



Board of Social Work Examiner

## 2026 Legislative Session

Here are a few of the proposed Senate Bills (SB) and House Bills (HB) that the Board is following in this year's legislative session:

**SB 18/HB 769 - State Board of Social Work Examiners - Conditional License to Practice Social Work - Revisions -**

**SB 874/HB 1119 - Health Occupations - Social Workers - Scope of Practice**

**SB 522 - Worker's Compensation - Evaluation of Permanent Impairments - LCSW-C**

Follow these bills and more by creating an account with the Maryland General Assembly:

[MyMGA Tracking Account](#)

## ASWB Exam Changes & Online Proctoring Pilot Program:

ASWB collaborates with psychometricians and volunteer social workers to ensure exams align with current best practices. In August 2026, updated licensing exams will launch to meet industry standards.

Content development for the 2026 exams began in 2024 with a comprehensive practice analysis, surveying thousands of social workers to keep exam material relevant.

The new exams will emphasize candidates' experiences and applied knowledge rather than simple recall. **Please click the link below for more information about changes effective August:**

[August 2026 Changes to the Exam](#)

ASWB will begin an **Online Proctoring Pilot Program** on Monday, March 23, 2026. The initiative aims to improve accessibility while maintaining exam standards and security.

The pilot offers online proctoring to candidates who:

- Live at least 100 miles from a Pearson VUE test center
- Have prior approval for online proctoring as a nonstandard testing arrangement

## February 2026: Issue X

### Board Meetings!

**The March 13, 2026 Open Session is CANCELLED.**

Please click link for upcoming meetings.

[BSWE Board Meetings](#)

Reminder: The public is welcome to attend the Open Session. For information on public attendance, please refer to [COMAR 10.01.14.02](#)

If you have a question for the Open Session, please email the Board Chair:

[kevin.meenan@maryland.gov](mailto:kevin.meenan@maryland.gov)

## Interstate Social Work Compact

The Social Work Licensure Compact has been enacted in 30 states; however, multi state licenses are not yet being issued. If you are interested in applying for the Multi-State Compact license when it becomes available, now is a good time to become familiar with the laws and regulations that will govern this license. Please click on link below for more information:

[SW Compact - Governance Documents - Rules & Regulations](#)

## Be Mindful. Be Kind.

Our country is undergoing significant changes due to shifting leadership, reduced social safety nets, and rapid technological growth. Social workers face increasingly complex client needs within strained systems. We recognize your challenges and urge all social

Limitations to online proctoring help to protect exam content and reduce security risks. For details, see the link below:

[Online Proctoring Pilot Program](#)



License Type	Total Applications: 2025	Average Days to Approve to sit for Exam*
LBSW	116	14
LMSW	1713	9
LCSW-C	1904	56

\* Please note that application processing times are dependent on the applicant submitting the appropriate documentation.

License Type	Current Active as of 2/26/26
LBSW	406
LMSW	5693
LCSW	274
LCSW-C	14044

**All Active Licensed Social Workers in MD: 20,417**

workers to prioritize self-care to prevent burnout.

Please also be considerate of Board Staff, who manage high workloads and personal pressures amidst the same rising costs and societal upheaval.

They work hard to serve our customers - all Maryland licensed Social Workers and applicants. Please be mindful and kind when interacting with them. Thank you!



### **Updated Supervision Contracts and Supervision Verification Forms - May 1, 2026**

With input from current Board Approved Supervisors and Board Members, the Licensing Unit staff is working to create streamlined, easy to understand forms for Supervision. More to come!!

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