



## FAQ AIMH/ECs

### 1. What is changing for the MHS applicant?

Within EASy:

- The Ethics tab will include an additional value regarding critical self-awareness. As part of that, there will be an attestation that the applicant/endorsee will utilize critical self-reflective tools to support their ongoing professional development (at the time of their application and renewal)
- The Education and Training tab will be merged to become one: Professional Development

New components to MHS application:

- Updated Ethics
- 10 of the 33 required training hours will be specific to parent-infant psychotherapy
- New reference rating forms
- New work description

No exam post application review

### 2. How will this change be implemented?

All MHS applications will be frozen on 8/2/2024 at 11:59 pm EST. A frozen application means that the applicant will no longer have access to editing this application. EC's will no longer be able to change EASy status. Registration for MHS can still occur during this freeze; those registrations will remain in the "New" status until 1/1/2025. Exams can be administered until 12/31/2024. On 1/1/2025, the new MHS requirements and EASy updates will go live and be effective.



## EXAM REVIEW TASK FORCE OUTCOME

### IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

AIMHs will operationalize communication and 8/2/24's freeze

Applicant decides how they want to move forward with this new exam information.

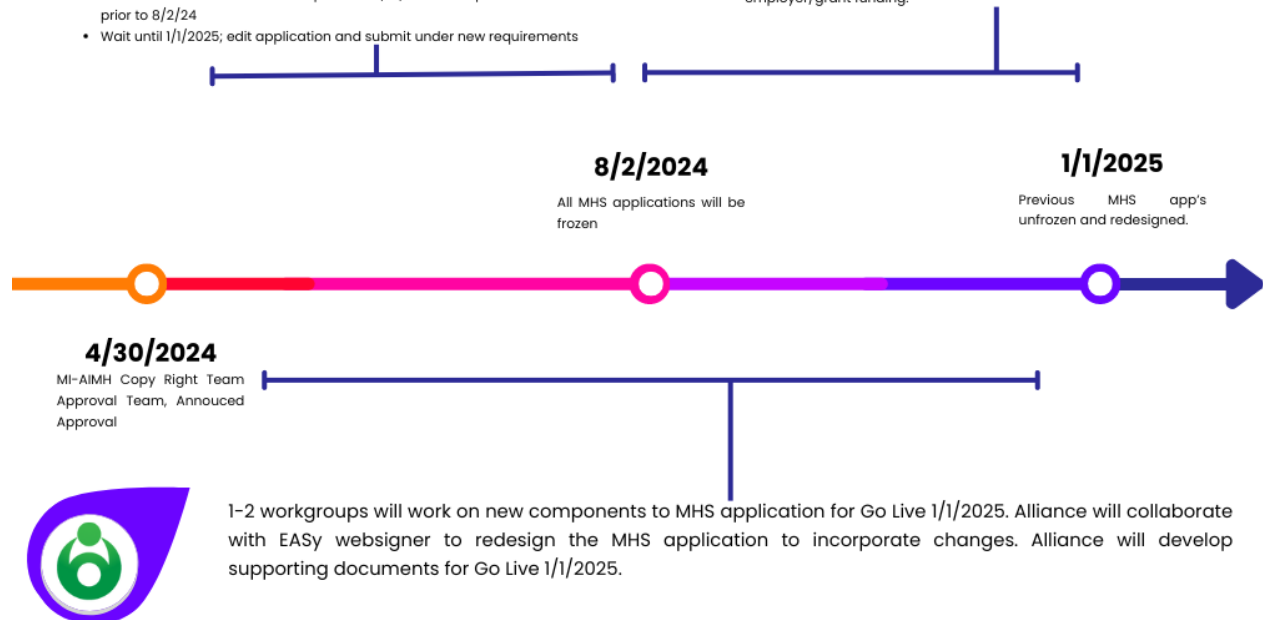
In Progress can:

- Continue to build; wait until 1/1/25 to submit under new requirements
- Continue to build; be in Exam Waiting by 8/1/2024 and sit prior to 12/31/2024

Exam waiting/Retakes can:

- Schedule and sit for the exam prior to 12/31/2024. All updates will need to be made prior to 8/2/24
- Wait until 1/1/2025; edit application and submit under new requirements

Applicants/Endorsees are encouraged to continue to seek experiences that will support their MHS application. Applicants can still register however the registration can only be processed if required to be in progress by the employer/grant funding.



### 3. Why are applications being frozen on 8/2/2024?

An intentional freeze dated for the future (8/2/2024) will allow any MHS applicant interested in taking exam time to be approved, moved to exam waiting, and then sit for the exam before the end of this year. It will also allow time for the MHS application to be redesigned with the new requirements, tested, and ready for applicants 1/1/2025.

### 4. Will freezing a MHS applicant's application delay their Endorsement?

Not necessarily; in fact, depending on when an applicant is approved to sit, moved to exam waiting, then scheduled to take the exam, they could earn Endorsement faster with the new MHS requirements. If an applicant chooses NOT to sit for the exam in 2024 and has all the MHS application requirements met (work, training, supervision), on 1/1/2025, they could review/edit their application specific to the new requirements, submit, and be endorsed 4-6 weeks later. Review this visual to learn about how to support applicants based on their desired timeframe.



**EXAM REVIEW TASK FORCE OUTCOME**  
 IMPLEMENTATION IMPACT ON OBTAINING ENDORSEMENT AS I/ECMHS

	Endorsed Sept '24	Endorsed Oct '24	Endorsed Nov '24	Endorsed Dec '24	Endorsed Jan '25	Endorsed Feb '25	Endorsed Mar '25
Sit June							
Sit July							
Sit August							
Submission Ready 8/2/2024							
Sit September							
Sit October							
Sit November							
Sit December							

**5. What will it take for an “in progress” applicant to earn MHS Endorsement after 1/1/2025?**

The applicant will need to edit their application to meet the new requirements. This will mean:

- Reviewing and signing the updated ethics
- Obtaining 3 new references
- Meeting new training requirement
- Meeting new work description

**6. How does the ERTF outcome and implementation process impact MHS exam administration?**

It does not impact exam administration. MHS exams will be administered until 12/31/2024. All applicants have the choice to either continue the path to sit for the MHS exam or wait until 1/1/2025 to submit their MHS application under the new requirements.

**7. How do I change someone's status in EASy to reflect their exam outcome after the 8/2/24 freeze?**

Email [alliance.endorsement@gmail.com](mailto:alliance.endorsement@gmail.com) with the applicant ID and status update.

**8. What if an applicant has paid their processing fee/exam support fee but chooses not to sit for the exam?**

AIMH’s determine policies around fee’s and reimbursement. The Alliance will not be issuing refunds for purchased Alliance Exam Support Packages.

**9. What do I need to know to support an applicant looking to sit for the exam prior to 12/31/2024?**





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This applicant will need their MHS application approved to sit for the exam and moved to the “Exam Waiting” status prior to 8/2/2024. This is because all MHS applications will be frozen 8/2/2024. AIMHs will consider submission and reviewer deadlines accordingly to process application reviews before 8/2/2024.

**10. What happens if an applicant sits for the exam between now and 12/31/2024 but does not pass?**

Effective 1/1/2025 this applicant can review and update their MHS application specific to the new requirements and resubmit. AIMHs will determine how processing fees will be handled in these circumstances.

**11. How should I support an applicant in choosing to sit for the exam in 2024 or waiting to submit their application after 1/1/2025?**

Provide the applicant with current information and allow them to consider for themselves what is best. Support them in thinking about the timeline for their Endorsement journey. Once an applicant understands both options, they can make the best choice about which option to select.

**12. How should I support the MHS applicant whose application is currently submitted, under review?**

It’s your call, AIMH’s will operationalize this requirement change. Applicants will have a choice to sit for the MHS exam or wait until 1/1/2025 to resubmit based on the new requirements.

**13. If MHS applications are frozen 8/2/2024, how will endorsees renew?**

Only applications will be frozen, not endorsements. MHS endorsees will have access to their endorsements to complete renewal.

**14. Will the MHS application review process resemble that of other non-exam categories?**

Yes, once the application is reviewed by a trained reviewer, providing all requirements are met, this applicant would be recommended for Endorsement.

**15. What do the professionals who are currently endorsed as MHS, but do not meet the new work requirement, do?**

Nothing. They remain MHS endorsed and continue to renew as usual.

**16. What do the applicants who are currently “in progress” for MHS, and do NOT meet new work requirement, do? Will they be able to submit post 1/1/2025 and still qualify?**

They can submit their MHS application, be approved to sit, moved to exam waiting by 8/2/2024 and sit for the exam this year.

If they submit their application after 1/1/2025 the new requirements, including the new work description, will be effective. These applicants will need support thinking about which category fits their scope of work and move to that category.





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### 17. MHS providers of RSC must earn ERS by 1/1/2025 to continue providing qualifying hours of RSC. How does the ERTF outcome and implementation impact that?

MHS endorsees can still add ERS. MHS endorsees will complete the ERS application and obtain it before 1/1/2025. If they want to use the “Copy to” feature within their MHS Endorsement to build their ERS application, they will need to do so prior to 8/2/2024 (or following 1/1/2025).

If a provider of RSC is caught in a timeline bind due to this implementation, struggles with passing the exam or other circumstances that have impeded their acquisition of the MHS Endorsement as the prerequisite to ERS, it is important to keep in mind that once they are endorsed, ALL RSC hours provided pre and post Endorsement become qualifying for the purpose of Endorsement.

*We are committed to continually refining our Endorsement requirements to align with the evolving needs of the workforce. We believe that this adjustment represents a significant stride forward in the right direction. ~ Alliance for the Advancement of Infant Mental Health*