

309.081 Board of Certification of Alcohol and Drug Counselors.

- (1) There is hereby created the Kentucky Board of Certification of Alcohol and Drug Counselors consisting of seven (7) members who shall be appointed by the Governor. One (1) member shall be a citizen at large who is not associated with or financially interested in the practice or business of alcohol and drug counseling, and the six (6) remaining members shall be certified alcohol and drug counselors, pursuant to KRS 309.080 to 309.089. The board shall elect a chairman each year at the first meeting called after the appointment of new members.
- (2) Initially, six (6) members shall be appointed by the Governor from a list of eighteen (18) names submitted by the Kentucky Certification Board of Chemical Dependency Professionals. These initial appointees shall be certified by the Kentucky Certification Board of Chemical Dependency Professionals. One (1) member shall be a citizen at large who is not associated with or financially interested in the practice or business of alcohol and drug counseling. The Governor shall initially appoint two (2) members and the citizen at large member to terms of four (4) years, two (2) members to terms of three (3) years, and two (2) members to terms of two (2) years. Thereafter, each member of the board shall serve for a term of four (4) years with a maximum of two (2) full consecutive terms.
- (3) Beginning July 1, 1997, each counselor member appointed to the board shall be a certified alcohol and drug counselor and shall be actively engaged in the practice or teaching of alcohol and drug counseling in Kentucky.
- (4) All reappointments to and vacancies on the board shall be filled by the Governor from a list of three (3) names for each position that shall be submitted by the Kentucky Association of Addiction Professionals. The list shall consist of the three (3) nominees receiving the most votes in an election for each position to be filled. The election shall be administered by the Kentucky Association of Addiction Professionals, and nominations may be submitted by any interested party. The nominees shall be selected by all alcohol and drug counselors certified under KRS 309.080 to 309.089. Vacancies shall be filled for the remainder of an unexpired term in the same manner as set out in this subsection.
- (5) The citizen-at-large member shall be disqualified from serving on the board if:
 - (a) He, a member of his household, or his relative becomes associated with or financially interested in the business of alcohol and drug counseling, or participates or has participated in a professional field related to alcohol and drug counseling; or
 - (b) He, a member of his household, or his relative becomes, or is in training to become, a certified alcohol and drug counselor.
- (6) A counselor member of the board shall be disqualified from serving on the board if:
 - (a) He violates the code of professional ethics or standards of practice established pursuant to KRS 309.0813; or
 - (b) He ceases to be a certified alcohol and drug counselor in Kentucky.
- (7) Board members shall be reimbursed for all reasonable and necessary expenses they incur because of their board duties.

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