SOCIAL WORK LICENSING GUIDE

ELIGIBILITY FOR FULL MASTER'S SOCIAL WORKER LICENSE (LMSW) BY EXAMINATION

• Graduate with a master's degree from an educational program that is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE).

• Complete at least 4,000 hours of post-degree supervised social work experience over at least a two-year period. If the experience is gained in Michigan, must hold a Limited LMSW License. Must complete experience in a setting that includes work in the area of designation that will part of the MSW license; either Clinical, Macro (administrative), or both.

• Arrange for submission of verification of licensure in any state where licensed, even if the license is no longer active.

• Pass either the Clinical or the Advanced Generalist (Macro designation) Examination that is conducted by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB).

• Submit the fee with the application that is found here.

• A criminal background check is required if not previously taken for a Michigan health professional license. Fingerprints must be taken using the instructions and ID numbers that are sent to the applicant after the license application and fee are received.

ELIGIBILITY FOR FULL LMSW LICENSE BY ENDORSEMENT (currently licensed in another state)

• Graduate with a master's degree from a CSWE-accredited educational program.

• Provide verification that at least 4,000 hours of post-degree supervised work experience that was completed in the other state.

• Arrange for submission of verification of licensure in any state where licensed, even if the license is no longer active.

• Contact the ASWB to have the Clinical or Advanced Generalist exam scores sent to the Michigan Board.

• Submit the fee with the application that is found here.

• A criminal background check is required if not previously taken for a Michigan health professional license. Fingerprints must be taken using the instructions and ID numbers that are sent to the applicant after the license application and fee are received.
ELIGIBILITY FOR ADDITIONAL SPECIALTY DESIGNATION

- Must have an active license in the other specialty or Limited LMSW license.
- Complete an additional 2,000 hours of post-degree social work experience, over at least a 1 year period, in the second specialty designated area with at least 50 hours of supervisory review.
- Submit the fee with the application that is found here.

ELIGIBILITY FOR LIMITED LMSW LICENSE

Limited – A license for applicants used to obtain 4,000 hours of supervised social work experience and take the examination. It can be renewed up to 6 times.

- Graduate with a master's degree from a CSWE-accredited educational program.
- Submit the fee with the application that is found here.
- A criminal background check is required if not previously taken for a Michigan health professional license. Fingerprints must be taken using the instructions and ID numbers that are sent to the applicant after the license application and fee are received.

ELIGIBILITY FOR FULL BACHELOR'S SOCIAL WORKER LICENSE (LBSW) BY EXAMINATION

- Graduate with a bachelor's degree from a CSWE-accredited educational program.
- Complete at least 4,000 hours of post-degree supervised social work experience over at least a two-year period. If the experience is gained in Michigan, must hold a Limited LBSW License.
- Pass the Bachelors Examination that is conducted by the ASWB.
- Submit the fee with the application that is found here.
- A criminal background check is required if not previously taken for a Michigan health professional license. Fingerprints must be taken using the instructions and ID numbers that are sent to the applicant after the license application and fee are received.
ELIGIBILITY FOR LBSW LICENSE BY ENDORSEMENT (currently licensed in another state)

• Graduate with a bachelor's degree from a CSWE-accredited educational program.
• Provide verification that at least 4,000 hours of post-degree supervised work experience that was completed in the other state.
• Contact the ASWB to have the Bachelors Examination scores sent to the Michigan Board.
• Submit the fee with the application that is found here.
• A criminal background check is required if not previously taken for a Michigan health professional license. Fingerprints must be taken using the instructions and ID numbers that are sent to the applicant after the license application and fee are received.

ELIGIBILITY FOR A LIMITED BSW LICENSE

Limited – A license for applicants used to obtain 4,000 hours of supervised social work experience and take the examination. It can be renewed up to 6 times.

• Graduate with a bachelor's degree from a CSWE-accredited educational program.
• Practice under the supervision of a licensed master's social worker.
• Submit the fee with the application that is found here.
• A criminal background check is required if not previously taken for a Michigan health professional license. Fingerprints must be taken using the instructions and ID numbers that are sent to the applicant after the license application and fee are received.

ELIGIBILITY FOR A SOCIAL SERVICE TECHNICIAN (SST) REGISTRATION

• Must have completed an Associate's degree in Social Work from a CSWE-accredited program, or be currently employed in social or human services and have either completed at least 2,000 hours of supervised social work experience over at least a one year period, or have completed at least two years of college in a regionally-accredited institution with at least four courses relevant to human service needs.
• Submit the fee with the application that is found here.
• A criminal background check is required if not previously taken for a Michigan health professional license. Fingerprints must be taken using the instructions and ID numbers that are sent to the applicant after the license application and fee are received.
ELIGIBILITY FOR A LIMITED SST REGISTRATION

Limited – A license for applicants used to obtain 2,000 hours of supervised social service experience. It can be renewed once.

• Must have completed at least two years of college in any field from a regionally accredited institution.

• Must either be currently employed in human or social services or have been made an offer of employment in the practice of social work.

• Submit the fee with the application that is found here.

• A criminal background check is required if not previously taken for a Michigan health professional license. Fingerprints must be taken using the instructions and ID numbers that are sent to the applicant after the license application and fee are received.