# LICENSING FAQ

- **What are the Requirements for Clinical License in MD?**

**EXPERIENCE FOR LCSW-C OBTAINED IN MARYLAND OR IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION**

**Certified Social Worker-Clinical (LCSW-C) applicant shall have:**

1. an active LMSW license;
2. documentation of twelve academic credit hours clinical course work from a social work program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (6 of the 12 academic credit hours may be obtained from a BSW program);
3. two years, consisting of not less than 104 weeks, of at least 3,000 hours of supervised clinical social work experience in direct service to clients. Half (1,500) of the required hours shall consist of face-to-face client contact;
4. performed in not less than 2 years and not more than 6 consecutive years;
5. 100 hours of periodic direct face-to-face supervision while obtaining clinical social work experience which is obtained under a *written contract for supervision;
6. supervision in the assessment, formulation of a diagnostic impression, and treatment of mental disorders and other conditions and the provision of psychotherapy; and
7. social work supervision provided by a Board approved supervisor who is licensed as a Licensed Certified Social Worker-Clinical.

**Experience Obtained Out-of-State:**
All social work experience obtained out-of-state must be obtained post MSW and post "licensure", if the applicant was required to be licensed, certified or registered. All supervision required for licensure at the LCSW-C license must have been provided by a licensed clinical social worker. Supervision provided by psychiatrists, clinical psychologists, licensed counselors, any non-social work licensed professional, cannot be accepted by the Board.

**Experience Obtained In Maryland:**
The social work experience obtained for the LCSW-C must be obtained post LMSW, *under a written contract for supervision, (using the Board's form) and while under the supervision of a Board approved LCSW-C supervisor. The

Contractual Agreement form For Supervision must be signed by all parties before supervision is initiated.

- What will I need before I begin?

1. Internet access. (Home, office, library)

2. An email address. (Please use a working / valid email address). Once you start an application, you will receive emails with updates & communications from the board. Check your email INBOX, JUNK, SPAM and TRASH folders to locate your first email with your Application ID. This email may have been sent to one of these folders depending on the security of your email provider.

(Note: Please make sure you add bswe.licensing@maryland.gov to your trusted/allowed email address list to ensure the email does not get sent to your spam folder or get filtered out of your email before it is received.)

3. Your Social Work licenses held in any state including Maryland

4. Your Visa, MasterCard or Discover. The Board does NOT accept checks or money orders for online applications. Your application is considered incomplete until we receive payment.

- What are the different application types?

1. Application by Examination
2. Application by Endorsement
3. Reactivation / Reinstatement
4. Re-Licensure

Or option to add FAQs to the Accordion on this webpage: https://health.maryland.gov/bswe/Pages/FAQ.aspx