STATE OF NEW JERSEY

New Jersey State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee

Application Process Overview





Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee

The ADC Committee:

- Regulates the practice of alcohol and drug counseling.
- Investigates complaints and takes disciplinary action.

The Purpose of the ADC Committee is to:

- To protect the health, safety and welfare of the people of New Jersey;
- To regulate the practice of alcohol and drug counseling; and
- To take action against the unprofessional, improper, unauthorized or unqualified practice of alcohol and drug counseling and guard against unprofessional conduct by the licensed individuals who practice alcohol and drug counseling.





License to Practice

No one may practice as a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CADC) or Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LCADC) without certification or license

You've worked hard to complete your educational program, but you cannot practice until you have the certification or license

Once you get your CADC or LCADC, you need to keep it active and in good standing





Certification/License to Practice

How do you get certified or licensed?

 By online application to the ADC Committee

How do you keep a certification or license in good standing?

- Download and keep current on your regulations:
- http://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/adc/Pag es/regulations.aspx





When should I begin the application process?

Start Early!

Right now, would be a good time.

- First Step to become a CADC or LCADC is to register as an ADC Intern,
- Start your application,
- Immediately submit an approved Plan of Supervision,
- Keep application open, then begin earning required (270) education hours and (3,000) supervised hours towards completing your application,
- Complete all requirements and finish application.

This process may take 2-3 years to complete but the application should start on day one. These slides will walk you through the application process.





ADC Intern Application







How do I Access the Application?

- All applications are available and accepted ONLY* through the DCA-ADCC online portal system, "MyLicense Online Licensing."
 - To access the MyLicense Online Portal
 - Log into the DCA Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee webpage via this link:
 - https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/adc/Pages/default.aspx
 - Select "Applications and Forms" from the menu on the left



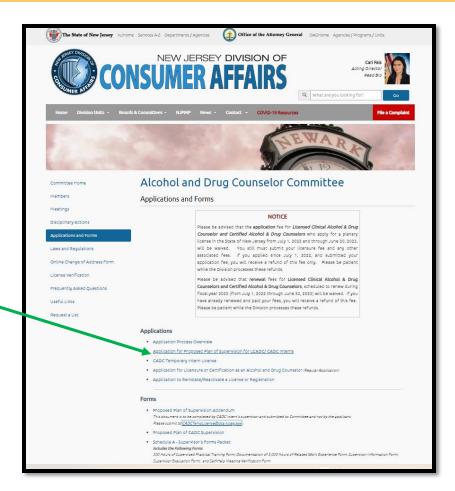
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How do I Access the Application?

- From the "Applications" listing, select:
 - "Application for Proposed Plan of Supervision for LCADC/CADC Interns"



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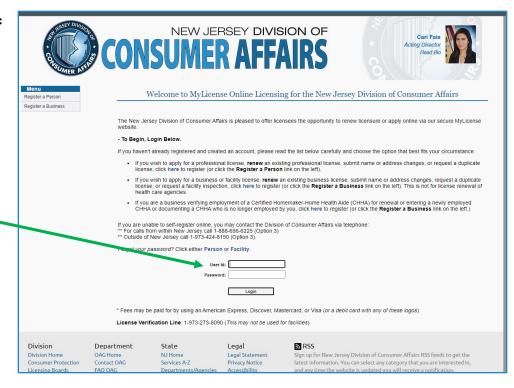
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1st Step: Register to start the application

- Register to start your application*
- To register/access the portal for the first time:
 - Create a user id (username)
 - Create a password.
- If you have already set up a profile, simply log in to start a new application or upload a document.



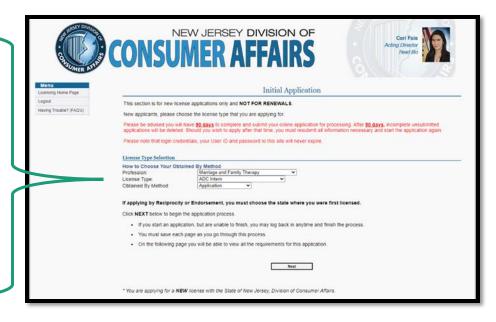
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Registration

- Select Profession
 - "Marriage and Family Therapy"
- License Type
 - "ADC-Intern"
- Obtained By Method
 - "Application"







Application Procedure

- Review Application
 Procedures
- Select CONTINUE
 to begin entering
 profile information







Application Profile

Complete the **Application** application profile Personal Information fields with required Title: information First Name: Middle Name: (<=40) Optional Personal Last Name: **Information** Maiden Name: (<=40) Optional Gender: And **Application** Alcohol and Drug Education Alcohol and Drug Have you attended any colleges, universities, other educational institutions, or training programs (such as New Jersey **Education** Prevention Network or Rutgers University Addiction Counselor Training)? This field is required. Save & Finish Later





Prepare Proposed Plan of Supervision

- Review Application Requirements.
- NOTE an approved
 Proposed Plan of
 Supervision (PPS)
 is needed <u>immediately</u> to begin earning the required 3,000 hours.
- Download the PPS and have completed form signed by Supervisor
- This approved PPS is critical to activate your ADC internship.







Confirm Supervision

Identify and verify the Supervisor overseeing your ADC Internship







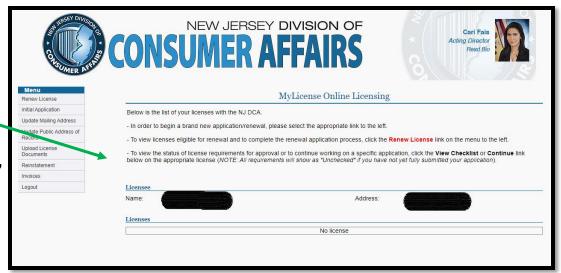
Upload PPS for ADC Intern

All Proposed Plans of Supervision must be uploaded online*

- To upload the signed PPS,
 - Click on the tab "Upload License Documents"
 - Upload Photo



TIP: have jpg. Photo file ready to upload. Take a portrait photo in a clean professional setting with no other people/pets in image.



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Email: DCA_Alcohol_Drug_No-Reply@dca.njoag.gov

Upload Documents Checklist

When prompted upload* the following documents to complete your application:

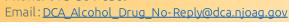
- ✓ Agency brochure or program description
- ✓ Your resume
- ✓ Your Job description (indicating AOD duties)
- ✓ Copy of signed internship agreement (clinical) supervision agreement/contract)
- ✓ Copy of agency Consent to Treatment forms
- ✓ Supervisor's resume
- ✓ Copy of the supervisor's supervisory credentials (CCS or Supervisory Certificate from respective licensing Board)

lease upload the required documents in the "Attach Documents" section, on the next page application review process will not begin until your application documents are received by the Board charge(s) filed, disposition(s) of all matters, and an explanation of circumstances leading to the structed, and are asserting the Fifth Amendment privilege in good faith inge (marriage license, marriage certificate or court judgment). A maiden name cannot be

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If you have a problem, please contact staffat: Phone: 973-504-6369

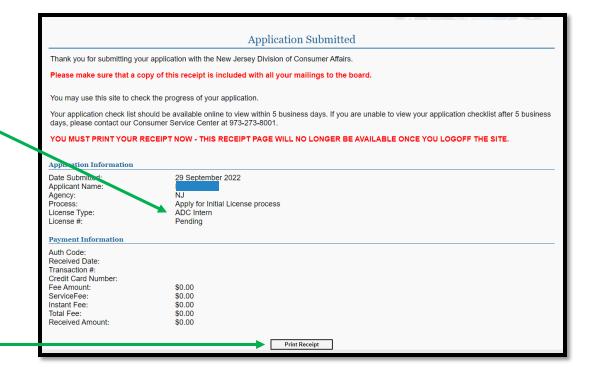






Application Summary

- The Application remains in a PENDING status until all documents are uploaded and reviewed.
- Review Application
 Summary to see
 progress of your
 submitted application.
- Print Receipt.







How do know why my application is PENDING?

- You ADC Internship will remain PENDING until all submitted documents are reviewed.
- Please wait 3 weeks for this review and approval letter.
- If any items are missing or questioned, you will receive a letter detailing the issue.
- To see why your application is still pending
 - Log into the online portal through this link:
 - https://newjersey.mylicense.com/eGov/Login.aspx

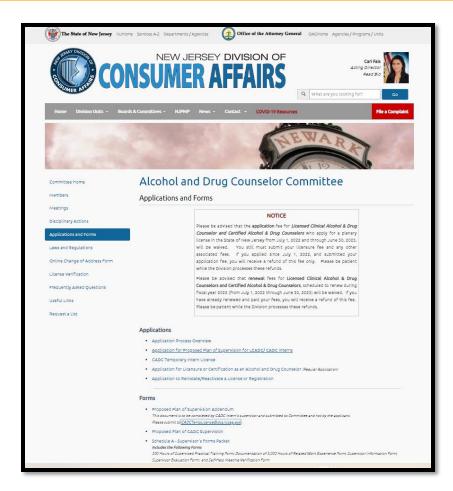






How do UPDATE my application?

- If you are missing any information and are required to update your application.
- Log into the "MyLicense Online Licensing" portal.
 - https://newjersey.mylicense.com/eGov/L ogin.aspx
- Upload or update the information.
- Email DCA Indicating the update has been made.
 - DCA EMAIL:
 - DCA Alcohol Drug No-Reply@dca.njoag.gov



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Requirements for LCADC and CADC







Requirements for LCADC/CADC

Review all the NJ Statutes and Regulations and Uniform Enforcement Act

- TITLE 45: CHAPTER 2D Alcohol & Drug Counselor Committee Statutes
- TITLE 12: CHAPTER 34C Alcohol & Drug Counselor Committee Regulations
- TITLE 45:1 Uniform Enforcement Act



Access available from the ADC Committee's website:

https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/adc/Pages/regulations.aspx





Moving from ADC Intern to L/CADC Application







General Requirements for LCADC/CADC

 Once all ADC Internship requirements are fulfilled and supporting documentation has been submitted and reviewed you will be approved to take the required examination for L/CADC.

Requirements: N.J.A.C.13:34C-2.3

https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/regulations/Chapter-34C-Alcohol-and-Drug-Counselors.pdf

- 3,000 hours of supervised counseling work experience (1,500 per year)
- 300 of training in the 12 core functions
- 270 hours of alcohol and substance education
- 30 hours of self-help meetings
- A portion of the 270 hours may be completed through graduate-level coursework. Submit graduate Transcript Review Request and send to the NJAPCB for review of the completion of all or some of the required courses to fulfill the 270 educational requirements. https://certbd.org/transcript-review/
- After completing the requirements for L/CADC Application, you will receive an email authorization letter to take the oral and written examination.
- This letter is needed to register for the exam through the New Jersey Addictions Professionals Certification Board (NJAPCB) offered online – www.certbd.org





Oral and Written Examinations

- Upon approval by the ADC Committee, you will receive an email notification that you are approved to take the oral and written exam (required for CADC and LCADC)
- Exams are administered online by the New Jersey Addictions Professionals Certification Board (NJAPCB) www.certbd.org
 - You must register and complete the exam/s through the NJ APCB (Certification Board)
 - Upload a copy of exam results with your application subject to verification by the issuing entity.
- The following clinical licenses are <u>exempt</u> from the oral and written exams:

A.P.N.
L.C.S.W. Licensed Clinical Social Worker
L.M.F.T Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist
L.P.C. Licensed Professional Counselor
NJ licensed Psychologist
M.D./D.O.
Ph.D./Psy.D.







Application Fees

L/CADC Application Fee:

- Application fee is required for your application to be reviewed
- Application fee is prompted and paid online
- \$75.00 fee is same for both the CADC and LCADC applications







Tips for the Application Process

- Upload a 2x2 passport size photo
- Your resume
- Verification of 270 educational hours
- Schedule A
- Be clear about what name(s) appear on your application and supporting documents – for you and supervisor
- If you answer "yes" to any of the questions, submit as much information as possible to explain your answer.







Application Questions

- Be prepared to answer questions related to:
 - Moral Character
 - Arrests/Convictions
 - Student Loans
 - Child Support
 - Ability to Practice Physical/Cognitive
 - Use of Illegal Chemical Substances







Criminal History Background Check (CHBC)

- New Jersey law requires that every person seeking licensure or certification as a healthcare professional must undergo a Criminal History Background Check.
 - You will be required to attest to the truthfulness of the information you provide on the application including the Criminal History Background Check (CHBC) section.
 - If there are discrepancies between the information you provided in your application and the CHBC report, a letter of inquiry will be sent to you for your response.
- Failure to provide truthful information may unnecessarily delay the application process and may cause the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee to take disciplinary action for misrepresentation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).







CHBC "Tips"

- You will be sent a letter with instructions and a code so that you can schedule an appointment as soon as you receive the notice to schedule.
- Please be aware, the Criminal History Background Check can be the longest part of the application process.







Initial Certification/Licensure Fee

Application Fees

- Once your application has been approved, you will receive a letter of approval of certification or license, that will include:
 - an invoice for your certification/licensing fee and
 - instructions for your fingerprinting.
- Certification and licensing fees are payable online and a link is provided in the approval letter.
- Fees: \$250.00 for LCADC
 - \$180.00 for CADC







Keeping L/CADC Active







Keeping Your License Current

- Licenses are valid for 2 years
- Every registered Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor and Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselor license expires on July 31 of even-numbered years.
- You must keep your address current with the ADC Committee to receive renewal notices.
- Renewals are done online and require a renewal fee for processing
 - \$180 for CADC
 - \$250 for LCADC







Continuing Education

- You must complete your continuing education prior to renewal
 - (July 31 of even numbered years)
- CADCs are required to complete 60 CEUs
- LCADCs are required to complete 40 CEUs







When Do I need to Update

- You must update your profile or records pursuant to N.J.A.C.13:34C-1.4
 - https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/regulations/Chapter-34C-Alcohol-and-Drug-Counselors.pdf
- Update your profile if you:
 - Move (change address on application),
 - Change your name,
 - Change your Supervisor
 - Start working in a new location
- You can update your profile information online at:
 - https://newjersey.mylicense.com/eGov/Login.aspx







Communication

- If you get a letter from the ADC Committee
 read it.
- If the ADC Committee asks for you to respond – do so in a timely manner.
 - pursuant to TITLE 13: Chapter 34C (13:34C-1.4)
- Familiarize yourself with all requirements to initiate communication with the ADC Committee
 - pursuant to TITLE 13: Chapter 34C (13:34C-3.4)
 Duty To Report.







Where Do I Send Mail/Correspondence for the New Jersey Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee?

Please ONLY use this information if the ADC Committee specifically requests an in-person meeting or a mailed copy of a document.

Mailing Address:

New Jersey Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee P.O. Box 45040 Newark, NJ 07101

Physical Address:

New Jersey Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee 124 Haley Street Newark, NJ 07102

Mail Applications are not accepted.

Do not mail any applications to the ADC Committee.





LCADC Application







Application Process for LCADC

Submit your application online

• USE THIS LINK:

https://newjersey.mylicense.com/eGov/Login.aspx

Upload a copy of Schedule A – you can download copies as needed using this link:

• **USE THIS LINK:** https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/adc/Applications/Schedule-A-Supervisors-Form-Packet.pdf

Email your official graduate transcript to DCA ADC Committee

• USE THIS EMAIL ADDRESS:

DCA Alcohol Drug No Reply@dca.njoag.gov





Resources







Useful Websites

- NJ DCA Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee http://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/adc/Pages/default.aspx
- Seeking licensure in another state send your request for verification of licensure to: <u>Marriage_Family_LV@dca.njoag.gov</u>
- General Questions, email DCA:
 DCA_Alcohol_Drug_No_Reply@dca.njoag.gov
- Official transcripts can be emailed to DCA:
 DCA_Alcohol_Drug_No_Reply@dca.njoag.gov









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Thank you





