

Supplemental Statement of Reasons

The California Department of Public Health (Department) has instituted additional changes to these proposed regulations, and they are discussed below. The Department initiated these changes in response to comments received during the 45-day public comment period that ended on January 19, 2024, and the 15-day public comment period that ended on June 17, 2024.

The Department will provide responses to all comments in the Final Statement of Reasons as is required.

Section 1030.5

Subsection 1035(a)(2)(B)

In response to public comments, the Department proposes to change references to specific degree titles required for clinical laboratory personnel licensure, eliminating the listing of acceptable degrees, and instead requiring that an applicant document successful completion of a degree from an accredited college or university, or an equivalent degree, with courses pertinent to clinical laboratory science as required for the particular license.

Commenters requested that the Department eliminate language stating that a degree must be in a specific science field and add language that allows the Department to accept a degree in any subject if it includes the required prerequisite coursework. The Department agrees that it is important to retain the flexibility in current regulations to evaluate a college or university degree in a field not related to clinical laboratory science and accept it for licensure if it documents the applicant's successful completion of coursework in science required for a particular license.

This change is proposed in the following subsections:

Section 1030.5

Subsection 1030.5(a)(2)(B)

Subsection 1030.5(b)(1)(B)

Subsection 1030.5(c)(1)(C)

Subsection 1030.5(d)(1)(B)1.

Subsection 1030.5(d)(1)(B)2.

Section 1030.6
Subsection 1030.6(a)(2)

Section 1030.7
Subsection 1030.7(b)

Section 1030.8
Subsection 1030.8(a)(3)

Section 1030.5
Subsection 1035(b)(1)(C)2.

In response to public comment, the Department proposes to revise this subsection to clarify that for licensure as a clinical laboratory scientist or clinical laboratory scientist limited to a specialty, coursework in biology must include coursework in medical microbiology, clinical microbiology, or pathogenic microbiology. Commenters requested that "clinical microbiology" and "pathogenic microbiology" be included as alternatives to "medical microbiology" since they are synonymous course names. The addition of clinical and pathogenic microbiology will accommodate variations in academic nomenclature.

This change is proposed in the following subsections:

Section 1030.5
Subsection 1030.5(b)(1)(C)2.
Subsection 1030.5(c)(1)(D)2.
Subsection 1030.5(d)(1)(C)2.

Section 1030.7
Subsection 1030.7(b)(2)
Subsection 1030.7(c)(2)

Section 1030.8
Subsection 1030.8(a)(4)(B)

Section 1032
Subsection 1032(d)(2)