



MISSISSIPPI
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. 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.

- 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.
- 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.

After you pass the ASWB exam, your test score will be forwarded to the Board office within 2 weeks after completing the exam.

- 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 Board of Examiners for Social Workers and Marriage and Therapists and 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.

Social Work Initial License Application

(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/Mai den)

Mailing Address: _____ Contact No. (____) _____ - _____
(City) (State) (Zip Code) (County)

Email Address: _____

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. Have you ever been licensed as a social worker in this state? No Yes
If yes, what was your license number: _____

4. 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.

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: _____

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- 7. Have you **ever** been found in violation of laws or rules pertaining to professional practice or settled such charges prior to a formal finding in an administrative proceeding? No Yes
- 8. Have you ever had a record expunged from a felony or any criminal conviction? No Yes
- 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 a 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. Are there any pending charges against you? No Yes
- 14. **I understand that licensure as a social worker requires additional information to be completed and submitted to the Board for review and that a passing score on the ASWB examination does not automatically qualify me to become licensed.** No Yes
- 15. **I understand that I have one year from the date of the approval letter to sit for the ASWB exam and that my application for licensure will expire if I have not passed the exam and a new application will be submitted before I am approved to retake the exam.** 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

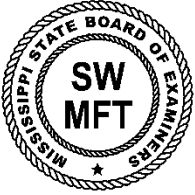
Applicant's Signature

Date

Complete form, make payment payable to **MBOE 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.)



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REQUEST FOR FINGERPRINT CARD

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.

Mark one: Applicant for social work license
 Applicant for LMFT license
 Applicant for LMFTA license
 License Renewal: license # _____
 Reinstatement: license # _____

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.

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____

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.

Signature

Date

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Name on payment, if different from licensee: _____