

## MARYLAND BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

### 1. NEW CE REQUIREMENT

#### 10.42.06, CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

This Chapter was amended and became effective on December 11, 2023. Please be advised that the new Category I CE requirement will go into effect beginning with the October 31, 2024 license renewal period.

#### **COMAR 10.42.06.03.A.(1)(d) Continuing Education Requirements**

“(d) 3 of the required Category I continuing education units shall have anti-oppressive social work practice content focusing on race, culture, or equity, and include one or more of the following topics:

- (i) Cultural humility;
- (ii) Social justice;
- (iii) Racial equity;
- (iv) Implicit bias; or
- (v) Anti-racism practices;”

You may view the entire COMAR 10.42.06 regulation at

<https://health.maryland.gov/bswe/Documents/Regs/10.42.06ContinuingEducationRequirements.pdf>

### 2. CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK

#### **ALL Licensees Must Complete a Criminal Background Check**

There are **two parts** to this process:

**1) Use the following link** to obtain information on completing the criminal history background check, whether or not you live in or outside of Maryland. [Criminal History Records Check](#)

**2) The online renewal application** will have the following statement at the end of the application:

By attesting to this, you are agreeing to be part of the "Rap Back Service" as defined in regulations [10.42.01.02(B)(9)]. This must be completed, or you will not be able to pay and submit your renewal.

***You are encouraged to get your fingerprints done early and may do so starting now. Please remember that in order to renew your license, you must attest to having your fingerprints done and agree to the Rap Back system. If you do not want to agree to the Rap Back system, please contact the Board for further instructions.***

### **3. IMPLICIT BIAS REQUIREMENT**

**This training requirement is for one license renewal cycle only.**

- If you are a new graduate or a licensee that reinstated or reactivated your license and have not yet taken the required Implicit Bias training, at your next license renewal period, you will need to attest that you have completed this training.

**“ By checking this box, I hereby attest that I have completed an Implicit Bias training program approved by the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities under Article II § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 30, 2021.”**

- If you renewed in 2022 or 2023 and attested to have taken an Implicit Bias Training, you will not need to take additional training. However, you will need to attest to the fact that you have completed this requirement.

The license renewal application was modified to capture this information for all renewals.

For further information, please visit this link on the Board’s homepage:

**[Implicit Bias Training Requirements](#)**

### **4. LICENSED CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER**

- The Licensed Certified Social Worker (LCSW) license is no longer being issued on or after January 1, 2024, and Maryland no longer offers approvals for the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Advanced Generalist examination.

- Those social workers who are already licensed as LCSWs will continue to be licensed and their licenses will be renewed during the odd and even renewal year cycles.

**5. It is recommended that you periodically visit the Board's Homepage since updates and new announcements are located here. Two examples are:**

- Veterans Auto & Education Improvement Act of 2022 (PL 117-333)
- If an applicant does not have a Social Security Number

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Sincerely,

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