



Board of Examiners for Social Workers and Marriage & Family Therapists

RULES AND REGULATIONS UPDATE AS OF NOVEMBER 17, 2022

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Reasons for Change

- Amended in 04/18/2022 & effective on 11/17/2022. Available online at www.swmft.ms.gov .
- Please see RECENT NEWS on the website to stay current with Board news.
- The Board's mission is to protect the public
- Reviewing and changing the R&R are duties that protect the public
- Allows for clarification of roles of different license levels
- To keep up with current trends in society

PART 1901 - Authority and Practice

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Chapter 3: Standards & Procedural Rules

Rule 3.5 Universal Recognition of Occupational Licenses Act

- Pursuant to MS Code Ann. Section 73-50-2, the Board of Examiners for Social Workers and Marriage & Family Therapists is authorized to issue a license based on the “Universal Recognition of Occupational License Act” to allow the applicant to lawfully practice social work or marriage & family therapy in Mississippi.
- See Pages 30-33 of the Rules and Regulations for detailed information.

PART 1902

SOCIAL WORK

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- Chapter 2, Rule 2.2 Requirements for Licensure, C. Specific Requirements, 3. LCSW Level: e g, and h
 - Extending the background check results from one hundred eighty (180) days to three-hundred sixty-five (365) days; grammatical correction; and, Added clarification to the ASWB exam to state ASWB LCSW Clinical examination.
- Chapter 2, Rule 2.2, Requirements for Licensure, C. Specific Requirements, 4: Licensure by Reciprocity/Endorsement, D. Abandonment of Application
 - Removed the wording 'or Advanced' to only include the Clinical level of the ASWB Exam.

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- Chapter 2, Rule 2.3 Professional Supervision Requirements for LCSW Licensure; B: Prior Approval Supervisor Approval and LCSW Candidate Approval for Supervision
 - Grammatical Correction
- Chapter 2, Rule 2.3 Professional Supervision Requirements for LCSW Licensure, D: Supervisor's Qualifications and Responsibilities, 1. a
 - Added the wording of clinical or macro to specify LCSW level.
- Chapter 2, Rule 2.3 Professional Supervision Requirements for LCSW Licensure, E, The Supervisory Experience, 2, e
 - Added the language 'See Instructions for Supervisors, Supervision Evaluation For Post-Master's Professional Supervision' for more clarification'.

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- Chapter 2, Rule 2.4 Examinations, D. Frequency of Examinations
 - Removed the wording of 'Advanced'. LCSWs only test at the Clinical ASWB Exam. The Advanced Exam is no longer given in Mississippi.
- Chapter 2, Rule 2.4 Examinations, E. Examinations Levels, 3
 - Removed the wording of 'Advanced' for LCSW Clinical Examination.
- Chapter 4, Rule 4.1, C. Continuing Education Requirements for Renewal, 9-10
 - In response to issues with licensees receiving in-person continuing education hours due to Covid, the Board has changed the definition of in person hours to include live, interactive online platforms.

PART 1903

MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPY

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➤ Chapter 1, Rule 1.2 Definitions

- The entire section under definitions were renumbered correctly.

➤ Chapter 1, Rule 1.2 Definitions: Sections D, L, M, O, and V

- D – removed the word duties and added the word hours.
- L, M, O, V – updated face-to-face to now include in-person or through a secure video conferencing platform. This change was made in response to Covid-19.

➤ Chapter 2, Rule 2.2, C Specific Requirements for Licensure as a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT), 1 Education

- updated face-to-face to now include in-person or through a secure video conferencing platform. This change was made in response to Covid-19.

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- Chapter 2, Rule 2.2, C Specific Requirements for Licensure as a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT), 2 Post Graduate Clinical Experience
 - Updated face-to-face to now include in-person or through a secure video conferencing platform. This change was made in response to Covid-19.
- Chapter 2, Rule 2.2, C Specific Requirements for Licensure as a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT), 3 Supervision, h
 - Updated face-to-face to now include in-person or through a secure video conferencing platform. This change was made in response to Covid-19.
- Chapter 2, Rule 2.2, C Specific Requirements for Licensure as a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT), 3 Supervision, i
 - Added more detailed explanation of the supervision process.

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- Chapter 2, Rule 2.2, C Specific Requirements for Licensure as a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT), 3 Supervision, k
 - Added for clarification of required supervision hours if obtained in another state.
- Chapter 2, Rule 2.2, E Application Requirements for Licensure as a Marriage and Family Therapy Associate (LMFTA), 3
 - Updated this section of the required contact hours for supervision for LMFTAs.
- Chapter 2, Rule 2.2, F Application Requirements for Licensure as a Marriage and Family Therapist, 3
 - Updated this section of the required contact hours for supervision LMFTs.

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- Chapter 2, Rule 2.2, G Licensure by Endorsement, 1 Licensed Marriage and Family Therapy Associate
 - Updated this section regarding LMFTA licensure requirement.
- Chapter 2, Rule 2.2, G Licensure by Endorsement, 2 Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist by Endorsement for Nonresidents
 - Updated this section to clarify the LMFT licensure through endorsement licensure process for nonresidents.
- Chapter 2, Rule 2.2, G Licensure by Endorsement 2 Requirements for Endorsement for Nonresidents
 - This entire section was updated to clarify the LMFT licensure through endorsement licensure process for nonresidents. This change was made in response to House Bill 1263, Section 73-50-2 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 designated Universal Recognition of Occupational License Act.

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- Chapter 2, Rule 2.2, G Licensure by Endorsement 2 Licensure through Endorsement for Residents
 - This entire section was updated to clarify the LMFT licensure through endorsement licensure process for nonresidents. This change was made in response to House Bill 1263, Section 73-50-2 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 designated Universal Recognition of Occupational License Act.
- Chapter 3, Rule 3.1, D Use of Technology Assisted Marriage and Family Therapy Services, 1 Definitions
 - This entire section was added to define components of use of technology. This addition is in response to Covid-19.
- Chapter 3, Rule 3.1, D Use of Technology Assisted Marriage and Family Therapy Services, 2 The Practice of LMFTA or LMFT usage of technology-assisted services
 - This entire section was added to clarify the use of technology. This change was made in response to Covid-19.

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- Chapter 4, Rule 4.1 CONTINUING EDUCATION, B Requirements
 - Modifications were made to this section to clarify continuing education requirements.
- Chapter 4, Rule 4.1 CONTINUING EDUCATION, E Types of Acceptable Continuing Education, 5
 - Modifications were made to this section to clarify online continuing education.

RESOURCES AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Online Rules and Regulations can be found at www.swmft.ms.gov under Resources
- Contact the Board via email at info@swmft.ms.gov
- Never miss Board Happenings. Stay Current with RECENT NEWS!
- We are also on TWITTER, @MsExaminers
- RENEW ONLINE! We now have a new licensee portal. See LARS or HELP inside the licensee portal for step-by-step instructions.
 - ❖ Enter your CE hours all through the year and let the portal maintain it for you. Instructions can be found under HELP.
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