid directly to
16 the administrator of that exam.

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18 *History Note: Authority G.S. 90-334; 90-339; 90-349.3; 90-394.4;*

19 *Eff. July 1, 2026.*