

Title 10

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE

Subtitle 42 BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

10.42.06 Continuing Education Requirements

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.02 Definitions.

A. (text unchanged)

B. Terms Defined.

(1)—(8) (text unchanged)

(9) “Exception” means that the Board may grant an exception for any of the continuing education requirements for circumstances set forth in Regulation .06 of this chapter.

[(9)] (10)—[(11)] (12) (text unchanged)

.03 Continuing Education Requirements.

A. The Board shall renew a license for an additional 2-year period if the social worker:

(1) Completes 40 (30 for Licensed [Social Work Associates] *Bachelor Social Workers*) continuing education units within the renewal period, of which a minimum of:

(a) 20 (15 for Licensed [Social Work Associates] *Bachelor Social Workers*) continuing education units shall be obtained from approved programs which are Category I; and

(b) (text unchanged)

(2)—(3) (text unchanged)

B. (text unchanged)

.04 Continuing Education Activities.

A.—C. (text unchanged)

D. Of the 40 (30 for Licensed [Social Work Associates] *Bachelor Social Workers*) required continuing education units, 20 (15 for Licensed [Social Work Associates] *Bachelor Social Workers*) shall be earned and all may be earned from one or any combination of the following Category I activities:

(1)—(7) (text unchanged)

E. Of the 40 (30 for Licensed [Social Work Associates] *Bachelor Social Workers*) required continuing education units, a maximum of 20 (15 for Licensed [Social Work Associates] *Bachelor Social Workers*) continuing education units may be earned from one or any combination of the following Category II activities:

(1)—(8) (text unchanged)

.07 Reporting, Documenting, and Auditing Compliance with Continuing Education Requirements.

A.—D. (text unchanged)

E. Record Retention for Active, Expired, or Inactive License.

(1) Active Licenses.

(a) A social worker with an active license shall retain records documenting completion of continuing education requirements for [2] 3 years after the licensing renewal date for which the report of continuing education was submitted to the Board.

(b) The documentation required in §E(1)(a) of this regulation may be requested by the Board at any time within that [2-year] 3-year period.

(2) Expired Licenses. A social worker with an expired, non-renewed license shall:

(a) Retain records documenting completion of continuing education requirements for each 2-year period that the license was expired, up to a maximum of 40 (30 for Licensed [Social Work Associates] *Bachelor Social Workers*) continuing education units; and

(b) (text unchanged)

(3) Inactive Licenses. A social worker with an inactive license shall:

(a) Retain records documenting completion of continuing education requirements for the [2] 3 years immediately preceding reactivation; and

(b) (text unchanged)

F. (text unchanged)

.08 Extension of Time.

A. A social worker shall file a request for an extension of time, including the supporting documentation, with the Board. The request shall be in writing and filed before [August 31] *October 1* of the renewal year.

B. The Board shall consider and render a decision on the request within [45] *21* days of receiving the written request.

C. The Board may grant an extension and conditionally renew a license for up to 6 months *or reactivate or reinstate a license with an extension not to exceed 1 year* if the Board determines that:

(1)—(2) (text unchanged)

D. Failure to obtain the required continuing education units on or before the 6-month extension *expires* shall result in [the]:

(1) *The social worker's inability to practice social work in Maryland*[. Alternatively, the social worker may submit an application for]; *and*

(2) *The Board placing the license on inactive status.*

[E. The Board may grant an exception for all or part of the continuing education requirements for circumstances set forth in Regulation .06 of this chapter.]

[F.] *E.—[G.] F.* (text unchanged)

.10 Reinstatement of Licenses.

A social worker whose license has not been renewed is entitled to reinstatement within 5 years of the date the license expired, by:

A. (text unchanged)

B. Demonstrating to the Board that the social worker has met all continuing education requirements by obtaining 40 (30 for Licensed [Social Work Associates] *Bachelor Social Workers*) continuing education units in the 2 years preceding the social worker's application for reinstatement.

.11 Reactivation of Licenses.

A social worker whose license was placed on inactive status is entitled to reactivation within 5 years of the date the license expired, by:

A. (text unchanged)

B. Demonstrating to the Board that the social worker has met all continuing education requirements by obtaining 40 (30 for Licensed [Social Work Associates] *Bachelor Social Workers*) continuing education units in the 2 years preceding the social worker's application for reactivation.

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