

MDH – MARYLAND BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

<http://www.health.maryland.gov/bswe/>

**YOUR LICENSE EXPIRES ON OCTOBER 31, 2019.
PRACTICING SOCIAL WORK WITHOUT AN ACTIVE LICENSE IS A VIOLATION
OF THE LAW AND COULD RESULT IN THE SUSPENSION OF LICENSE
PRIVILEGE AND/OR PROSECUTION.**

2019 - RENEWAL INFORMATION & INSTRUCTIONS

It is recommended that a licensee **renew as soon as possible.**

Renewal applications must be **post marked, on or before October 31, 2019**, along with the Continuing Education Report Form and a check or money order for the renewal fee made payable to the Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners.

THERE IS NO LATE RENEWAL PERIOD.

A non-renewed license expires on October 31, 2019 and you cannot practice social work, in Maryland, until the license is reinstated. Reinstatement includes submitting the following: a reinstatement application; the reinstatement processing fee; the continuing education report form; and copies of all the documentation of the required continuing education units obtained in the preceding two years.

The Board receives notification from the Comptroller's Office of Maryland if a licensee **owes State taxes**. The Board can only renew a license after the Comptroller's Office indicates that the licensee has paid the taxes or has made arrangements to pay the taxes.

On or before October 31, 2018, licensees who will not be practicing social work after November 1, 2018, may submit an application and fee for **Inactive status**. Information regarding Inactive status and the application can be found on the Board's website <http://www.health.maryland.gov/bswe/>

VETERANS FULL EMPLOYMENT ACT 2013- EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

Under this ACT, the Board may allow an individual licensee who is a member of an armed force deployment outside of Maryland to:

- Renew the license after the expiration of the renewal period without payment of a penalty or reinstatement fee if the late renewal is a direct result of the deployment; and
- Complete any continuing education requirements for renewal within 6 months after renewing the license.

The licensee will be required to provide proof of deployment.

2019 RENEWAL AND 2021 RENEWAL

THE CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK **WILL NOT** be required in order to renew your license in **2019**.

THE CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK **WILL** be required in order to renew your license in **2021**.

You will be reminded that the background check must be completed between November 1, 2019 & October 31, 2021.

License Number:

Enter license number.

Your license number is available on the Board's website under the "Verification" section.

Licensure Category:

Check the appropriate licensure category.

Fees:

Please make your check or money order payable to the Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners. Include the license number on your check or money order. This will expedite the processing of the renewal.

Renewal Fees: LBSW \$100.00, LMSW \$226.00, LCSW \$301.00, LCSW-C \$301.00

The Maryland Legislature created the Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) to develop and implement health care reform in Maryland. Health Occupations Article §1-209, requires that boards which renew certain licenses collect the MHCC fee as part of the renewal fee. MHCC has determined the assessment of \$26.00 per renewal cycle and is included in the above fees.

PERSONAL INFORMATION SECTION**Name:**

The Board must be notified in writing of a licensee's **name change**. Please provide a copy of legal documentation of the change in name with the renewal application.

Please print name; address; city; state; zip code; and be sure to include your email address.

Date of Birth and Social Security Number:

Your date of birth and social security number are required and will be used for identification purposes only. Also provide race, sex, home, work and cell phone numbers.

WORKER'S COMPENSATION SECTION

Only complete this section if you employ one or more persons in Maryland. Please provide the name of the insurance company, the policy number and expiration date for the Worker's Compensation insurer. For information call 410-864-5100 or use the web site, www.wcc.state.md.us.

LICENSING & EMPLOYMENT SECTION**Licensing:**

List all States where you HOLD or HELD a Social Work license by using the State's abbreviation

Employment Status and Type of Practice:

Please select the employment status and type of practice which, in your opinion, best reflects your employment.

QUESTIONS SECTION**Questions #1 to #5:**

Only mark yes if the matter occurred within the **last two years**.

Please provide a written explanation to **all** questions marked with a **yes**.

Questions #1 to #5 continued:

If **questions #4** is marked yes, the licensee must **mail** (do not fax) to the Director, Licensing Unit:

- ▶ the renewal application
- ▶ renewal fee
- ▶ continuing education report form
- ▶ a written narrative explaining the charges
- ▶ certified copies of the police/court records and the final disposition.

A Board review is required before the license can be issued and therefore **all items should be mailed as soon as possible.**

Signature and Date:

Please be sure to sign and date the application.

Incomplete renewal forms will be returned and will cause a delay in the renewal of the license.

CONTINUING EDUCATION SECTION

Continuing Education Report Form

All licensees must complete a Continuing Education Report Form and submit it with their renewal application. The Board conducts a random audit of the renewal applications. If audited, the Board will contact you and request that you submit the documentation of the continuing education units obtained. All continuing education documentation must be kept for three (3) years after the licensing renewal date for which the report of continuing education was submitted to the Board. The Board may audit your continuing education records any time between November 2019 and October 2022.

List all continuing education programs, in chronological order, which satisfy the 40 (30 - LBSW) continuing education requirements.

List the program(s) which satisfy the Ethics and if applicable Supervision requirement on the CE Report form.

GENERAL INFORMATION – CONTINUING EDUCATION

All 40 (30 for LBSW) continuing education units must be obtained in order to renew the license.

Ethics Requirement: Of the 40 (30 - LBSW) required units, a licensee must obtain 3 continuing education units in Category I or II in a content area focusing on ethics and professional conduct which is consistent with generally accepted professional standards of practice.

Board Approved Supervisor Requirement: If applicable, three Category I or II Continuing Education units in a content area focusing on Supervision.

Online and Home-study Programs: a maximum of 20 (15 - LBSW) units may be earned in Category II from audio visual, home study and online/internet programs, which are offered by Board authorized sponsors.

What are the continuing education requirements? The current continuing education requirement is 40 (30 - LBSW) continuing education units in programs and categories approved by the Board for each two-year period of licensure. Licensees must obtain at least 20 of the 40 credits (15 of the 30 for LBSW) in Category I. All 40 (30 - LBSW) units may be earned in Category I programs given by Board Authorized Sponsors:

Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners (<http://www.health.maryland.gov/bswe/>)
Association of Social Work Boards (www.aswb.org)
National Association of Social workers (www.socialworkers.org)

What if you do not have the 40 continuing education units? Please be reminded that a social worker has until October 31, 2019 to obtain the required units. The Board cannot issue a license unless the social worker can attest to the fact that she/he has met the required units.

A licensee may request an extension. The Board may grant an extension and conditionally renew a license for up to 6 months if the Board determines: (1) Failure to fulfill the requirements is a result of: (a) a functional impairment; (b) prolonged illness; (c) mandatory military service or deployment; (d) prolonged absence from the United States; (e) an officially declared disaster; or (f) financial hardship; AND (2) The social worker attempted to meet the requirements

To request an extension, the licensee **MUST MAIL** the following items:

- 1) A written request, with supporting documentation, for an extension;
- 2) Renewal application; and
- 3) A check or money order for the renewal fee.

Requests for extension must be received before October 1st of the renewal year. The Board will review each request and if authorized, a six month conditional license will be issued which will expire on April 30, 2020. Licensees will have six months to meet the CE requirements.

Without exception, failure to meet the CE requirements or to submit a written request for an extension by OCTOBER 1st will mean that the Board cannot renew the license.

NEED ASSISTANCE?

Check the Board's web site <http://www.health.maryland.gov/bswe/> or call the appropriate staff person Monday –Friday 8 am to 5 pm or send an email message anytime.

Continuing Education Regulations & Extensions – Continuing Education Associate

Stacie Rigby
410-764-3477

Stacie.Rigby@maryland.gov

License Issuance

The Board does not issue paper licenses. Licensees, employers and clients etc., may verify a social work license by selecting **“License Verification”** of **“Look up a Social Worker”** on the right side of the Board's website. This is the Primary and Sole source to verify a Maryland social work license.

This side **MUST** be completed for license to be issued.

EMPLOYMENT & LICENSING SECTION

List all States where you hold or held a Social Work License.

a. b. c. d.

Employment Information

Practice Zip Code _____

Practice County _____

Employment Status _____

1. Full Time Social Work
2. Part Time Social Work
3. Inactive (active license but not actively practicing social work in Maryland)
4. Retired
5. Work outside Social Work Field
6. Other

Employment Type _____

1. Federal Government
2. State Government (DHR-DSS, DHMH, DDA, DOC, DJS etc.)
3. Private Practice - Solo
4. Private Practice - Group
5. Multi-Disciplinary Setting
6. Non – Acute Care Facility
7. Long Term Care
8. Assisted Living
9. Hospital
10. School System
11. Other

MILITARY STATUS

☐ Veteran (Within 1 year of honorable discharge) ☐ Active Service ☐ Military Spouse

QUESTIONS SECTION

- Yes No SINCE YOUR LAST REGISTRATION: FOR THE FOLLOWING, CHECK THE BOX YES OR NO NEXT TO EACH QUESTION.
- ☐ ☐ 1. Within the last two years, have you provided social work services while under the influence of alcohol, a narcotic, a controlled dangerous substance or other drug that is in excess of prescribed amounts or without valid medical indication?
- ☐ ☐ 2. Within the last two years, has any State Licensing or Disciplinary Board, or a comparable body in the Armed Services denied your application for licensure, reinstatement, renewal, or taken any action against your license, including but not limited to reprimand, suspension, or revocation?
- ☐ ☐ 3. Within the last two years, have you ever voluntarily surrendered your license due to a violation of state licensing law(s)?
- ☐ ☐ 4. Within the last two years, have you pled guilty to, nolo contendere to, been convicted of, or received probation before judgement for any criminal act excluding misdemeanor traffic violations? (Misdemeanor traffic violations include driving while under the influence of alcohol, while impaired by alcohol, or while impaired by a drug, or a combination drugs and therefore, do not need to be reported to the Board.)
- ☐ ☐ 5. Within the last two years, has a claim for damages been awarded or settled against you resulting from a malpractice suit?

FOR EACH QUESTION ANSWERED WITH A YES PLEASE ATTACH A DETAILED EXPLANATION AND FOR QUESTIONS # 4 ALSO PROVIDE A CERTIFIED COPY OF THE POLICE/COURT RECORD AND FINAL DISPOSITION.

I solemnly affirm under the penalties of perjury that the entire contents of this application are true and correct. I further certify that I am aware of and will meet the requirements of the Maryland Social Work Practice Act & Regulations pertaining to social work practice in Maryland. I understand that my Maryland Social Work license may be revoked if any assertion made in this application is found to be false.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

PLEASE MAIL COMPLETED, SIGNED AND DATED RENEWAL FORM WITH A CHECK OR MONEY ORDER FOR THE RENEWAL FEE TO THE:

Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore MD 21215-2299

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Phone Number: 410-764-4788

Toll Free Number: 1-877-526-2541

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CONTINUING EDUCATION REPORT FORM

RENEWAL 2019

NAME: _____ LICENSE NUMBER: _____

INSTRUCTIONS: Do **not** attach the certificates. Please note that this does not constitute an audit. A separate notice will be sent if you are selected for the audit.

40 (30 for LBSW) credit units required & obtained between 11/01/2017 & 10/31/2019

CATEGORY I OR CATEGORY II:

Ethics Requirement: (at least 3 Category I or II must be earned)

DATE	SPONSOR	TITLE	CEU	CAT I/ II

CATEGORY I OR CATEGORY II:

Supervision Requirement: (at least 3 Category I or II must be earned)

DATE	SPONSOR	TITLE	CEU	CAT I/ II

2019 renewal – all approved supervisors with a supervision approval date between 01/01/2004 and 10/31/2017 shall have at least 3 credit units in a content area focusing on supervision.

CATEGORY I: (must obtain 20 credit units) (LBSW must obtain 15 credit units)

DATE	SPONSOR	TITLE	CEU

[Must Total 20 (15 LBSW)] Category I Total _____

CATEGORY II (20 credit units may be earned) (LBSW 15 credit units may be earned)

DATE	SPONSOR	TITLE	CEU

Category II Total _____

(40 (30 for LBSW) credit units required & obtained between 11/01/2017 & 10/31/2019)

GRAND TOTAL _____

COMPARISON/CONVERSION CHART

Continued Education Credit Units

1 Academic Credit = 5 Credit Units
1 Academic Audit Credit = 3 Credit Units
1 Clock/Contact Hour = 1 Credit Unit
1 60 Minute Class Hour = 1 Credit Unit

* Continuing Education Unit(s): to determine the number of equivalent credit hours consider the number of Units in the program excluding all breaks (mid-morning, lunch time and mid-afternoon).

Information concerning continuing education requirements is located on the Board's website:
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