

102-6-5. Examinations.

(a) Each applicant for registration shall pass a standard written examination approved by the board. The pass criterion score shall be the national mean of all first time candidates for each examination administered.

(b)(1) The written examination may be waived by the board and an oral examination substituted if an applicant is unable to take the written examination because a *disability* precludes taking or completing the written examination or may severely affect the applicant's performance on the written examination.

(2) The written examination may also be waived by the board if an applicant successfully passed, at a level equal to or greater than the pass criterion score, a written examination deemed by the board to be substantially equivalent to a written examination approved by the board and used in this state.

(c) Oral examinations.

(1) A panel of registered alcohol or drug abuse counselors may be designated and contract with the board to conduct the oral examinations and make recommendations to the board based on the performance evaluation of the applicant.

(2) Each oral examination shall be recorded verbatim and shall include an assessment of the applicant's:

(A) Effectiveness and clarity of expression;

(B) knowledge and skills of alcohol or drug abuse counseling; and

(C) knowledge and awareness of ethical issues and problems for alcohol or drug abuse counselors in general.

(3) The decision as to whether an applicant passed or failed an oral examination may be based on a review of the recommendation of the oral examination panel and review of the verbatim recordings, when necessary.

(d) Each applicant who takes a written or an oral examination shall be notified of the applicant's examination results in writing.

(e) Each applicant for registration who fails to pass the required examination shall submit the fee set forth in K.A.R. 102-6-2 for each subsequent examination that the applicant attempts to pass.

(Authorized by K.S.A. 74-7507(i) and implementing K.S.A. 65-6602(c); effective July 17, 1995.)