

# STATE OF MAINE

## BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKER LICENSURE

### APPLICATION FOR LICENSED MASTER SOCIAL WORKER (LM)



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**STATE OF MAINE  
DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL  
AND FINANCIAL REGULATION  
OFFICE OF LICENSING AND REGISTRATION  
INDIVIDUAL LICENSE APPLICATION**

APPLICANT INFORMATION (please print)			
FULL LEGAL NAME	<i>FIRST</i>	<i>MIDDLE INITIAL</i>	<i>LAST</i>
ANY OTHER NAMES EVER USED			
DATE OF BIRTH	<i>mm / dd / yyyy</i>	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	
MAILING ADDRESS			
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTY
PHONE ( )	FAX ( )	E-MAIL	

<b>CRIMINAL BACKGROUND DISCLOSURE</b>
<i>NOTE: Failure to disclose criminal convictions may result in denial, fines, suspension and/or revocation of a license.</i>
<b>1. Have you ever been convicted by any court of any crime? (circle one)</b> <b>NO</b> <b>YES</b> If yes, enclose a detailed description of what happened (including dates) and a copy of the court judgment.
<b>2. Has any jurisdiction taken disciplinary action against any professional license you hold or have held, or denied your application for licensure? (circle one)</b> <b>NO</b> <b>YES</b> If yes, enclose a detailed explanation and copies of all documents.
By my signature, I hereby certify that the information provided on this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. By submitting this application, I affirm that the Office of Licensing and Registration will rely upon this information for issuance of my license and that this information is truthful and factual. I also understand that sanctions may be imposed including denial, fines, suspension or revocation of my license if this information is found to be false.
<b>SIGNATURE</b> <span style="float:right"><b>DATE</b></span>

<b>Board of Social Worker Licensure</b>	<b>Office Use Only:</b>
<b>Please Select License Type:</b>	1421 - \$70.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Licensed Master Social Worker (LM1421)	1446 - \$25.00
	2619 - \$21.00
<b>Required Fee: \$116</b> <b>(includes Criminal History Records Check Fee)</b>	<i>Office Use Only:</i>
	Check # _____
	Amount: _____
	Cash # _____
	Lic. # _____
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<b>PAYMENT OPTIONS:</b>
Make checks payable to "Maine State Treasurer" - If you wish to pay by Mastercard or Visa, fill out the following:
NAME OF CARDHOLDER (please print) <i>FIRST</i> <i>MIDDLE INITIAL</i> <i>LAST</i>
I authorize the Dept. of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Licensing and Registration to charge my <input type="checkbox"/> VISA <input type="checkbox"/> MASTERCARD      the following amount: \$ _____
Card number: <i>XXXX-XXXX-XXXX-XXXX</i> Expiration Date <i>mm / yyyy</i>
<b>SIGNATURE</b> <span style="float:right"><b>DATE</b></span>

## **APPLICANT INFORMATION GUIDE**

The application material you have requested from the Board of Social Worker Licensure is enclosed. It contains all the relevant materials you need to complete your application for licensure as a Master Social Worker in the State of Maine. Please read all the information carefully. If you have any questions after reading this packet, please call or e-mail our office.

### **FURNISHED TO APPLICANT:**

- Application Guide for Licensure as a Social Worker
- Individual License Application
- Request for Examination Form
- Verification of Licensure Form

### **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:**

- ASWB Social Work Licensing Examination Candidate Handbook

Available: <http://www.aswb.org/handbook.pdf> or call (207) 624-8674

- Licensing Law for Social Workers

**Please read carefully and review periodically for changes. You are responsible for knowing and complying with all Maine Laws throughout your licensure.**

Available: <http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/statutes/32/title32ch83sec0.html> or call (207) 624-8674

- Licensing Rules for Social Workers

**Please read carefully and review periodically for changes. You are responsible for knowing and complying with all Board Rules throughout your licensure.**

Available: <http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rules/02/chaps02.htm#416> or call (207) 624-8674

- National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Code of Ethics

Available: <http://www.naswdc.org/pubs/code/> or call 1-800-638-8799 ext. 238

- Statutory Authority, Titles 5 & 10

Available: <http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/statutes/10/title10ch901sec0.html>

<http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/statutes/5/title5ch341sec0.html>

## **APPLICATION PROCEDURE:**

- Please submit your application materials by mail or hand delivery to our offices. Fax submissions will not be accepted. If the application you submit to us is complete, it will be reviewed and processed in the order it was received.
- If there are deficiencies with your application, you will be notified by mail. **Please note:** Candidates whose applications have been incomplete for more than one (1) year will be required to submit **new** applications if they still wish to be considered for licensure.
- Please do not call our office regarding the status of your application. Information about the status of applications may be found at the Office of Licensing & Registration's website: [http://www.maine.gov/professionallicensing/license\\_search.htm](http://www.maine.gov/professionallicensing/license_search.htm). We appreciate your thoughtful attention to this request.

## **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

Continuing education is required for the renewal of a license. A minimum of twenty-five (25) contact hours of continuing education must be completed within the two-year licensing cycle. Four (4) of the twenty-five (25) hours must be related to social work ethics. LSW-Conditional licensees licensed on or after January 1, 2004 must complete six (6) hours of ethics and six (6) hours of psychosocial assessment. Please be sure to review the Rules, Chapter 14 for more information or for possible changes to continuing education requirements.

## **DESCRIPTION:**

A "Licensed Master Social Worker" (LMSW) is a person who has received a license as a Master Social Worker from the Board and engages in a non-clinical social work practice. A LMSW may engage in private non-clinical social work practice; as well as provide consultation required by the LSW and LSW Conditional Licenses.

***Note: A Maine LMSW license does not qualify as meeting the LCSW clinical social work practice and consultation requirements. You must apply for LMSW Conditional Clinical licensure in order to begin your clinical consultation towards LCSW licensure. No clinical consultation acquired outside LMSW Conditional Clinical licensure may be used towards LCSW licensure.***

**LMSW Licensure Applications Shall Include the Following:**

- Completed and signed Application; (Pages 5 – 7)
- Official Transcript of an earned MSW degree from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program;
- Request for Examination (Masters) or Official documentation of successful passage of the required examination (Masters);
- Three (3) current (dated within the past year) letters of professional recommendation, two (2) of which must be from LCSW, LMSW, CSW-IPs or similarly credentialed MSWs from any state or country;
- Payment of a non-refundable \$25.00 Application fee;
- Payment of LCSW Licensure fee of \$70.00; and
- Payment of a non-refundable Criminal History Check fee of \$21.00.

**Note: All fees can be in one payment.**

**For Applicants Currently Licensed in Another State:**

If you are currently licensed in another state and are applying for licensure in Maine, you must submit the following in addition to the items mentioned above:

- A copy of the state laws and rules under which the applicant is licensed;
- A copy of the applicant's social work license;
- A completed Verification of Licensure form.

Reciprocity applicants who submit documentation of clinical licensure obtained prior to 1984 are not required to submit proof of having passed the examination. At its discretion, the Board may waive the requirement of Conditional licensure if the applicant has met the conditions for Conditional licensure in another state.

### Frequently Asked Questions:

- **Where do I send my application?** Our mailing address is 35 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0035.
- **Where are you located?** 76 Northern Avenue, Gardiner, Maine.
- **What hours are you open?** 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays.
- **Can I come to Gardiner to drop off my application?** Yes. You will not leave with a license, though.
- **Can I come to Gardiner to pick up my license?** No. Your license will be mailed to you.
- **How can I check the status of my application?** You can check our website: [www.maine.gov/professionallicensing/license\\_search.htm](http://www.maine.gov/professionallicensing/license_search.htm).
- **How far back do I go answering the criminal conviction question?** Any conviction, ever.
- **Can I fax my application?** No.

### NOTICES

**BACKGROUND CHECK:** Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A. §5301 - 5303, the State of Maine is granted the authority to take into consideration an applicant's criminal history record. The Office of Licensing and Registration requires a criminal history records check as part of the application process for all applicants.

**PUBLIC RECORD:** This application is a public record for purposes of the Maine Freedom of Access Law (1 MRSA §401 et seq). Public records must be made available to any person upon request. This application for licensure is a public record and information supplied as part of the application (other than social security number and credit card information) is public information. Other licensing records to which this information may later be transferred will also be considered public records. Names, license numbers and mailing addresses listed on or submitted as part of this application will be available to the public and may be posted on our website.

**SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER:** The following statement is made pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974 (§7(B)). Disclosure of your Social Security Number is mandatory. Solicitation of your Social Security Number is solely for tax administration purposes, pursuant to 35 MRSA §175 as authorized by the Tax Reform Act of 1975 (42 USC §405(C)(2)(C)(1)). Your Social Security Number will be disclosed to the State Tax Assessor or an authorized agent for use in determining filing obligations and tax liability pursuant to Title 36 of the Maine Revised Statutes. No further use will be made of your Social Security Number and it shall be treated as confidential tax information pursuant to 36 MRSA §191.

Before you seal the envelope, did you:

- Complete every item on the application including the criminal background disclosure question.
- Sign and date your application.
- Include the required fee(s). Make checks payable to "Maine State Treasurer" or complete the credit card section on the application. **DO NOT SEND CASH.**
- Make a copy of your application to keep for your records.

### Undergraduate Education

Name of Academic Institution:

Mailing Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Major:

Degree Granted:

Date Conferred:

### Graduate Education

Name of Academic Institution:

Mailing Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Major:

Choose one:  Clinical Track  Non-Clinical Track

Degree Granted:

Date Conferred:

### Credentialing History

Have you ever held a professional license/certification/registration in this or any other state/country? [ ] YES [ ] NO

If yes:

Profession	License #	State/Country	Date Issued	Expiration Date

Have you ever taken a social work examination? [ ] YES [ ] NO

If yes:

Which Exam & Level?	Where?	Date Taken:

### Disciplinary History

1. Do you have pending against you any complaints from a regulatory board or professional organization? If yes, please enclose a detailed explanation.  YES  NO
2. Have you ever been or are you currently a defendant in a civil proceeding related to your professional activities? If yes, please enclose a detailed explanation.  YES  NO

### Affirmation

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SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_



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Director

**REQUEST FOR EXAMINATION**

To qualify for licensure as a licensed social worker, a licensed master social worker, a licensed master social worker – conditional clinical or a licensed clinical social worker, applicants must achieve a passing score on the required examination.

ASWB now requires applicants to be approved to sit for the examination. To request examination, please fill in the information requested below and **return this form** with all other required application materials to the Board at the above address. Once your application is **complete and approved**, you will receive notification of eligibility to sit for the exam. You will register with ASWB directly at that time.

You may register for the examination by telephone at 1-888-579-3926 or by going to ASWB's website: <http://www.aswb.org>.

Check Appropriate Category	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bachelors Examination (applicants for LSW)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Masters Examination (applicants for LMSW or LMSW – Conditional Clinical)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Clinical Examination (applicants for LCSW)

Applicant Information (please print)		
Name of Applicant:		
Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Telephone:	Date of Birth:	

OFFICE PHONE: (207)624-8674



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FAX: (207)624-8637

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**VERIFICATION OF LICENSURE FORM**  
**(for use by applicants licensed or certified in another jurisdiction)**

The applicant listed below is applying for licensure to practice as a social worker in the State of Maine. The Maine Board of Social Worker Licensure requests written verification from each state that applicant holds or has held any certification, licensure, or credential. This is your authority to release any information in your files, favorable or otherwise. **Please mail this verification directly to the Maine Board of Social Worker Licensure at the above listed address.**

**The section below is to be completed by the applicant and forwarded to the State Board in which you hold or have held a license to practice social work. Any associated fees are the responsibility of the applicant. If verification of licensure is needed for more than one (1) state, please copy form as needed.**

Name:		
Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
License Number:	State:	Date of Issue:
Signature of Applicant:		Date:

**The remaining portion is to be completed by the State Licensing Board where the applicant holds or has held a license to practice social work. Please submit any copies of verification of supervision received after applicant received their MSW license, if available.**

Name of Licensee:	
License Number:	Licensure Level:
Original License Date:	Expiration Date:



**VERIFICATION OF LICENSURE**

Please verify which of the following requirements have been met in your state:

BSW from CSWE accredited school \_\_\_\_\_

MSW from CSWE accredited school \_\_\_\_\_

Two (2) years post MSW experience \_\_\_\_\_

Exam taken:     PES             AASSWB/ASI             Other \_\_\_\_\_

Date exam passed:

Level of exam taken:

If no examination was taken, how was licensure obtained?

Grandfathered             Endorsement from which state \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any pending complaints against this licensee?            [ ] Yes    [ ] No  
If yes, please explain:

Have there been any other actions taken against this licensee?            [ ] Yes    [ ] No  
If yes, please explain:

Is the licensee considered to be in good standing in your state?            [ ] Yes    [ ] No  
If no, please explain:

State Board Seal

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_