

**Counseling Compact Commission**  
**Rules Document**

**Title of Rule:** Rule on Examination Requirements

**Vote on Rule:** This rule will be discussed and voted on at the Annual Business Meeting of 2023 (October 25, 2023).

**Public comment:** Interested persons may electronically submit written comments on the proposed rule to [counselingcompactrule@csg.org](mailto:counselingcompactrule@csg.org) with the subject line “Counseling Compact Rule Comment” or by attending the meeting at which the rule will be discussed and voted on. Written comments on the proposed rule must be submitted by 2pm ET the day before the meeting.

**Effective:** TBD (30 days from full commission approval)

**Reason for Rule:** To further define accepted examinations pursuant to Section 3A2 and Section 10 of the Counseling Compact.

**History for Rule:** March 22, 2023: Rule Proposed at Rules Committee Meeting  
May 24, 2023: Rule Approved as Amended at Rules Committee Meeting. Sent to Executive Committee for consideration.  
August 9, 2023: Rule Approved at Executive Committee Meeting.  
October 25, 2023: Rule Considered by Full Commission.

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**Chapter 2:** Rule on Examination Requirements

**Authority:** Section 3: State Participation in the Compact  
Section 11: Rulemaking

**2.0 Purpose:** Pursuant to Section 3A2 and Section 11, the Counseling Compact Commission shall promulgate reasonable and lawful uniform rules to facilitate and coordinate implementation and administration of the Counseling Compact and to clarify issues of compliance. This rule will become effective upon passage by the Counseling Compact Commission as provided in Section 10 of the Counseling Compact.

## **2.1 Uniform Data Set and Levels of Access:**

- A. The nationally recognized exam that states must require for a Licensed Professional Counselor to be eligible to participate in the Counseling Compact is a counseling exam that is any one or more of the following:
1. The National Counselor Examination (NCE), which is currently administered by the National Board for Certified Counselors, or its successor;
  2. The National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE), which is currently administered by the National Board for Certified Counselors, or its successor; or
  3. The Certified Rehabilitation Counselor Exam (CRCE), which is currently administered by the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification, or its successor.