

Social Work Licensure Requirements by State

Important Note for Prospective Students: If you are considering an academic program that leads to a professional license in your state, it is highly recommended that you first seek guidance from the appropriate licensing agency in your home state BEFORE beginning the academic program located outside your state.

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State	Requirements	Website
Alabama	LSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited (or in CSWE candidacy) baccalaureate program, official transcript and pass ASWB examination	https://www.alabamainteractive.org/alsocw_initial/welcome.action
	LGSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited (or in CSWE candidacy) master’s program, official transcript and pass master’s level ASWB examination	
Alaska	LBSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited baccalaureate program, official transcript and pass ASWB examination	https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/SocialWorkExaminers/ApplicationsForms.aspx
	LMSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited master’s program, official transcript, pass master’s level ASWB examination, and 3 professional references	
Arizona	LBSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited baccalaureate program, official transcript and pass ASWB bachelor’s examination	http://www.azbbhe.us/pdfs/Applications/LBSW%20LMSW%20App%20110116%20FINAL%20FILLABLE.pdf
	LMSW - graduate of a CSWE accredited master’s program, official transcript and pass master’s level ASWB examination	
Arkansas	LSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited baccalaureate program, official transcript and pass ASWB bachelor’s examination	http://www.arkansas.gov/swlb/licensing_info.html
	LMSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited master’s program, official transcript and pass master’s level ASWB examination	

California	A graduate of a CSWE accredited baccalaureate program cannot be licensed in CA, however a graduate may be a case manager, child welfare social worker, and residential counselor without a license	http://www.bbs.ca.gov/pdf/forms/lcs/aswapp.pdf
	ASW – graduate of a CSWE accredited (or in CSWE candidacy) master’s program, official transcript, “California Law and Professional Ethics” 18-hour course and pass the California Law and Ethics exam	
Colorado	A graduate of a CSWE accredited baccalaureate program cannot be licensed in CO, however a graduate may work in a non-clinical setting	https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BzKoVwvexVATREY2SzFqNVUyNjA/view
	LSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited master’s program, official transcript, pass the Colorado Mental Health Profession’s Jurisprudence Examination, pass master’s level ASWB examination and complete the Healthcare Professions Profiling Program	
Connecticut	LMSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited master’s program, official transcript and pass master’s level ASWB examination	http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3121&q=508428
District of Columbia	LSWA – graduate of a CSWE accredited baccalaureate program, official transcript, pass ASWB bachelor’s examination and 3 professional references	https://dchealth.dc.gov/service/social-work-initial-license-application-package
	LGSW – graduate of a CSWE master’s program, official transcript and pass master’s level ASWB examination and 3 professional references	
Delaware	A graduate of a baccalaureate or master’s social work program does not need to be licensed to practice in Delaware. The only license available is a LCSW.	https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/socialworkers/newlicense/
Florida	A graduate of a CSWE accredited	http://floridasmentalhealthprofessio

	<p>baccalaureate program may be a social worker in a non-clinical position without a license</p> <p>CSWI - graduate of a CSWE master's program, official transcript and pass master's level ASWB examination</p>	<p>ns.gov/licensing/</p>
Georgia	<p>LMSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited (or in CSWE candidacy) master's program, official transcript and pass master's level ASWB examination</p>	<p>http://sos.ga.gov/index.php/licensing/plb/43/licensure_requirements_for_masters_social_workers</p>
Hawaii	<p>LBSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited (or equivalent) baccalaureate program, official transcript and pass ASWB bachelor's examination</p> <p>LSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited (or equivalent) master's program, official transcript and pass master's level ASWB examination</p>	<p>http://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/programs/socialworker/application_publications/</p>
Idaho	<p>LSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited (or board approved equivalent) baccalaureate program, official transcript, pass ASWB bachelor's examination and 3 professional references</p> <p>LMSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited (or board approved equivalent) master's program, official transcript, pass master's level ASWB examination and 3 professional references</p>	<p>https://ibol.idaho.gov/IBOL/BoardAdditional.aspx?Bureau=SWO&BureauLinkID=930</p>
Illinois	<p>LSW – graduate of an accredited baccalaureate program, official transcript and pass ASWB bachelor's level examination</p> <p>LSW – graduate of an accredited master's program, official transcript and pass master's level ASWB examination</p>	<p>http://www.idfpr.com/renewals/apply/forms/sw.pdf</p>
Indiana	<p>LBSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited (or in CSWE candidacy) baccalaureate program, official</p>	<p>https://www.in.gov/pla/3030.htm</p>

	transcript and pass bachelor's ASWB examination	
	LSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited (or in CSWE candidacy) master's program, official transcript and pass master's level ASWB examination	
Iowa	LBSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited baccalaureate program, official transcript and pass ASWB bachelor's examination	http://www.idph.iowa.gov/Licensure/Iowa-Board-of-Social-Work/Licensure
	LMSW – graduate of a CSWE master's program, official transcript and pass master's level ASWB examination	
Kansas	LBSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited (or board approved equivalent) baccalaureate program, official transcript, pass ASWB bachelor's examination and 3 professional references	http://ksbsrb.ks.gov/professions/social-workers
	LMSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited (or board approved equivalent) master's program, official transcript, pass master's level ASWB examination and 3 professional references	
Kentucky	LSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited (or board approved equivalent) baccalaureate program, official transcript, and pass ASWB bachelor's examination	https://bsw.ky.gov/licenseApplication/Pages/overview.aspx
	CSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited (or board approved equivalent) master's program, official transcript, and pass master's level ASWB examination	
Louisiana	RSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited baccalaureate program, official transcript and pass ASWB bachelor's examination	https://www.labswe.org/page/licensee-info
	LMSW and CSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited master's program, official transcript, and pass master's level ASWB examination	

Maine	LSX – graduate of a CSWE accredited baccalaureate program, official transcript and pass ASWB bachelor’s examination	https://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/social_workers/index.html
	LMSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited master’s program, official transcript, and pass master’s level ASWB examination	
Maryland	LBSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited baccalaureate program, official transcript and pass ASWB bachelor’s examination	https://health.maryland.gov/bswe/Pages/Licensing.aspx
	LGSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited master’s program, official transcript, and pass master’s level ASWB examination	
Massachusetts	LSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited baccalaureate program, official transcript and pass ASWB bachelor’s examination and 3 professional references	https://www.mass.gov/lists/applications-and-forms-for-the-board-of-social-workers
	LCSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited master’s program, official transcript, pass master’s level ASWB examination and 3 professional references	
Michigan	Limited LBSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited baccalaureate program, official transcript and pass ASWB bachelor’s examination	https://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-72600_72603_27529_27554---,00.html
	Limited LMSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited master’s program, official transcript, and pass master’s level ASWB examination	
Minnesota	LSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited baccalaureate program, official transcript and pass ASWB bachelor’s examination	https://mn.gov/boards/social-work/applicant/lgsw.jsp
	LGSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited master’s program, official transcript, and pass master’s level ASWB examination	
Mississippi	LSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited baccalaureate program, official	http://www.swmft.ms.gov/sites/default/files/2018-05/Form%20266.pdf

	transcript and pass ASWB bachelor's examination	
	LMSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited master's program, official transcript, and pass master's level ASWB examination	
Missouri	LBSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited baccalaureate program, official transcript and pass ASWB bachelor's examination	http://pr.mo.gov/boards/socialworkers/LMSW_LBSW%20AppI%20ONLINE.pdf
	LMSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited master's program, official transcript, and pass master's level ASWB examination	
Montana	License is not required for a graduate of a CSWE accredited	http://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/bbh#9
Nebraska	CSW – graduate of an accredited baccalaureate program	http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/pages/crlMHPSWAppReqsSW.aspx
	PCMSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited master's program, official transcript, and pass master's level ASWB examination	
Nevada	LSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited baccalaureate or master's program, official transcript and pass ASWB bachelor's examination	http://socwork.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/socworknvgov/content/licensees/B-InfoLicensure_SW.pdf
New Hampshire	No license available – a graduate of a CSWE accredited baccalaureate or master's program may be a social worker in a non-clinical position without a license	https://www.oplc.nh.gov/mental-health/
	LCSW – 3000 hours of post-graduate supervision, graduate of a CSWE accredited master's program, official transcript, and pass master's level ASWB examination	
New Jersey	CSW – graduate of an accredited baccalaureate program and official transcripts	http://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/s/Pages/eligibilityrequirements.aspx
	LSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited master's program, official transcript, and pass master's level ASWB examination	

New Mexico	LBSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited baccalaureate program, official transcript, pass New Mexico jurisprudence exam, pass ASWB bachelor’s examination and 2 character references	http://www.rld.state.nm.us/uploads/FileLinks/9edd98cc10fe4235b97faf7258ebf641/2017_Bachelor_Application_for_licensure.pdf and http://www.rld.state.nm.us/uploads/FileLinks/9edd98cc10fe4235b97faf7258ebf641/2017_Master_Application_for_Licensure_1.pdf
	LMSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited master’s program, official transcript, pass New Mexico jurisprudence exam, pass master’s level ASWB examination and 2 character references	
New York	No license available – a graduate of a CSWE accredited baccalaureate program may be a case manager, child welfare social worker, and residential counselor without a license	http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/sw/lmsw.htm
	LMSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited (or board approved equivalent) master’s program, official transcript, and pass master’s level ASWB examination	
North Carolina	CSW – graduate of an accredited baccalaureate program, official transcripts and 3 professional references	http://www.ncswboard.org/files/Application.w.info.ltrs.2014.4.4.pdf
	CMSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited master’s program, official transcript, pass master’s level ASWB examination or ACSW examination and 3 professional references	
North Dakota	LSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited baccalaureate program, official transcript, pass ASWB bachelor’s examination and 3 professional references	https://www.ndbswe.com/
	LCSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited master’s program, official transcript, pass master’s level ASWB examination and 3 professional references	
Ohio	LSW – graduate of a regionally accredited social work baccalaureate program, official transcript, pass ASWB	http://cswmft.ohio.gov/Social-Workers/Licensed-Social-Worker/LSW-a

	bachelor's examination	
	LSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited master's program, official transcript, and pass master's level ASWB examination	
Oklahoma	LSWA – graduate of a CSWE accredited baccalaureate program, official transcript and pass ASWB bachelor's examination	https://www.ok.gov/socialworkers/documents/Form%20301%20Application%20for%20Licensure%2004%202016.pdf
	LMSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited master's program, official transcript, and pass master's level ASWB examination	
Oregon	RBSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited (or in CSWE candidacy) baccalaureate program, official transcript and pass bachelor's ASWB examination	https://www.oregon.gov/blsw/AnalyticsReports/9%20-%20APPLICATION%20--UPDATED%2006.17.2015.pdf
	LMSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited master's program, official transcript, and pass master's level ASWB examination	
Pennsylvania	SW – graduate of a CSWE accredited baccalaureate program, official transcript and pass ASWB bachelor's examination	https://www.pals.pa.gov/#/page/default
	LSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited master's program, official transcript, and pass master's level ASWB examination	
Rhode Island	No license available	http://health.ri.gov/applications/SocialWorker.pdf
	LCSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited master's program, official transcript, and pass master's level ASWB examination	
South Carolina	LBSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited baccalaureate program, official transcript and pass ASWB bachelor's examination	http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/socialworkers/SWAPPS/Social_Work_App.pdf
	LMSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited master's program, official transcript, and pass master's level	

	ASWB examination	
South Dakota	SW – graduate of a CSWE accredited baccalaureate program, official transcript and pass ASWB bachelor’s examination	https://dss.sd.gov/docs/licensing/socialwork-licenseapp.pdf
	CSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited master’s program, official transcript, and pass master’s level ASWB examination	
Tennessee	LBSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited baccalaureate program, official transcript and pass ASWB bachelor’s examination	https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/sw-board/sw-board/applications.html
	LMSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited master’s program, official transcript, and pass master’s level ASWB examination	
Texas	LBSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited baccalaureate program, official transcript, pass Texas Jurisprudence Exam and pass ASWB bachelor’s examination	http://www.dshs.texas.gov/socialwork/sw_lbsw-lmsw.shtm
	LMSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited master’s program, official transcript, pass Texas Jurisprudence Exam and pass master’s level ASWB examination	
Utah	SSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited baccalaureate program, official transcript and pass ASWB bachelor’s examination	https://dopl.utah.gov/apps/SSW.pdf and https://dopl.utah.gov/apps/CSW.pdf
	CSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited master’s program, official transcript, and pass master’s level ASWB examination	
Vermont	No license available	https://www.sec.state.vt.us/professional-regulation/list-of-professions/social-workers/forms-applications.aspx
	LMSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited master’s program, official transcript, pass Vermont Jurisprudence Examination, and pass master’s level ASWB examination	
Virginia	No license available without 3 years of	https://www.license.dhp.virginia.gov

	supervised experience	/apply/
	LSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited master’s program, official transcript, and pass master’s level ASWB examination	
Washington	No License available	http://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworUpdate/SocialWorker/ApplicationsandForms
	LASW – 3200 hours of post-graduate supervision, graduate of a CSWE accredited master’s program, official transcript, and pass master’s level ASWB examination training	
West Virginia	LSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited baccalaureate program, official transcript and pass ASWB bachelor’s examination	http://www.wvsocialworkboard.org/Portals/0/documents/Forms/WVSW%20License%20Application%20Request%20web.pdf
	LGSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited master’s program, official transcript, and pass master’s level ASWB examination	
Wisconsin	CSW – graduate of an accredited baccalaureate program, official transcript, pass the Wisconsin open-book exam and pass ASWB bachelor’s examination	https://dsps.wi.gov/Credentialing/Health/fm1992.pdf
	CAPSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited master’s program, official transcript, pass the Wisconsin open-book exam and pass master’s level ASWB examination	
Wyoming	CSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited baccalaureate program, official transcript, pass ASWB bachelor’s examination and 3 professional references	https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BxqTyOdwR6xkU2VVVVZmZnd6Z2c/view and https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BxqTyOdwR6xkSTI6emVTUkhxOUk/view
	PCSW – graduate of a CSWE accredited master’s program, official transcript, pass master’s level ASWB examination and 3 professional references	