

Substance Abuse Recovery Program Guidelines for Entry

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What is the Substance Abuse Recovery Program (SARP)?

The SARP is a confidential program for the monitoring of licensees or certificate holders who are mentally or physically impaired by psychoactive substances such as alcohol and other drugs (illegal or not). In accordance with A.R.S. § 32-2050 and A.A.C. R4-24-310 the Board may allow an impaired licensee or certificate holder to enter into the SARP rather than conduct a disciplinary proceeding if the individual meets and satisfies certain requirements. These requirements include but are not limited to: 1) the impaired licensee or certificate holder meets the qualifications set forth in A.R.S. § 32-2050(2); 2) the Board believes the proposed program will assist the impaired licensee or certificate holder to recover and 3) the impaired licensee or certificate holder enters into the written agreement as required under A.R.S. § 32-2050(3) and (4) and remains fully compliant .

Who is eligible to participate in the SARP?

The Board shall consider the following factors in determining a licensee's or certificate holder's eligibility for the SARP:

- 1) Licensee or certificate holder voluntarily requests admission into the SARP.
- 2) No evidence of patient care while impaired.
- 3) Does not have a previous history of disciplinary action involving probation, suspension, revocation, surrender or denial of a license or certificate by any state board.
- 4) Is otherwise eligible for continued licensure or certification.
- 5) Agrees to limit practice to the State of Arizona only.
- 6) Has not engaged in high-risk criminal behavior that includes crimes involving sexual misconduct or crimes involving violence or threatening behavior which can impact safety to practice.

Is the SARP confidential?

A licensee's or certificate holder's participation in the SARP is confidential so long as they remain compliant with the terms and conditions of the written agreement.

What are the costs involved with the SARP?

The Board does not assess a fee for participation in the program, however a licensee or certificate holder is responsible for the costs associated with the rehabilitative services and monitoring.

How do I find out more about the SARP or request to be considered for participation?

Contact the Board at (602) 274-0236.

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