

NOTICE TO ALL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS REGARDING ACT 252

Act 252 (Effective July 5, 2007) allows an individual who graduated from an accredited educational institution as specified in HRS §453D-7(a)(1) before July 1, 2007, to verify that the practicum intern experience and the post-graduate experience was completed by submitting written certification in place of the notarized experience verification forms.

For the practicum intern experience, an official of the institution of higher education must provide written certification attesting that the applicant completed the academic terms, graduate credit hours, and supervised client contact hours specified in HRS §453D-7(a)(2) and that the applicant's practicum intern experience is equivalent to a mental health graduate level practicum program. The written certification must be on official letterhead from the institution of higher education.

For the post-graduate experience, an officer and the clinical supervisor of the agency at which the applicant earned the post-graduate experience must provide written certification attesting that the applicant has completed the hours of experience and supervision in HRS §453D-7(a)(3) within the time frame set forth in that subsection and that the applicant's post-graduate experience is equivalent to the practice of mental health counseling. The written certification must be on official letterhead from the agency where the applicant completed the post-graduate experience.

The licensing requirements for clinical supervisors in HRS §453D-7(a)(2) and (3) shall not apply.