

## Social Work Licensing Reciprocity by State

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STATE (alphabetical order)

Alabama

[Alabama Licensing Board](#)

Reciprocity Info

<https://www.socialworkguide.org/licensure/>

Social Work License: If you are licensed in another state, you can apply for the equivalent Alabama social work license. To receive a license by reciprocity, your current license must be in good standing and you must meet Alabama's requirements for the license you are applying to obtain. To apply, complete the Application for Social Work Licensure and pay the \$75 fee (as of February 2019). You will also need to provide a Verification of License form and have the ASWB send your past exam scores to the Board.

Licensing Renewal and Continuing Education Requirements: The Board requires all licensed social workers to complete 30 continuing education (CE) hours every two years in order to renew their licenses . At least three of these hours must be in ethics. The Board provides extensive information on

temporary license for an additional \$75. You will need to pay an additional fee to receive your license; the amount varies depending on the level of licensure.

Licensing Renewal and Continuing Education Requirements:

Social workers in Alaska must renew their licenses every two years by submitting the [Social Worker License Renewal form](#) to the Board and paying the required fee. As of March 2019, the renewal fees are \$225 for LBSWs, \$275 for LMSWs, and \$325 for LCSWs. During each renewal period, social workers must complete 45 continuing education (CE) hours. Of the required 45 CE hours, six hours must be on the topic of substance abuse and three must be in professional ethics. During your first renewal period, six of your CE hours must be from education in cultural topics related to Alaska Natives; in subsequent renewal periods, you must complete six CE hours in cross-cultural education with at least three hours in topics related to Alaska Natives. See the Board's [continuing education page](#) for more details on CE requirements and a list of approved courses.

School Social Work specific info:

[Alaska School Social Work](#) , [University of Alaska](#)

License Reciprocity:

Arkansas offers social worker licensure by reciprocity. This allows social workers who are licensed in other states to become licensed in Arkansas without retaking the exam. Reciprocity applicants will

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have completed at least 3,200 hours of supervised work experience and 104 weeks of supervision. If the licensing body in your state does not have equivalent requirements, time actively licensed as a clinical social worker in your state shall be accepted at a rate of 100 hours per month up to a maximum of 1,200 hours. You will document this along with the [Clinical Social Worker Verification of Licensure/Registration/Certification in another state form](#).

Licensing Renewal and Continuing Education Requirements:

License renewal is required every two years in California. Licensees must complete 36 hours of [continuing education](#) before each renewal period. New licensees are only required to complete 18 hours during their first two years of licensure. You can renew your license [online](#) or with a [paper application](#).

School Social Work specific info:

[California Association of School Social Workers](#)

meeting equivalent standards to those required in Connecticut. If you are applying for an LCSW license but did not complete 3,000 hours of supervised clinical social work experience, you may be able to substitute three years of independent clinical social work experience in lieu of this



	<p>acquired online. Licensed social workers can visit the <a href="#">National Association of Social Workers: Georgia Chapter</a> for a listing of continuing education offerings.</p> <p>School Social Work specific info:  <a href="#">Georgia Board of Ed</a></p>
<p>Hawaii  <a href="#">Hawaii Licensing board</a></p>	<p>Social Work License:  The Department may enter into reciprocity agreements with states whose licensing requirements are equivalent to Hawaii's. However, if you are licensed in another state that does not have reciprocity with Hawaii, you can still apply for social work licensure if you meet the requirements for the type of license you are seeking. If you have already taken the required ASWB exam, you will not need to repeat it but must provide documentation of your exam score. If you hold a license in another state, you can apply for a Hawaii social work license by completing the <a href="#">application form</a> for the license you are seeking and providing any additional documentation requested by the Department. As of February 2019, the base application fee for all levels of licensure is \$60; additional license fees are required and vary based on the type of license and time remaining in the renewal cycle.</p> <p>Licensing Renewal and Continuing Education Requirements:  Social work licenses in Hawaii must be renewed every three years before June 30. All licensees must complete 45 hours of continuing education (CE) during each renewal period, with at least three CE hours in ethics. You are not required to complete any continuing education during your first renewal cycle.</p> <p>School Social Work specific info:  (supporting website)</p>
<p>Idaho  <a href="#">Idaho Licensing Board</a></p>	<p>Social Work License:  Idaho does not have formal reciprocity with any other state, but the Board offers licensure by endorsement for social workers licensed in other states who do not have disciplinary actions against them. This allows a social worker to become licensed in Idaho without having to repeat requirements such as the licensure exam or supervised experience. To apply for licensure by endorsement, complete the <a href="#">social work application</a> and submit it to the Board with the \$90 application fee (as of February 2019). In addition to the documents required of all applicants, you will also need to provide verification of your current license and past ASWB exam scores.</p> <p>Licensing Renewal and Continuing Education Requirements:</p>

Illinois  
[Illinois Licensing Board](#)

Social workers in Idaho must renew their licenses annually. As of February 2019, renewal fees are \$80 for LSWs and LMSWs and \$90 for LCSWs. To renew your social work license, you must complete 20 hours of continuing education (CE) each year, including one hour in professional ethics. At least half of the required CE hours must be from formal experiences such as seminars and workshops, while any portion of the remainder can come from self-directed activities.

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Social Work License:

If you are licensed in another state and meet the requirements for LSW or LCSW licensure in Illinois, you can apply for licensure by endorsement. To do this, you must submit an application along with the supplemental documents needed for licensure by endorsement (e.g., verification of your current license) and a \$200 fee. You will also need to have your ASWB exam scores transferred to Illinois.

Licensing Renewal and Continuing Education Requirements:

A social work license in Illinois expires every two years. The expiration date is November 30th of each odd-



	<p>determines you meet the criteria for licensure by reciprocity, they will send you instructions for completing a jurisprudence exam that must be passed before you can receive your full license.</p> <p>Licensing Renewal and Continuing Education Requirements:  Licensed social workers must renew their licenses every two years and complete at least 20 hours of continuing education (CE) hours per year, for a total of 40 hours during each renewal period. At least 10 hours per year must come from Category I activities, which the Board defines as " formal programming" (e.g., workshops, seminars, courses). Up to 10 hours each year can come from Category II activities, which encompasses self-directed learning activities (e.g., journal reading, case conferences). At least one CE credit each year must come from a Category I activity in ethics and professional topics. Social workers in Indiana can visit the <a href="#">The National Association of Social Workers (NASW): Indiana Chapter</a> for continuing education opportunities.</p> <p>School Social Work specific info:  <a href="#">Indiana School Social Work</a></p>
<p>Iowa  <a href="#">Iowa Licensing Board</a></p>	<p>Social Work License: Social workers licensed in other states may apply for a license in Iowa by submitting the application for the level of licensure they are seeking and paying the initial license fee of \$120 to the Board. To be eligible, you must have received your current license by meeting requirements equivalent to those in Iowa. In addition to the application materials all applicants must submit, you will also need to provide your previous ASWB exam scores and verification of your current license.</p> <p>Licensing Renewal and Continuing Education Requirements: Iowa social workers at all levels must renew their licenses every two years. Fees for renewing a license depend on the license level; the renewal fee for LBSWs is \$72, the fee for LMSWs is \$120, and the fee for LISWs is \$144. During each two-year renewal period, all social workers must complete 27 hours of continuing education. LISWs who supervise other individuals must complete three hours of continuing education in supervision as part of their 27 hours.  <a href="https://www.socialworkguide.org/licensure/iowa/">https://www.socialworkguide.org/licensure/iowa/</a></p> <p>School Social Work specific info:  <a href="#">Iowa School Social Work Association</a></p>
<p>Kansas</p>	<p>Social Work License:</p>

Kansas Licensing Board



Out-of-state social workers can apply for licensure by reciprocity if they meet the requirements for a Maine social work license. To apply, submit an application for the license level that you are seeking. As of February 2019, all social work applications cost \$116. Each application has a list of additional documentation that out

	<p>which are less structured. All social workers must complete at least three hours of CE on ethical, legal, and professional issues. Social workers who are Board-approved supervisors must complete at least three hours in the topic of supervision.</p> <p>School Social Work specific info: (supporting website)</p>
<p>Massachusetts <a href="#">Massachusetts Licensing Board</a></p>	<p>Social Work License: The Massachusetts Board offers licensure by reciprocity to applicants who are licensed and in good standing in any of the ASWB's member jurisdictions. Reciprocity allows social workers from other jurisdictions to become licensed without retaking the exam and repeating the experience requirements. To be eligible, the license you currently hold must have equivalent licensure requirements and scope of practice as the Massachusetts social work license you are planning to apply for. To apply for licensure by reciprocity, complete the <a href="#">Social Worker Licensure Application</a>. You will be required to provide professional references, your ASWB exam scores, verification of your current license, and a transcript of your degree. Application fees for licensure by reciprocity vary based on the license.</p> <p>Licensing Renewal and Continuing Education Requirements: All licensed social workers in Massachusetts are required to renew their licenses every two years. As a prerequisite for renewal, licensed social workers must complete a certain number of continuing education hours:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LSWAs must complete at least 10 hours of continuing education</li> <li>LSWs must complete 15 hours of continuing education</li> <li>LCSWs must complete 20 hours of continuing education</li> <li>LICSWs must complete 30 hours of continuing education</li> </ul> <p>During each renewal period, licensees must complete at least one course in domestic and sexual violence. Renewal fees vary based on the license; refer to <a href="#">the Board's fee schedule</a> for the most updated information.</p> <p>School Social Work specific info: (supporting website)</p>

Michigan  
[Michigan Licensing Board](#)

Social Work License:

Michigan offers prospective LBSWs and LMSWs the opportunity to apply by endorsement if they are currently licensed and in good standing in another state. To apply for licensure by endorsement, complete the Board's [application form](#). Note that you will need to have your ASWB exam scores transferred to the Michigan Board. The fee for this application is \$42.40 (as of December 2018).

Licensing Renewal and Continuing Education Requirements:

All permanent social work registrations and licenses must be renewed every three years. Additionally, Michigan requires all LBSWs and LMSWs to complete 45 hours of continuing education (CE) during each three-year renewal period. Five of the 45 required CE hours must be in ethics and one hour must be in pain and pain symptom management. At least half of the required CE hours must be earned through in-person activities (i.e., not online or through home study). The [Michigan Social Work CE Collaborative](#) is a helpful resource for understanding the Board's CE requirements and finding qualifying activities.

LSSTs, RSSTs, LLBSWs, and LLMSWs are not required to complete continuing education activities. However, RSST credentials must be renewed every three years. All limited licenses and registrations are intended to be temporary and do8404(h)3(JTJET21 Tmb(g)4(isr)10(1d)5, RSST )94be reneingerenein;



(e.g, ASWB exam scores, verification of current license). As of January 2019, the fee for applying for licensure by reciprocity is \$60.

Licensing Renewal and Continuing Education Requirements:

Missouri social workers must renew their licenses every two years. During each renewal period, licensed social workers must complete 30 hours of continuing education (CE) activities. Three of these hours must be in professional ethics and two must be in suicide prevention. In addition to organized CE activities, social workers can also earn hours through self-







	<p>Licensing Renewal and Continuing Education Requirements:  All licensed social workers must renew their licenses every two years in New Jersey. Although each license or certificate has different continuing education requirements, social workers of all levels must complete five hours of continuing education in ethics and three hours related to competence in social and cultural issues. Below are the continuing education requirements specific to each social work credential:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">CSWs must complete 20 hours of continuing education during each renewal period. If more than 20 credits are earned, up to four can be applied to the next renewal period. LSWs must complete 30 hours of continuing education during each renewal period. If more than 30 credits are earned, up to six can be applied to the next renewal period. LCSWs must complete 40 hours of continuing education during each renewal period. At least 20 credits must be related to clinical social work practice. If more than 40 credits are earned, up to eight can be applied to the next renewal period</p> <p>School Social Work specific info:  <a href="#">New Jersey School Social Work</a></p>
<p>New Mexico  <a href="#">New Mexico Licensing Board</a></p>	<p>Social Work License:  New Mexico offers licensure by reciprocity for social workers licensed in other states, allowing them to earn an equivalent New Mexico social work license without having to repeat requirements such as the national exam or supervised experience. To become licensed using this method, you must have held your current license for at least five years and you must meet the New Mexico Board's requirements for licensure. To apply, complete the <a href="#">application form</a> for the level of licensure you are seeking and submit it with the <a href="#">Verification of Licensure form</a>. You must also request that the ASWB send your past exam scores to the Board. All reciprocity applicants will need to complete the jurisprudence exam and provide proof of having taken a <a href="#">New Mexico culture course</a> before receiving a license.</p> <p>Licensing Renewal and Continuing Education Requirements:  All New Mexico social work licenses must be renewed by July 1st every two years. The renewal fees (as of February 2019) are \$100 for LBSWs, \$150 for LMSWs, and \$200 for LCSWs. 30 hours of continuing education (CE) are required during each renewal period, six of which must be in cultural awareness.</p>

New York  
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School Social Work specific info:

[New Mexico School Social Work](#)

Social Work License:

There is no reciprocity for an LMSW in New York; however, if you hold a license from another state you may qualify for licensing if you meet all the requirements, which includes passing the ASWB Master's exam. There is reciprocity for LCSWs in New York. If you have been certified as a clinical social worker in another state and have completed at least 10 years of practice within the last 15 years, you qualify to apply for licensure by endorsement in New York. For this, you will need to

Licensed or certified social workers in the state of North Carolina are required to renew their licenses every two years, with licenses expiring on June 30 of the second year after they were issued (LCSWA licenses expire two years after issue). A total of 40 clock hours of continuing education (CE) must be accumulated during each renewal period, except for first-time licensees whose initial term is less than two years, who must complete a minimum of 30 CE hours during that time. Four hours of the total CE

All licensed social workers in Ohio must renew their licenses every two years. To be eligible for renewal, you must complete 30 hours of continuing education activities that are pre-approved by the Board during each two-year renewal period. Three of these hours must be in topics related to ethics, and individuals holding an LISW-S license must also complete three hours of continuing education in supervision. The National Association of Social Workers (NASW): Ohio Chapter provides a listing of continuing education opportunities online and throughout the state.

School Social Work specific info:

[Ohio School Social Work Association](#)

requirements do not need to be repeated. If you are licensed as a social worker in another state and would like to become licensed in Oregon, follow the steps above to submit an application for your level of licensure. With this application, submit verification of your current license and (if applicable) documentation of any required supervised hours. Also be sure to request that the ASWB transfer your exam







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[Tennessee Licensing Board](#)

Licensing Renewal and Continuing Education Requirements:  
All South Dakota social work licenses expire on January 1st of the second year after they are issued. As of February 2019, renewal fees are \$90 for SWAs, \$130 for SWs, \$170 for CSWs, and \$210 for CSW-PIPs. To renew your social work license, you must prove you have completed at least 30 hours of continuing education (CE) within the two-year period. There are no specific topics or types of CE required as long as the training relates to social work practice or ethics at your level of practice. All CE must be provided by either an academic institution or an organization approved by the Board. No more than 10 hours may be distance or independent learning.

School Social Work specific info:  
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Social Work License:  
Tennessee offers reciprocity to social workers licensed in other states if they meet the Board's educational and training requirements for the Tennessee social work license they are seeking. If you



## [Vermont Licensing Board](#)

The OPR offers options for out-of-state social workers hoping to become licensed in Vermont. Individuals who hold an active license in another state with requirements at least equal to Vermont's can apply for licensure by endorsement. Individuals who hold a license that does not meet Vermont's requirements can apply under the "five-year rule" if they have been practicing at least 1,200 hours per year for the past five years and have no disciplinary actions against them. Applicants seeking licensure through either of these methods should submit an application through the [online license portal](#), pay the \$100 application fee (as of March 2019), and submit the [jurisprudence exam](#) and [Verification of Licensure form](#). The online application will provide instructions for additional documentation you must submit, which will likely include past ASWB exam scores.

Licensing Renewal and Continuing Education Requirements:

Social work licenses in Vermont expire every two years and can be renewed using the [OPR licensing system](#). During each renewal period, LICSWs are required to complete 20 hours of continuing

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regulations, or laws. The Board allows licensees to earn hours from two different categories of activities. As of December 2018, LSW renewal fees are \$65 and LCSW renewal fees are \$95.

School Social Work specific info:

[Virginia School Social Work](#)

Social Work License:

The Washington Health Department does not offer any formal reciprocity with any other states. If you hold a license in another state and would like to become licensed in Washington, you can submit an LASW or LICSW application to the Washington State Department of Health if you meet the requirements for licensure in Washington (including the appropriate number of supervised hours). If you have previously passed the ASWB exam required for your level of licensure, you will need to have your scores transferred to Washington so that you are not required to complete the exam again.

Licensing Renewal and Continuing Education Requirements:

LASWs, LICSWs, and associate social workers must renew their licenses every year no later than their date of birth. The Department requires that LASWs and LICSWs complete 36 hours of continuing education every two years. Six of the 36 hours must be in ethical and legal topics. Every six years, all licensed social workers must complete six hours of training in the recognition and management of suicidality. Associate social workers (LSWAAs and LSWAICs) are also required to complete continuing education but on a different schedule. Renewal of these licenses requires completion of 18 continuing education hours every year. Every two years, six of these hours must be in ethical and legal topics. Before receiving their permanent licenses, associate social work licensees will be



[Wisconsin Licensing Board](#)

The Wisconsin Board recognizes reciprocity for social workers already licensed or credentialed in another state. They will review each application on an individual basis, and generally accept candidates from states with substantially equivalent licensing standards. To apply for reciprocity, you will use the application form corresponding to your desired licensing level, pay the fee (\$160 as of January 2019), submit verification of your current credentials, pass the Wisconsin law exam, and submit the rules and regulations of your state of licensure to the Board for review.

Licensing Renewal and Continuing Education Requirements:

All social work credentials in Wisconsin expire at the end of February in every odd-numbered year. Licenses can be [renewed online](#) for a fee of \$85. Before renewing a Wisconsin social work credential, you must complete 30 continuing education (CE) hours during each two-year renewal period. Four of the 30 required hours must be in ethics and professional boundaries. All CE hours must be approved by Board-recognized organizations. More information can be found on the Board's [continuing education page](#).

School Social Work specific info:

[Wisconsin School Social Work Association](#)

Social Work License:

If you hold a social work license in another state but would like to practice in Wyoming, the Board offers licensure by reciprocity for CSWs and LCSWs. To be eligible, you must hold an out-of-state social work license in good standing. This license must have issued under requirements equivalent to or more stringent than Wyoming's. To obtain a license by reciprocity, you must submit a complete

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with a graduate degree. You can also earn up to six CE credits giving presentations on mental health topics.