

APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS LICENSING BOARD

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Diverse Voices, Common Goals: Your ABA Board at a Glance

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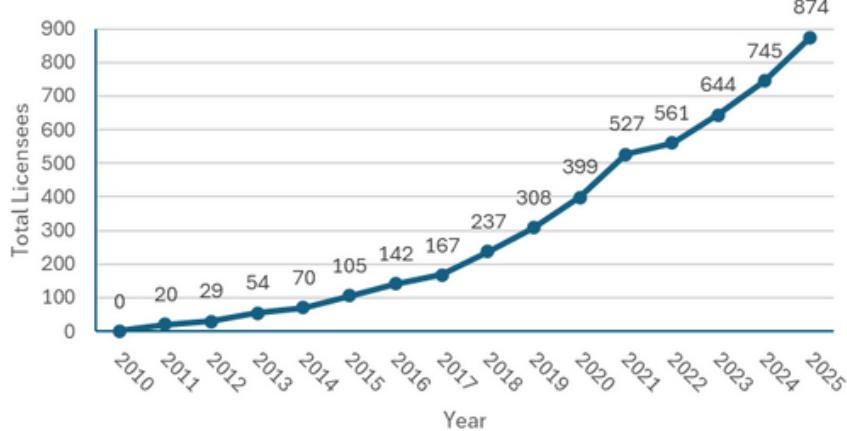
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Happy New Year from your
Licensing Board!

KY Applied Behavior Analysis Licensing Board



Expanding Impact

The number of licensed professionals in ABA continues to grow, reflecting the increasing demand for high-quality behavioral services across the state. As of November 2025, the total number of licensees has reached 874. This upward trend highlights the dedication of new professionals entering the field and the ongoing commitment to meeting the needs of individuals and communities through evidence-based practices.

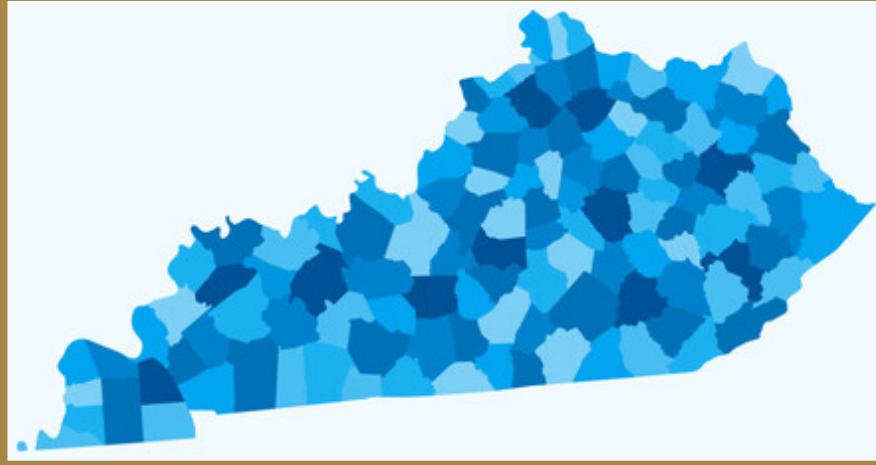
Supervision Reporting: What You Need to Know

- The supervisor and supervisee are jointly responsible for ensuring the *Annual Supervisory Plan* and *Annual Report of Supervision* are submitted
- These forms can be submitted via eServices 30 days prior to the expiration of the *Annual Supervisory Plan*
- LaBAs, TLBAs, and TLaBAs with an active license must meet supervision requirements, even if they are not currently providing behavior analytic services or if they also have an active LBA license.
 - Licensees can apply for inactive status

Different Authorities, Different Rules: Your State Board and the BACB

The ABA Licensing Board works to stay closely aligned with the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB) to ensure consistency and clarity for licensees. However, due to statutory and regulatory processes involved at the state level, there may be delays in implementing changes that reflect updates made by the BACB. Licensees are responsible for understanding and complying with both state laws and BACB requirements, as each operates independently and may have differing timelines or expectations.

We are aware of the changes by the BACB to expire lower-level credentials (e.g., BCaBA) within 180 days of obtaining a higher-level credential (e.g., BCBA). Licensees whose BACB credential has expired should notify the licensing board to navigate these changes.



Anticipated Regulation Changes

The KY Applied Behavior Analysis Licensing Board is preparing for upcoming regulation changes. These changes may impact licensure requirements, supervision standards, or other key areas of practice. Licensees and applicants are encouraged to stay informed and review updates as they become available.

[KY ABA Licensing Board - Legal](#)

Smooth Path to Licensure: Avoid these Frequent Application Errors

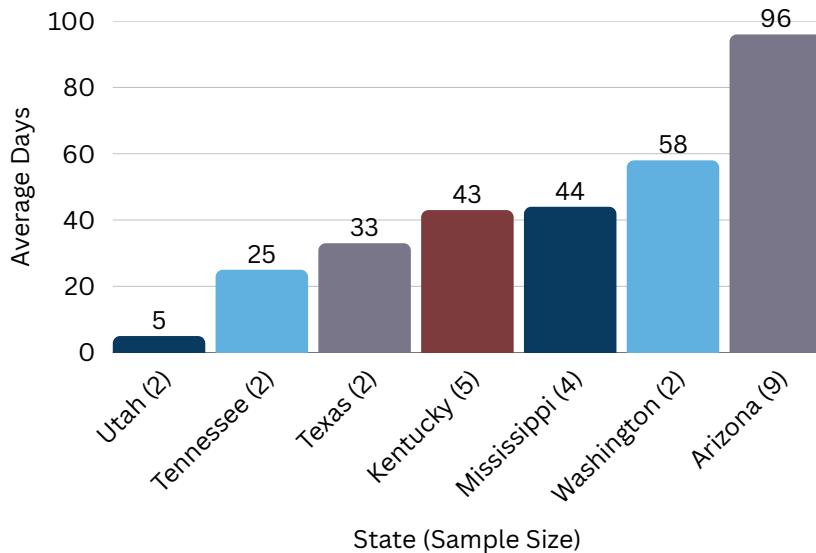
The most common issues that lead to deferral include unanswered questions, missing signatures or dates, and submitting fewer than the required five hours of abuse and neglect training. Applicants should also verify that all information provided matches what is listed in the BACB registry, as inconsistencies often require follow-up. Finally, applicants should take extra care with yes/no questions - misunderstandings or incorrect selections can trigger additional review. A thorough, line-by-line check before submitting can prevent many avoidable delays.

2026 Board Meeting Schedule

Board Meetings are open to the public. Guests can attend in person (Frankfort, KY) or via video teleconference.

January 23, 2026
February, 27, 2026
March 27, 2026
April 24, 2026
May 22, 2026
June 26, 2026
July 24, 2026
August 28, 2026
September 25, 2026
October 23, 2026
November 20, 2026
December 18, 2026

Average Days to State Licensure Following BACB Certification



Appreciation for the Applications Committee

In 2023, our licensing board collected national data on licensure timelines for behavior analysts, and the results - though limited - showed that Kentucky's licensure process is notably faster than several other states.

We extend our sincere appreciation to the Applications Committee for their dedicated service and commitment to timely, thorough review of licensure applications. Their efforts not only support a smooth process for applicants but also help ensure that individuals across the state have timely access to qualified ABA providers.

Board Positions

Licensed Behavior Analysts, Licensed Psychologists, and parent representatives are encouraged to apply for board membership. Serving on the board is an opportunity to support the profession, contribute to regulatory decision-making, and help ensure high-quality ABA services across the state of Kentucky.

- [Application for Boards and Commissions](#)

Professional Resources

Explore these external links to organizations and professional materials relevant to the ABA field.

- [Kentucky Association for Behavior Analysis](#)
- [Behavior Analyst Certification Board](#)
- [BACB Newsletters](#)