



MISSISSIPPI
STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
FOR SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPISTS

INITIAL APPLICATION CHECKLIST

In order to apply for licensure in MS, you will need to possess a bachelor's or master's degree in social work from an accredited CSWE program and have a passing score on the applicable ASWB exam. You must obtain a LMSW license prior to applying for a LCSW license. Licensing as a LCSW will require a minimum of 24 months of LCSW supervision before receiving approval to sit for the ASWB clinical exam. It is your ethical responsibility to read and understand the rules and regulations regarding social work licensure.

Listed below are items that must be submitted to our office for your approval for licensure testing:

- ☐ Initial Application (Form 266) and Processing Fee (\$27.00 money order or cashier's check only) -**Valid one year from the date stamped received by the Board office.**
- ☐ Verification of Education Form (Form 267) Fill out the top portion, get it notarized and mail to registrar's office of the college or university where you received your social work degree.

Once the above completed forms are in your application file, you will be sent an exam approval letter which will give you exam instructions. Please allow 2 weeks for processing.

- ☐ After you pass the ASWB exam, your test score will be forwarded to the Board office within 2 weeks after completing the exam.
- ☐ Request for Fingerprint Card Form - Please submit this form to request a fingerprint card and \$50.00, money order or cashier's check only. Upon the Board receiving the form with fee, a fingerprint card will be mailed to you with instructions.
- ☐ Submit the Initial License Fee (\$75.00 for bachelor level and \$110.00 initial license fee for LMSW or LCSW; or \$32 if upgrading a current license from LSW to LMSW or LMSW to LCSW). You may submit this fee any time during the application process.

Please understand that in the State of Mississippi, you cannot practice as social worker without being licensed as social worker by the Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Social Workers and Marriage and Therapists. There is nothing wrong with interviewing and accepting a position, but you cannot practice as a social worker until you have received your license number from the Board. Employers may visit the Board's website (License Search) to verify if you possess a valid social work license.

Initial License Application

(Use for Social Work Licensure/ Student Approval to Take ASWB Examination)

(Please type or print in ink)

Date: _____ (Please use legal name that is identified on your Driver's license or Social Security Card)

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle/Maiden)

Mailing Address: _____ Contact No. (____) _____ - _____

(City) (State) (Zip Code) (County)

Email Address (Optional): _____

Social Security Number: - - Date of Birth - -

Race: _____ Sex: Male ☐ Female ☐ U.S. Citizen: No ☐ Yes ☐ Legal Alien: No ☐ Yes ☐

Place of Employment: _____ Telephone No. (____) _____ - _____

Public Agency ☐ Private Agency ☐ Title of Position: _____

Business Address: _____
(Street/PO Box) (City) (State) (Zip Code) (County)

If upgrading, give license number: -

1. By which method are you seeking licensure: ☐ Examination ☐ Reciprocity/Endorsement

2. License applying for (check one) See regulation for qualifications at each level. Social Worker (LSW) ☐
Master Social Worker (LMSW) ☐
Certified Social Worker (LCSW) ☐

3. Are you a student certified as being in senior status or in the final year of the program from a college or University accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) or Southern Association of College and Schools (SACS)? If you are not a student, select no and skip to question #5. No ☐ Yes ☐

4. Please have the Dean or Chair of your Social Work Department sign below to verify that you being in senior status or in the final year of the program:

Dean or Social Work Chair Name of College or University Date

5. Which social work degree do you possess: _____BSW _____MSW _____ N/A (Student)

6. Is your school accredited by _____ CSWE _____ SACS _____ BOTH

Initial Application Fee: \$27.00 (make cashier's check or money order payable to MSBOE SW/MFT)

(FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE)

For Office Use Only:

CC, MO, TC, OC #: _____ Amount: \$ _____ Date: _____

Name on payment, if different from licensee: _____

(Continue on Back of This Form)

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7. Have you ever been licensed as a social worker in this state? No ☐ Yes ☐
If yes, what was your license number: _____
8. Have you ever been licensed or registered as a social worker in another state? No ☐ Yes ☐
If yes, complete the Reciprocity Information/ Endorsement Form and send it to the state(s) of current or previous licensure.
9. Have you ever had a professional license revoked, suspended, or encumbered in any way? If yes, has the decree changed? Attach a full explanation. No ☐ Yes ☐
10. Has any court ever declared you mentally incompetent? If yes, attach an full explanation. No ☐ Yes ☐
11. Have you ever been arrested, or charged, or sentenced for any misdemeanor or criminal Offense. Received deferred judgement for the commission of a felony, or any crime involving moral turpitude in the United States or foreign country? If yes, attached a full explanation. No ☐ Yes ☐
12. Have you knowingly failed to renew a license during investigation or disciplinary action? No ☐ Yes ☐
13. I understand that licensure as a social worker requires the following information to be completed and submitted to the Board for review: Form 266, Form 267- verification of education, successful FBI background results and passing score on the applicable ASWB examination. No ☐ Yes ☐
14. **I understand that my application for licensure as a LSW or a LMSW shall be considered abandoned if the ASWB exam has not been attempted within six (6) months from the date on which the application was filed.** An application for LCSW shall be considered abandoned if the ASWB exam has not been attempted within six months from the date on which the Board approved the termination of supervision. Any subsequent application shall be treated as a new application. No ☐ Yes ☐
15. Have you ever had a record expunged from a felony or any criminal conviction? No ☐ Yes ☐

(Notary Seal)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20____.

My commission expires on _____.

Notary Public

I, the undersigned, do hereby solemnly swear or affirm that I am the above applicant, and that the statements contained therein or accompanying this application are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. This application and signature shall act as authorization of entities in possession of applicable information to release such information to the Board. I also agree to uphold the laws and standards of conduct set forth in the laws of the State of Mississippi as pertain to the practice of Social Work

Applicant's Signature

Date

Complete form, make payment payable to **MSBOE SW/MFT** and mail to:

**MS Board of Examiners for SW/MFT
Post Office Box 4508
Jackson, MS 39296-4508**

**Current
Passport-Like Photo of You
Facing Forward**

(Application cannot be processed without photo. Photocopies will not be accepted. The photo must be an original of you facing forward.)

Verification of Education for Licensure in Social Work

Instructions to Applicant:

Upon completion of the demographic information and waiver below, this form should be signed, notarized, and forwarded to the college of university where you obtained your **degree in social work**.

Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)	Maiden Name or Given Surname
Address (Street, City, State, and Zip Code)	Home Phone (Work) () ()
Social Security Number	Date of Graduation
License Applying For (Check One): <input type="checkbox"/> Social Worker <input type="checkbox"/> Master Social Worker	<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Social Worker

Waiver For The Release of Information:

I am applying for licensure as a social worker in the State of Mississippi. I hereby authorize the verification of my degree conferred and further authorize the release of any transcript or other information, favorable or otherwise, to the Mississippi Board of Examiners for Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists, should this information be requested at any time.

Subscribed and sworn before me this day of _____ 20____

My commission expires _____

Notary Public

Seal

Date

Applicant's Signature

Instructions to Education Institution:

Upon completion of this form please send to:

**MS BOARD OF EXAMINERS
P.O. Box 4508
Jackson, MS 39296-4508**

Name of Institution	Location of Institution (City & State)
Date of Attendance (Month/Year) From: _____ To: _____	Total Number of Academic Years
Date Degree Conferred	Degree Conferred
Program Name & Curriculum Description	Date of Practicum/Internship: From: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ To: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ Total Hours: _____

Social Work Program Accreditation

(On date degree conferred)

Undergraduate: ☐ CSWE ☐ SACS ☐ Other: _____
Graduate: ☐ CSWE ☐ SACS ☐ Other: _____

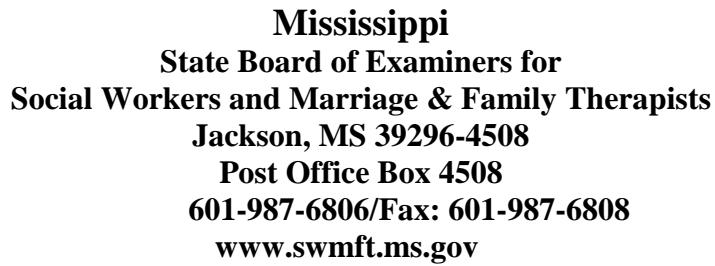
Registrar's Name (print or type)

Registrar's Signature

Telephone Number

Date

Seal of the College or University



INSTRUCTIONS: Complete this form and return to our office. Once this form is received with payment, we will mail you a fingerprint card. After getting your fingerprints added onto the card, be sure to fill out the descriptive information including signing the card, printing your name, your date of birth and social security number (as these spots are often overlooked). The fully completed card should be mailed to: Mississippi Board of Examiners for SW/MFT, P.O. Box 4508, Jackson, MS 39296-4508. Please do not allow the fingerprints to smudge.

I, _____, request that a fingerprint card be sent to me at the address listed below. I have enclosed the required \$50.00 processing fee, payable by money order or cashier's check to MBOE. I understand that the information received from both the Mississippi Criminal Information Center and the Federal Bureau of Investigations concerning my criminal history records check via fingerprint records will be reviewed and may affect the approval of my application for licensure, reinstatement or the status of the renewal of my license.

I understand that it may take 4-6 weeks for my fingerprints to be processed by the MS Dept. of Public Safety. I understand that there may be delays in the processing of my fingerprint card if my fingerprints are unreadable and that will extend the processing of my background and sex registry check beyond 4-6 weeks.

Date

Name on payment, if different from licensee: _____