

Farah Banks

April 18th, 2024

Louisiana State Board of Social Work
18550 Highland Rd
Baton Rouge, LA 70809

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Farah Banks, and I am an LMSW license number 16612, I received my license in 2021 and have successfully maintained it since then. I also have a registered Intern licensed in Florida. I reside approximately 1 hour from Tampa. I am writing to request an exception for the board to waive the 10 hours of face-to-face CEUs because the state of Florida does not have such requirement for the Social Work license and although I have done my due diligence in finding face-to-face opportunities there are virtually none available. I have expanded my search as far as 2-3 hours from my primary residence and the majority are online CEUs. My employer will not reimburse me for travel and lodging if I need to travel further or to a different state and the financial responsibility is not feasible for me at this time. I am concerned that the lack of face-to-face CEUs in my state/town/county will impact my ability to keep my license current which is important for my employment.

I can secure CEU hours via distance learning, and live webinars without any issues as they are readily available. Please consider this request for an exception and thanks for the consideration.

Best Regards,

Farah Banks

RACHEL BAYHAM, LCSW

| [REDACTED]@signature.com

April 29, 2024

Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners
18550 Highland Road
Suite B
Baton Rouge, LA 70809

Dear LABSWE Board Members:

I would like to request a waiver for the in-person CEU requirement for this 2023-2024 renewal period. I have relocated to Texas and am currently working under a Texas LCSW license. Texas, for their 30-hour CEU requirement, does not require in-person CEUs. There is a lack of available, affordable, and meaningful in-person CEUs in my area. I am also currently employed as a contract employee and I do not have paid time off nor does my company reimburse or pay for my CEUs. It is a hardship for me to take unpaid time off work to pursue in-person CEUs and there are few available. I am requesting that the Board allow to me to either obtain all 20 hours virtual or 10 hours virtual and 10 virtual with a live, interactive component. The alternative is that I would likely need to let my Louisiana LCSW license lapse, which I do not want to do.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Rachel Bayham, LCSW

Social Work

From: Jennifer Kolak <mommabearkolak@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 4:58 PM
To: Social Work
Subject: Request for exception

Jennifer Bucher-Kolak
4540 SW 14th Place
Cape Coral FL 33914

May 1, 2024

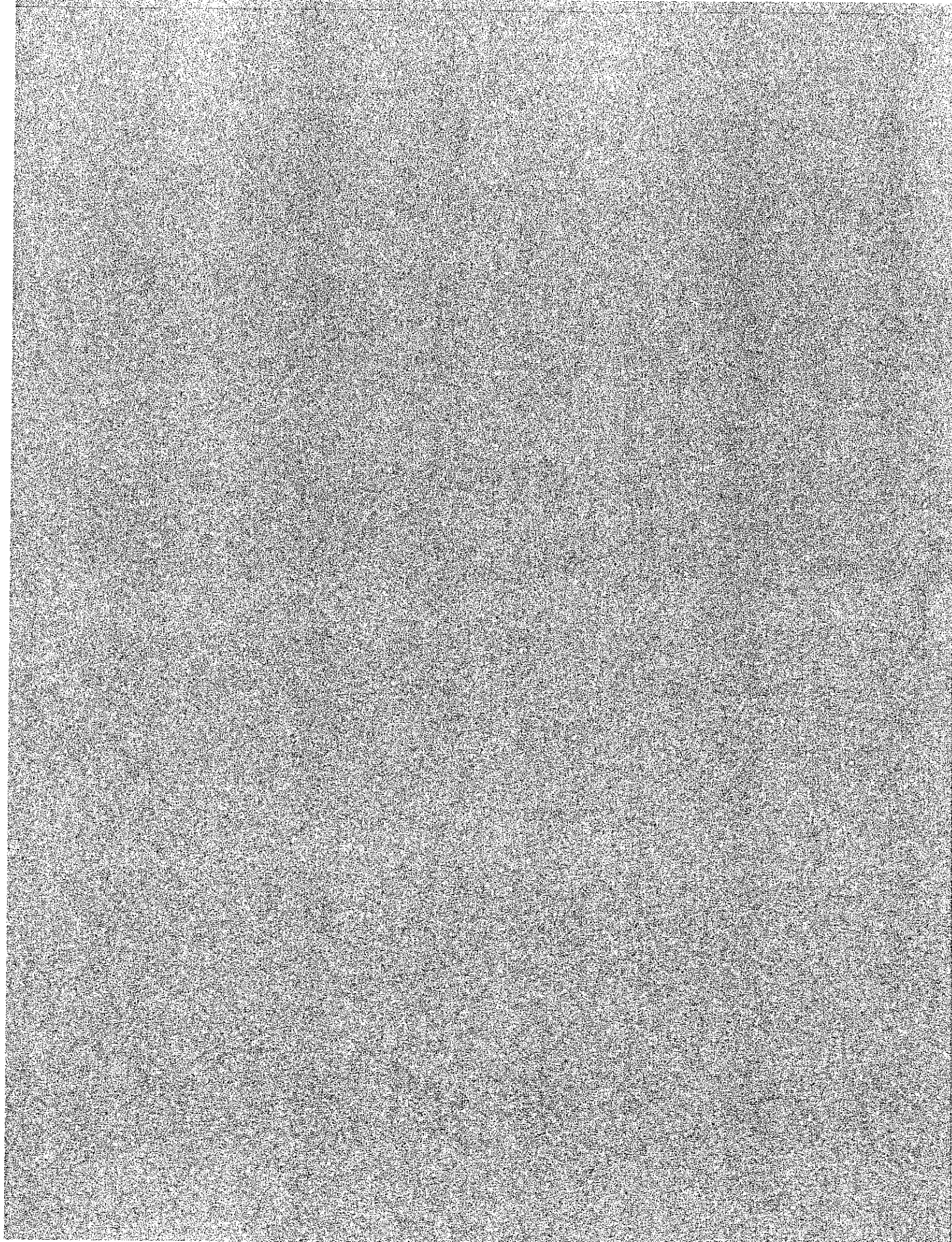
Louisiana State Board of Social Work
18550 Highland Rd
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To Whom it May Concern,

I am currently credentialed as RSW number 16596. My registration application was approved in June 2021 and I have been successful in meeting all requirements annually for renewal since that time. I reside in Florida and maintain license in Georgia and Alabama with a Tennessee application in process to meet the needs of the company I work for that provides services nationally. I am writing to request an exception for the board to waive the 10 hours of face-to-face CEUs requirement. The state of Florida does not have such requirements for the Social Work license and therefore does not have offerings for face-to-face CE opportunities readily available. I have searched ongoingly for face-to-face CE options as far as 3 hours from my primary residence and have found none. My employer will not reimburse for travel and lodging if I need to travel further or to a different state and the financial responsibility is not within my capability at this time. I am concerned that the lack of face-to-face CEUs in my state/town/county will impact my ability to keep my license current which is important for my employment.

I can secure CEU hours via distance learning, and live webinars without any issues as they are readily available. I appreciate your time and consideration of this exception request.

Thank you,



Social Work

From: Krystal Hasselvander <!
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2024 7:53 PM
To: Social Work
Subject: Request to waive in-person CE requirement
Attachments: South Carolina CEU GUIDELINES.doc

To the Louisiana Social Work Board Members,

I am requesting a waiver for the in-person CE requirement. I am currently licensed and live in South Carolina. In-person CEs are not required to maintain a social work license in South Carolina. Additionally, there is lack of availability of in-person educational opportunities due to this not being required. I have attached the South Carolina Social Work Board CE requirements for your review. Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter.

Krystal Hasselvander, LCSW, License #17092

SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

GUIDELINES FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION

A. Requirements

1. A minimum of 40 clock hours of social work related continuing education is required biennially (every two years) to renew each license.
2. A minimum of twenty of the 40 clock hours must be specifically provided by a trained social worker - **a person with a BSW, MSW, or a doctorate degree in social work.**
3. The reporting period is from January 1 to December 31 biennially (every two years).
4. Hours obtained within the past two years (January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024) by taking graduate level academic social work courses or participating in social work training within Board parameters, regardless of whether or not you were licensed as a social worker at that time, can be used to meet Continuing Education requirements.
5. The Board will waive one license year, continuing education requirements for licensed social workers who are activated in the military for more than 30 days.

B. Definition of Continuing Education Training

Continuing Education is those social work related activities which are oriented to the enhancement of social work practice, values, skills and knowledge.

1. Academic social work courses taken for credit or audit.
2. Social work related academic courses taken for credit and audit.

Courses must be in related areas such as: administration, research, psychology, sociology, law, child and family development, counseling, gerontology, substance abuse, criminal justice, mental health, etc.

3. Seminars, workshops, institutes, conferences or mini-courses oriented to the enhancement of social work practice, values, skills or knowledge.
4. **Training specifically related to policies, general procedures, emergency procedures or other related operational procedures of an agency or organization are *not* eligible for continuing education credit.**
5. A first time presentation of a paper, workshop or seminar for a national, regional or statewide or other professional meeting. Repeated presentations of the same materials cannot be counted as separate activities. One time presentation will count for five continuing education hours.
6. Preparation of a paper and acceptance for publication in a recognized social work or related journal. An accepted paper will count for five continuing education hours.
7. Preparation of new social work or related courses for an educational institution or organization. A new course will count for five continuing education hours.
8. No more than twenty continuing education hours may be counted from Section B, Parts 5, 6, and 7 per biennial renewal year.
9. Any audio and/or visual educationally related home study tapes, or professional journals are approved by the Board for independent self-study Continuing Education credit provided:
 - a. Credits are granted by an approved sponsor,
 - b. The approved sponsor administers and scores an appropriate test relating to the educational content
 - c. The licensee passes the test with a score of at least 70% prior to the awarding of Continuing Education credits.

C. Carryover of Continuing Education Hours

Up to twelve (12) continuing education hours may be transferred from a surplus from the preceding license renewal to the present renewal every two years.

D. Verification of Continuing Education

1. The passing course grade report will constitute verification for academic credit hours.
 - a. One semester hour of academic credit is equivalent to 15 clock hours of continuing education.
 - b. One quarter hour of academic credit is equivalent to 10 clock hours of continuing education.
2. A signed statement from the instructor for hours attended will constitute verification for audited courses.
3. The Continuing Education Unit or other certificate of attendance will constitute verification of workshops, seminars, institutes or mini-courses.

One CEU (Continuing Education Unit) is equivalent to ten clock (contact) hours.

4. A copy of the presentation with a letter of acceptance or copy of the program will constitute verification of the first time presentation and acceptance of presenting at a seminar, workshop, institute, conference or mini-course.
5. A copy of the paper with a copy of the letter of acceptance for publication will constitute verification of the preparation and acceptance of a paper for a journal.
6. A copy of the course outline with a confirming letter from the dean/director will constitute verification for the preparation of a new social work or related academic course.

E. Board Approved Educational Institutions, Organizations and Agencies to Provide Continuing Education

The following educational institutions, organizations and agencies are pre-approved as providers for Continuing Education. Attendance in any social work or related continuing education program sponsored by an institution, organization or agency on this list is pre-approved as acceptable toward meeting the South Carolina Board of Social Work Examiners' Continuing Education requirements.

1. Educational Institutions

University of South Carolina College of Social Work
Benedict College Social Work Program
Columbia College Social Work Program
South Carolina State College Social Work Program
Winthrop College Department of Social Work
Limestone College Social Work Programs
Coker College Social Work Program

Formal social work or related academic and continuing education credits granted by all regionally accredited colleges and universities in the United States.

Formal Social work or related academic and continuing education credits granted by regionally accredited two year technical and comprehensive education centers or institutions within the United States.

Formal social work or related academic and continuing education credits granted by all schools of social work in the United States which are accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

2. Organizations (including South Carolina affiliates)

American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy
Association of Social Work Boards
American Health Care Association Section on Social Work
American Hospital Society for Directors of Hospital Social Work Services
American Public Health Association - Public Health Social Work
Council on Social Work Education
National Association of Black Social Workers
National Association of Christians in Social Work
National Association of Social Workers
National Federation of Societies for Clinical Social Work
South Carolina Association of School Social Workers
South Carolina Council of Nephrology Social Workers
Family Services America

3. State Agencies

Board of Examiners for the Licensing of Professional Counselors, Associate
Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists
Division on Aging
Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services
Commission for the Blind
Office of Human Resource Management
Children's Foster Care Review Board
Continuum of Care for Emotionally Disturbed Children
Department of Corrections
Department of Education
Department of Health and Environmental Control
Department of Mental Health
Department of Disabilities and Special Needs
Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services
Department of Social Services
Department of Vocational Rehabilitation
Department of Juvenile Justice
The South Carolina University Affiliated Program
Department of Health & Human Services
John de le Howe School
South Carolina Board of Social Work Examiners

Training provided by any city, county, state or federal governmental entity both within or outside South Carolina which is similar to those listed within the South Carolina state government listing.

Training provided by the United States Armed Services.

4. Other national or state professional associations relating to one's social work or related practice specialty and of which one is a member.

5. Licensed Hospitals.

6. Any workshop, seminar, institute, conference or mini-course to be provided by other than one of the Board approved groups listed in section E, parts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 will also be approved if formally co-sponsored or endorsed by one of the Board approved Educational Institutions, Organizations or State and Federal Agencies listed above.

If the licensed social worker's employer approves/recommends in writing that an employee attend a program presented by an organization other than those listed above, this will constitute formal endorsement of the program and therefore may be counted as Continuing Education credit.

7. Nationally focused human services related conferences sponsored by non-membership based, not for profit organizations will be pre-approved for continuing education credit if such training is social work or social work related in its nature.

F. Documentation

1. Each licensee shall maintain for three years their own record and evidence of continuing education which they have completed. The Board will not maintain continuing education files for licensees.

2. The Board will require that an Affirmation of Continuing Education be signed on the renewal form at biennial license renewal. **Documentation of individual continuing education sessions completed should be retained by the licensee for 3 years and not sent to the Board.**

3. The Board will conduct a sample audit biennially of individual records and verification of continuing education completed by licensees. The Board may also request from an applicant at license renewal that they provide their records and evidence of continuing education training.

G. Requests for Sponsorship

An Application for Continuing Education Sponsorship may be obtained from the Social Work website <https://www.llr.sc.gov/sw/pub.aspx>.

A non-refundable fee of \$25.00 is required for processing on all sponsorship requests. The Board requires that all requests for sponsorship approval be in the Board office no later than 30 days prior to the next scheduled Board meeting and no less than 60 days prior to the first presentation of the workshop. **If the application for sponsorship is not received before the 60 day deadline or the 30 day deadline, the workshop will not be approved by the Board.**

Board approved sponsor status for each training workshop shall expire (2) years from the date of Board approval and must be renewed by making application to the Board.

The Board retains the right to monitor Continuing Education programs sponsored by Board approved sponsors and will withdraw approval from a sponsor who does not maintain the standards demonstrated in their application.

Revised: 4.24.24

Regina Dewitt

LCSW

From: Chantell Hebert <<----->>
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2024 11:55 AM
To: Regina Dewitt
Subject: Fw: BHEC Contact form Result #15078033

Hello,

This is Chantell Hebert. My license number is 12731. I'd spoke with you on last week. Here's the requested information you requested to approve my 20 CEUs online since I reside in Texas. I haven't started obtaining my online CEUs yet, but will, but wanted to make sure they would be accepted since I'm in Texas and we can complete ours online still. Thanks.

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: BHEC Renewals <renewals@bhec.texas.gov>
To: Chantellhebert0812@att.net
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2024 at 11:34:36 AM CDT
Subject: RE: BHEC Contact form Result #15078033

Texas Administrative Code

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<u>TITLE 22</u>	EXAMINING BOARDS
<u>PART 41</u>	TEXAS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
<u>CHAPTER 883</u>	RENEWALS
<u>SUBCHAPTER A</u>	GENERAL PROVISIONS
<u>RULE §883.1</u>	Renewal of a License

(a) All licenses subject to the jurisdiction of the Council are renewable on a biennial basis and must be renewed online.

(b) Renewals are due on the last day of the license holder's birth month, but may be completed up to 60 days in advance.

(c) Renewal Conditions:

(1) Licensees must pay all applicable renewal and late fees, indicate compliance with any continuing education requirements, and comply with any other requests for information or requirements contained within the online renewal system as a prerequisite for renewal of a

license. This paragraph is effective for licenses with expiration dates prior to November 30, 2021.

(2) Licensees must pay all applicable renewal or late renewal fees, indicate compliance with any continuing education requirements, and comply with any other requests for information or requirements contained within the online renewal systems as a prerequisite for renewal of a license. This paragraph is effective for licenses with expiration dates on or after November 30, 2021.

(d) In addition to the requirements of subsection (c) of this section, licensees must also show compliance with each of the following as a condition of renewal:

(1) provide or update the standardized set of information about their training and practices required by §105.003 of the Health and Safety Code;

(2) affirm or demonstrate successful completion of a training course on human trafficking prevention described by §116.002 of the Occupations Code; and

(3) if chosen for an audit under §882.50 of this title, licensees are required to submit a self-query report from the National Practitioner Data Bank in the same manner required by §882.2 of this title.

(e) Licensed psychologists must update their online profile information when renewing their license.

(f) A license may not be renewed until a licensee has complied with the requirements of this rule.

(g) A licensee who falsely reports compliance with continuing education requirements on his or her renewal form or who practices with a license renewed under false pretenses will be subject to disciplinary action.

(h) Licensees will be sent notification of their approaching renewal date at least 30 days before their renewal date. This notification will be sent to the licensee's main address via first class mail. Responsibility for renewing a license rests exclusively with the licensee, and the failure of the licensee to receive the reminder notification from the Council shall not operate to excuse a licensee's failure to timely renew a license or any unlawful practice with a subsequent delinquent license.

Source Note: The provisions of this §883.1 adopted to be effective September 1, 2020, 45 TexReg 4762; amended to be effective November 21, 2021, 46 TexReg 7788; amended to be effective March 27, 2024, 49 TexReg 1946

In the rules it does not say some have to be in person or webinar

We don't pre-evaluate continuing education (or any other) coursework. If the continuing education meets the requirements for acceptable CE, we will accept it. We have no rules limiting CE to solely Texas providers or US providers.

From: noreply@fs2.formsite.com <noreply@fs2.formsite.com>
Sent: Friday, April 26, 2024 4:14 PM
To: BHEC Social Work <socialwork@bhec.texas.gov>
Subject: BHEC Contact form Result #15078033

Reference #	15078033
Status	Complete
Select Programs	Social Work (application and licensing questions)
Name	Chantell
Last	Hebert
Email	Chantellhebert0812@att.net
Phone Number	504-358-5750
Subject	CEU Renewal
Comment or Message	Hello, I'm trying to find out if we can still complete all 30 hours of our continuing education online and where can I find on the boards website where it states we can complete 30 online. I'm licensed in another state and the board there stated if I can find something in writing stating such, they'll accept Texas CEU's and let me renew my license with the online CEU's instead of me having to get ten in person and ten online for them that they would accept all 20 online CEU's from Texas.

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Social Work

From: Dejion hughes <d _ _ _ _ _ >
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 7:59 AM
To: Social Work
Subject: Request for CEUs to be completed via Distance Learning

Good morning, I am requesting to complete my continuing education hours via distance learning . I started a new job April 29 and due to being on probationary status at my employment I would like to complete my CEUs via distance learning.

With Warm Regards,

Dejion C. Hughes, LMSW

Social Work

From: Sharon James <
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 9:44 PM
To: Social Work
Subject: Continuing Education

Dear Sir:

I'm a retired LMSW of the Louisiana State Government from 1980 to 2015. I'm currently residing in California since 2017 and I've maintained my license. I was fortunate to find online courses and in-person courses through Eventbrite. Akuka Foundation of Louisiana has been my reliable resource for obtaining CEUs but the courses are now in-person. I recently purchased several online webinars but I was notified of the change. Another resource, California Society for Clinical Social Workers is providing online workshops only.

It's very difficult to locate approved in-person classes in California to meet LABSWE requirements. Most of the in/person seminars don't provide CEUs or certificates of completion. Living in California and being retired is a disadvantage to networking with other Louisiana social workers. I'm requesting approval that all of my required 20 CEUs be accepted virtually.

Sincerely,
Sharon V. James, LMSW # 6614

Sent from my iPhone

Victoria C. Johnson, LSW, LMSW, LGSW

PA 15005

May 8, 2024

To Whom it Concerns,

I am submitting this letter and supporting documentation to request an exemption from obtaining in person CE's for the 2024 renewal of license #16517. I currently reside in Pennsylvania, where I have been a licensed social worker since 2009. As of 2019, PA no longer has an in person requirement for CE's (see submitted documents.). I am currently licensed in Louisiana only because my employer, AmeriHealth Caritas, requires it. Additionally, they require that I maintain licensure in Ohio and the District of Columbia - neither of which have an in person requirement at this time.

I live in a relatively rural area, with the closest city being Pittsburgh. Universities within the city that have a social work department that offer CE's, do not have any in person courses - all are being done virtually. It would be a financial hardship to travel to the other side of PA or out of state for in person CE's. My employer does not offer paid education time to complete CE's, and also does not reimburse for the cost of travel / lodging / meals for CE's. I will gladly substitute in person courses with live virtual courses, given the lack of in person courses available in my region.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Victoria C. Johnson, LSW, LMSW, LGSW

SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL LICENSED SOCIAL WORKERS, CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

Effective November 19, 2019, the State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors will now permit all 30 clock hours of approved continuing education to be completed on-line.



STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKERS, MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPISTS, AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS' RENEWAL GUIDE

Instructions to Renew:

Renewals are available 60 days prior to the license expiration date. You will receive an email notification from PALS when your renewal is available. There are no paper renewal applications. Renewal applications must be submitted on www.pals.pa.gov.

Bachelor Social Worker, Social Worker, Clinical Social Worker, Professional Counselor, Marriage & Family Therapist – License Expiration on February 28, 2025

HELPFUL INFORMATION

▲ Users can visit the Support Tab to Contact the Board or for answers to Frequently asked Questions by clicking on *Support* located in the blue bar on the PALS website.

▲ Renewal fee is \$95.00

CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL

- ▲ **30 Total Hours** – Acceptable continued education providers can be found in the following sections of the Regulations: Social Workers (*all types*) – Section 47.36, MFT – 48.36; LPC – 49.36. The Regulations may be found [HERE](#).
- As of November 19, 2019, the Board no longer has a live CE requirement. This information is available on the Board's website at www.dos.pa.gov/social > Announcements. This is a **permanent** change and is not related to any of the temporary COVID waivers that were in place and expired. While this Board was included in "Covid" related waivers, such as live CE requirements, this is only because the regulations have not yet been updated to reflect the change already in effect as of November 19, 2019, and Covid waivers were created based on written regulations as they stand.
 - A minimum of 1 hour must be earned in Suicide Prevention.
 - A minimum of 2 hours must be earned in child abuse recognition and reporting training from an approved provider. The list of approved providers can be found [here](#). Do not upload your certificate of completion to your online application. Verification of course completion must be received electronically from the course provider.
 - A minimum of 3 hours must be earned in professional ethics.
 - Please note: Licensees who have been issued an initial license during the current biennium (March 1, 2023, through February 28, 2025) will be exempt from the 30-hour continuing education requirement for licensure renewal in February 2025, with the exception of the 2 hours of Act 31 Mandated Child Abuse Reporter Training (all licensees must complete at least 2 hours of child abuse recognition and reporting training from an approved provider).
 - Do not upload your continuing education certificates to your online renewal application. You are required to retain the certificates of completion from continuing education courses for a minimum of 4 years. Following the renewal period, you may be audited to ensure your compliance with the continuing education requirements. Only if you are audited will you be required to provide proof of compliance with the continuing education requirements.

Emily DeAngelo

From: Elizabeth Kemmerly <...>
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2024 3:40 PM
To: Emily DeAngelo
Subject: Re: CEU Inquiry

Thanks for your response. I don't believe any I've attended this collection period thus far count as in person, so if 10 is the required amount I suppose I am requesting 10 would be waived or that the live training counted as in person. That was 12 CEUs total.

Otherwise, even just 5 would help as I can try to find 5 in person hours until June.

Thank you. Do I need to submit anything formally to the board or do anything further?

Thanks, Elizabeth
Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 17, 2024, at 2:55 PM, Emily DeAngelo <edeangelo@labswe.org> wrote:

Hi Elizabeth,

Your request can be presented to the board at their next meeting which is May 17th. How many in-person hours are you requesting be waived?

Kind regards,

Emily DeAngelo, Administrator

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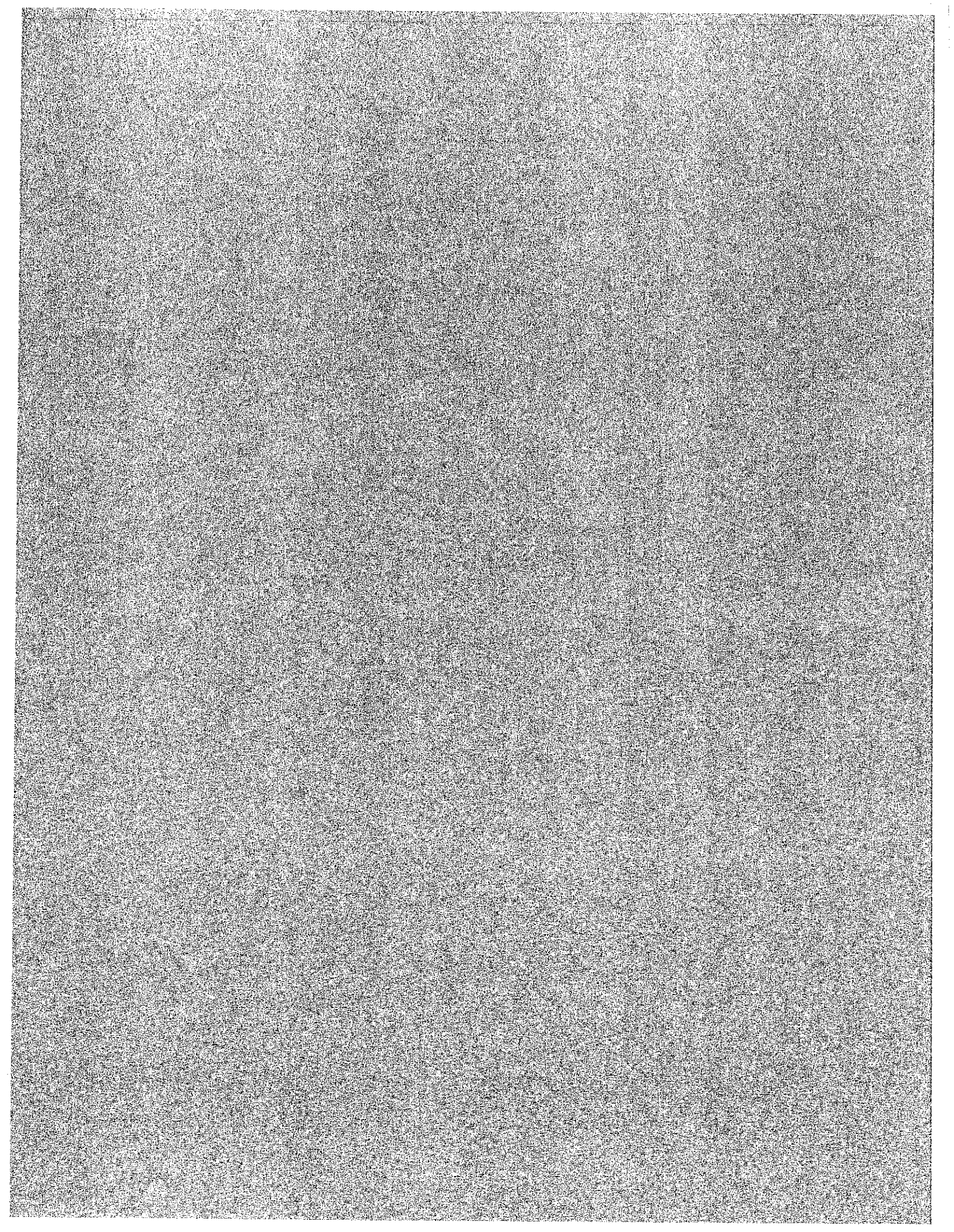
From: Elizabeth Kemmerly <...@...om>
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2024 10:57 AM
To: Emily DeAngelo <edeangelo@labswe.org>
Subject: CEU Inquiry

Hi Emily,

I had my first child at the end of December and have been on maternity leave until this past week. My question for you is on this year's policy regarding in person CEUs. I had attempted to attend an in-person conference in Baton Rouge at the end of February (I'm in New Orleans), but was unable to attend and make it work due to the baby.

In November, I was part of live training, but it was conducted over Zoom. However, it was live, interactive, and not a recorded event. I was wondering if this could be an exception for this year as I am searching for in person CEUs in the NOLA area, but they are hard to come by and difficult to make work with both my work schedule and infant.

Let me know and thank you,
Elizabeth



Social Work

From: Dana Logan <>
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 1:08 PM
To: Social Work
Subject: Re: FW: Contact Us Form Submitted

May 8, 2024

Dear Social Work Board Members,

My name is Dana Logan, LCSW (#18370). I am writing to the board to request an exemption from the 10 hours of in-person CEUs for the 2023-2024 license year and to allow all hours of live webinar, distance learning, and academic teaching credit to count towards my license renewal.

I live in a small unincorporated town located on the Gulf Coast in Texas. The town, Sargent, is located one and a half hours south of Houston. I am the primary caregiver for my two minor children (ages 5 and 7). I currently do not have anyone who can care for my children for an extended period of time.

I applied for a Louisiana social work license this year to teach as an adjunct instructor at my alma mater, Tulane University School of Social Work. Additionally, I hold an active LICSW license in the state of Alabama (3940C) and LCSW in Texas (#110968). I provide telehealth to private practice clients located in Alabama and Texas. Although I do not work for an agency in my town that offers in-person CEUs, I am able to attend various live webinars through the Tulane University School of Social Work CEU series.

The time and resources needed to travel to Louisiana to participate in in-person CEU opportunities from Continuing Education Approval Organizations would create a significant financial hardship on myself and would pose a significant challenge for my family.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

Social Work

From: Susan Love <s...>
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 9:14 AM
To: Social Work
Subject: Request for waiver for in person CEU hours
Attachments: BBS_CA_requirements.pdf

Dear LCSW Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to request a waiver for some of the in person Continuing Education Units for my license renewal. I am an LCSW, originally from Louisiana, but I have lived in California since 1999. I have not worked in the field of social work since about 2002 but I have maintained my licensure and always obtained the necessary CEUs.

This year when I was trying to book CEU classes in person, I had a great deal of difficulty finding them. I was able to find only two in my geographic area (San Francisco Jung Institute, May 11th, for 3 CEUs and on May 24th by PESI for 6.25 hours). However, I found out today that the course at the Jung Institute is now a live virtual format. Given that, I will not be able to complete the full 10 in person hours before my due date. I have called and researched multiple platforms, universities, extension courses, etc. for in person classes and I am not able to find any more. (If you need more information about the places I've contacted, please let me know as I can provide all of the emails, calls and searches.)

Upon further investigation, I believe that the reason I cannot find more in person CEUs in my area is because California license renewal does not require in person Continuing Education. All of their CEUs can be obtained through virtual, or other means. Please see attached document; the last paragraph on page 2 addresses this. (*"Licensees may obtain all CE hours through interactive, electronic means. This includes online, teleconferencing and video."*)

Given all of the above, I would like to request a waiver for at least four of my in person hours, substituting them for virtual or live online events. Thank you so much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Susan Love
LCSW, 3409

OVERALL HOURS REQUIRED FOR RENEWAL

You are required to complete a minimum of 36 hours of CE prior to each and every renewal. This includes the first renewal of your initial license. Please note that a newly licensed LEP may be required to complete 37 hours in total due to specific one-time course requirements (see the [CE Summary Chart for Licensees](#)).

All CE must be completed during your renewal period (the period between your license's prior expiration date (or initial issuance date), and the date your renewal application is submitted) in order to count. You must have your CE completed **BEFORE** submitting your renewal application as you will be required to certify completion. Courses may be credited to only one renewal period, and cannot be counted twice.

MANDATORY COURSES

Law and Ethics

ALL licensees are required to complete at least six (6) hours of CE in Law and Ethics during the period between your license's prior expiration date (or initial issuance date), and the date your renewal application is submitted as a **condition of each and every renewal**. These hours count toward the total 36-hour requirement.

One-Time Courses

Each license type has additional, **one-time** mandatory courses that must be completed. For a list of one-time mandatory courses, see the [CE Summary Chart for Licensees](#).

If these courses were taken during the period between your license's prior expiration date (or initial issuance date), and the date your renewal application is submitted, a qualifying course will count toward your overall CE requirement. If these courses were taken prior to that time period, qualifying course will count toward your one-time coursework requirement, but will not count toward your 36 hours of CE.

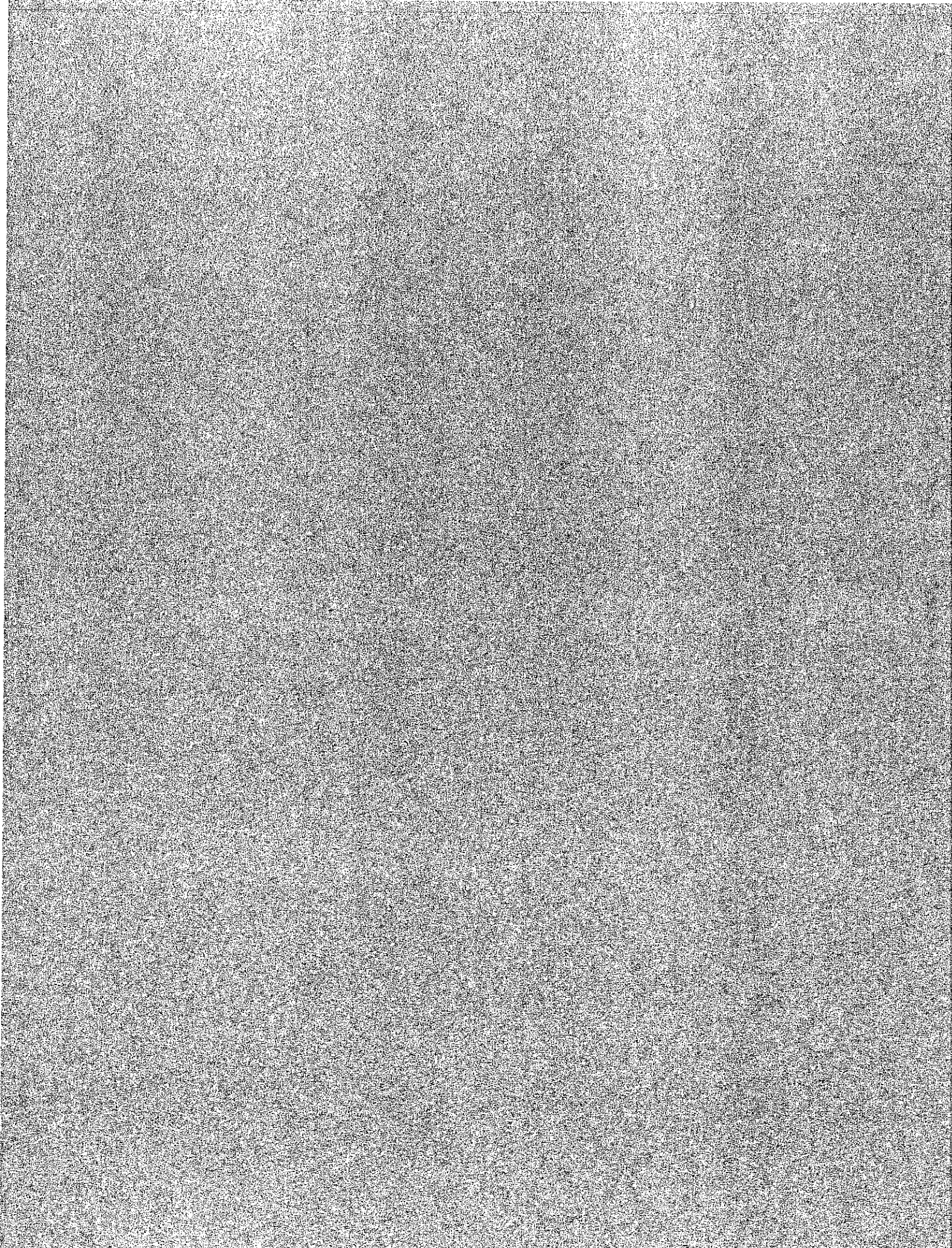
COURSE TYPES AND CONTENT

The Board does not approve specific CE courses, and has no information about individual courses offered by providers.

Providers are required to ensure that the content of a course is relevant to the scope of practice for your license. Self-improvement courses and courses designed for non-practitioners are not acceptable.

To ensure that a course will count toward your CE requirements, you must ensure the provider is acceptable and maintain records of course completion.

Licensees may obtain all CE hours through interactive, electronic means. This includes online, teleconferencing and video.



Social Work

From: Natalia Valiente Martinez < >
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2024 3:36 PM
To: Social Work
Subject: Request to waive face-to-face

Dear Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners.

I am writing to request a waiver for the face-to-face Continuing Education Units (CEUs) requirement for me. I am a licensed social worker in your state but currently reside in Florida, which makes it challenging to fulfill the in-person CEU requirement. At this time Florida accepts Live Webinars as face-to-face.

As an alternative to face-to-face CEUs, I would like to request accepting live webinars in order to obtain the necessary continuing education credits. Live webinars provide an interactive and engaging learning experience that can be just as beneficial as in-person workshops or seminars.

I kindly ask for your consideration in waiving the face-to-face CEU requirement for and accepting live webinars as a suitable alternative. This adjustment would enable me to maintain my licensure and continue to provide valuable services to clients in your state.

I am currently licensed in SC, LA, TN, MS and AL, to which they are accepting the live webinars.

My License # 18024

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your favorable response.

Sincerely,

Natalia Valiente Martinez, LMSW, MSW | Humana Care Support | Social Worker
Florida and Gulfsouth Region |

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From: Social Work <socialwork@labswe.org>

Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:09 AM

Social Work

From: Cindy Moran <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 10:01 AM
To: [redacted], Social Work
Subject: Consideration of Board Waiver
Attachments: SWM - Social Work Renewal Guide 2025.pdf

Hello Regina.

Re: Cynthia R Moran
LISW 18299

I currently reside in Pennsylvania, and I am required to be licensed in Louisiana for my job. I am struggling to find in-person CEU events within a reasonable distance from where I live. My home state does not have an in-person CE requirement. I have attached a copy of the PA CEU rules for LCSW renewal. I am requesting consideration from the LA Social Work Board to please waive the in person CE requirement.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Cynthia R Moran, LISW.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: CYNTHIA MORAN <[redacted]>
Date: Wed, May 8, 2024 at 11:32 PM
Subject: Pa CEU requirement
To: Cindy Moran <[redacted]>

<https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/SocialWorkersMarriageanFamilyTherapistsandProfessionalCounselors/Documents/Applications%20and%20Forms/Non-Application%20Documents/SWM%20-%20Social%20Work%20Renewal%20Guide%202025.pdf>

Sent from my iPhone



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STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKERS, MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPISTS, AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS' RENEWAL GUIDE

Instructions to Renew:

Renewals are available 60 days prior to the license expiration date. You will receive an email notification from PALS when your renewal is available. There are no paper renewal applications. Renewal applications must be submitted on www.pals.pa.gov.

Bachelor Social Worker, Social Worker, Clinical Social Worker, Professional Counselor, Marriage & Family Therapist – License Expiration on February 28, 2025

HELPFUL INFORMATION

▲ Users can visit the Support Tab to Contact the Board or for answers to Frequently asked Questions by clicking on *Support* located in the blue bar on the PALS website.

▲ Renewal fee is \$95.00

CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL

- ▲ **30 Total Hours** – Acceptable continued education providers can be found in the following sections of the Regulations: Social Workers (*all types*) – Section 47.36, MFT – 48.36; LPC – 49.36. The Regulations may be found [HERE](#).
- As of November 19, 2019, the Board no longer has a live CE requirement. This information is available on the Board's website at www.dos.pa.gov/social > Announcements. This is a **permanent** change and is not related to any of the temporary COVID waivers that were in place and expired. While this Board was included in "Covid" related waivers, such as live CE requirements, this is only because the regulations have not yet been updated to reflect the change already in effect as of November 19, 2019, and Covid waivers were created based on written regulations as they stand.
 - A minimum of 1 hour must be earned in Suicide Prevention.
 - A minimum of 2 hours must be earned in child abuse recognition and reporting training from an approved provider. The list of approved providers can be found [here](#). Do not upload your certificate of completion to your online application. Verification of course completion must be received electronically from the course provider.
 - A minimum of 3 hours must be earned in professional ethics.
 - Please note: Licensees who have been issued an initial license during the current biennium (March 1, 2023, through February 28, 2025) will be exempt from the 30-hour continuing education requirement for licensure renewal in February 2025, with the exception of the 2 hours of Act 31 Mandated Child Abuse Reporter Training (all licensees must complete at least 2 hours of child abuse recognition and reporting training from an approved provider).
 - Do not upload your continuing education certificates to your online renewal application. You are required to retain the certificates of completion from continuing education courses for a minimum of 4 years. Following the renewal period, you may be audited to ensure your compliance with the continuing education requirements. Only if you are audited will you be required to provide proof of compliance with the continuing education requirements.

Social Work

From: Tara Morris <1 |>
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:52 AM
To: Social Work
Subject: LA LCSW License Renewal Question

Good morning,

I hope this message finds you well!

I am in the process of completing the necessary CEUs in order to renew my LA LCSW License at the end of August.

I live in New Jersey and am having a very difficult time finding in-person CEUs, as everything in my area is still virtual/ distance learning for the most part. In addition, the limited opportunities for in-person CEUs in my area are very expensive and I cannot afford the costs.

I currently treat a lot of clients who reside in Louisiana and would feel terrible if I needed to terminate my LA Licensure due to the CEUs.

Is it possible to request an exception and be permitted to complete all of my CEUs via online/ distance learning?

Thank you!
Tara

Tara E. Morris, LCSW

Social Work

From: K Richardson <krichard@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2024 12:59 PM
To: Social Work
Subject: CEU renewal - Request waiver

Hello,

My name is Kimberly Richardson LA LCSW 5924. I live in California and also licensed - LCSW28670. Here is my dilemma. Due to the fact that California lets all Social Workers and Psychologists receive all their CEUs online - whether distance, remote, or live webinars, there is very little available for in-person - in the room - in California. This is a difficult situation. May I please earn my Ceus online for this renewal period?

Thank you,
Kimberly Richardson, LCSW

Regina Dewitt

From: Sara Sanders <[redacted]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 9:08 PM
To: Regina Dewitt
Subject: Board Request

Good evening Regina,

I wanted to submit a request to the board to potentially have the in-person CEU requirement for my personal license renewal waived for this collection period. I currently live and hold an additional active license in Kentucky, where there is no in-person CEU requirement for renewal. Due to the lack of the requirement locally, I've had a difficult time locating in-person offerings. I am also working full-time as a social worker in the school system, and there are not opportunities for me to leave during school hours to attend any of the limited in-person training offerings I've found. Please let me know if you need any additional information or clarification.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this request!

Sincerely,
Sara Sanders, LCSW
License #13853

Regina Dewitt

From: Lacey Scarborough <l
Sent: Monday, April 15, 2024 8:00 AM
To: Regina Dewitt
Subject: Request for Rural Exemption and Extension for CEUs

Good Morning,

I recently contacted you via phone to inquire about a rural exemption for CEUs to maintain my LMSW license. You requested that I email you by the end of that week so that my request could be added to this month's LABSWE board meeting agenda. Unfortunately, I did not send the email in time for this month's meeting as I mistakenly thought my MSW courses from last year would be countable as 15 hours for in-person CEUs, thus I would no longer need the rural exemption. This was a mistake as those courses were from January to May of 2023 and are outside of this year's collection period. I hope this request can be placed on May's meeting agenda.

My name is Lacey Scarborough. I am an LMSW (License number 17349). I would like to formally request a rural exemption to acquire all my required CEUs (20 hours) through ASWB accredited online/distance learning. The reason for my request is that I live in Deridder, Louisiana and work in a rural community. There are limited in-person CEU opportunities around me. It is very difficult for me to travel to attend these CEUs as I am a single-income household and just had my second child. I have been on maternity leave, for which I had to use PTO and unpaid time off to be able to recover. This means that I will be very strictly limited on future work absences after returning from maternity leave. It also means that my income is limited, making it even more difficult for me to travel with my two small children (3 year old and newborn). I would also like to request an extension as I continue to gain my CEUs for this collection period. As the only financial provider for my family, my license and career are incredibly vital to support my family. All of your time and consideration are greatly appreciated.

Blessings,
Lacey Scarborough, LMSW

Raegan Varnado

April 5, 2024

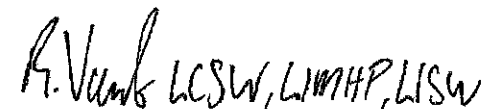
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners
18550 Highland Road, Suite B
Baton Rouge, LA 70809

Dear Members of the Board,

My name is Raegan Varnado, LCSW (#16096). My LCSW is active with Louisiana, however, I moved to Nebraska temporarily in December 2023. I am requesting that the requirement for 10 in person hours is waived for this renewal period. I would like to maintain my LCSW in Louisiana, however, I am not able to attend 10 in-person hours before renewal. I am licensed in both Nebraska and Iowa at this time, and neither renewal requirements specifically state that there are required in-person continuing education hours. I have attached a copy of both state's requirements for your reference. Please see Iowa's regulations for renewal 645-280.9(2)(154C), and Nebraska's 172 (0.12) NAC 94.

Thank you for reviewing my request and the attached materials. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,


Raegan Varnado LCSW, LIMHP, LISW

012. CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS. During the 24 months prior to the renewal date, individuals holding active licenses and certifications in the State of Nebraska must complete at least 32 hours of acceptable continuing education hours related to mental health practice during the preceding 24-month period.

012.01 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS. Applicants must meet the following continuing education requirements:

(A) All license and certificate holders must complete at least 4 hours of continuing education in ethics.

(B) All licensed independent mental health practitioners must complete at least 6 hours of continuing education relating to diagnosis and treatment of major mental disorders.

012.02 LICENSEES WHO HOLD AN ASSOCIATED CERTIFICATE. An individual who holds an independent mental health practice license or mental health practice license and an associated certificate(s) is not required to earn continuing education hours for each additional certificate.

012.03 TYPES OF ACCEPTABLE CONTINUING EDUCATION AND HOUR DETERMINATIONS. The following provides the types of continuing education that is considered acceptable for renewal and reinstatement and the hour determinations:

(A) Completing academic credit during the renewal period. Academic credit is determined as follows:

(i) 1 academic semester credit equals 15 continuing education credit hours and 1 credit audited equals 8 hours of continuing education.

(ii) 1 academic quarter credit equals 10 continuing education credit hours and 1 credit audited equals 5 hours of continuing education.

(iii) 1 academic trimester credit equals 14 continuing education credit hours and 1 credit audited equals 7 hours of continuing education.

(B) Hours for teaching an academic course or supervising a practicum or internship is determined the same as 172 NAC 012.03(A) above.

(C) 6 hours per renewal period can be obtained for supervising a provisional licensee or provisional certificate holder.

(D) Hours for completing home study or video programs, including those transmitted through electronic means, are determined by the provider of the program.

(E) Authoring a peer reviewed publication equals 16 hours.

(F) 60 minutes equals 1 continuing education hour when attending or participating workshops, lectures, or interactive webinars.

012.04 WORKSHOP PRESENTERS OR ACADEMIC INSTRUCTORS. An individual may receive credit for the initial presentation during a renewal period. Credit will not be given for subsequent presentations of the same program or course.

012.05 NON-ACCEPTABLE CONTINUING EDUCATION. Non-acceptable subject matter for continuing education credit includes, but is not limited to the following:

(A) Leadership training provided through associations;

(B) Business technology, business techniques, and management; and

(C) Association business meeting or delegate report.

280.7(2) A person who is licensed in another jurisdiction but who is unable to satisfy the requirements for licensure by endorsement may apply for licensure by verification, if eligible, in accordance with rule 645—19.1(272C).

In lieu of the requirements in paragraphs 280.7(1) “d,” “e,” and “f,” the board will accept the ASWB Social Work Registry verification of academic transcripts, examination scores, and licensure in other states.

[ARC 0093C, IAB 4/18/12, effective 5/23/12; ARC 5771C, IAB 7/14/21, effective 8/18/21; ARC 6996C, IAB 4/19/23, effective 5/24/23]

645—280.8 Reserved.

645—280.9(154C) License renewal.

280.9(1) The biennial license renewal period for a license to practice social work shall begin on January 1 of odd-numbered years and end on December 31 of the next even-numbered year. Every licensee shall renew on a biennial basis. The licensee is responsible for renewing the license prior to its expiration. Failure of the licensee to receive notice does not relieve the licensee of the responsibility for renewing the license.

280.9(2) Renewal procedures.

a. A licensee seeking renewal shall:

(1) Meet the continuing education requirements of rule 645—281.2(154C,272C) and the mandatory reporting requirements of subrule 280.9(3). A licensee whose license was reactivated during the current renewal compliance period may use continuing education credit earned during the compliance period for the first renewal following reactivation; and

(2) Submit the completed renewal application and renewal fee before the license expiration date.

b. An individual who was issued a license within six months of the license renewal date will not be required to renew the license until the next renewal two years later.

c. Those persons licensed for the first time shall not be required to complete continuing education as a prerequisite for the first renewal of their licenses. Continuing education hours acquired anytime from the initial licensing until the second license renewal may be used. The new licensee will be required to complete a minimum of 27 hours of continuing education per biennium for each subsequent license renewal.

d. Persons licensed to practice social work shall keep their renewal licenses displayed in a conspicuous public place at the primary site of practice.

e. Failure to receive the notice of renewal shall not relieve the licensee of the responsibility for submitting the required materials and the renewal fee to the board office 30 days before license expiration.

f. A social worker whose Iowa license is inactive, delinquent, closed, retired, voluntarily surrendered, suspended, or revoked cannot advance to a higher level until the license is again active.

280.9(3) Mandatory reporting of child abuse and dependent adult abuse.

a. Effective July 1, 2019, a licensee who regularly examines, attends, counsels or treats children in Iowa shall complete an initial two-hour child abuse mandatory reporter training course offered by the department of human services within six months of employment, or prior to the expiration of a current certificate. Thereafter, all mandatory reporters shall take a one-hour recertification training every three years, prior to the expiration of a current certificate.

b. Effective July 1, 2019, a licensee who regularly examines, attends, counsels or treats adults in Iowa shall complete an initial two-hour dependent adult abuse mandatory reporter training course offered by the department of human services within six months of employment, or prior to the expiration of a current certificate. Thereafter, all mandatory reporters shall take a one-hour recertification training every three years, prior to the expiration of a current certificate.

c. The requirement for mandatory training for identifying and reporting child and dependent adult abuse shall be suspended if the board determines that suspension is in the public interest or that a person at the time of license renewal:

(1) Is engaged in active duty in the military service of this state or the United States.

Rebecca Guidry Vidrine

09 May 2024

LABSWE Board

225-756-3470

socialwork@labswe.org

18550 Highland Rd Baton Rouge, LA 70809

Continuing Education Waiver

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter to ask for a waiver to complete half of the continuing education hours in person. I am currently living in Texas to undergo medical treatment and care for an unknown amount of time (likely years). I am hopeful to keep my Louisiana license active, however it is not easy to travel to attend in person trainings due to health and childcare availability. I have found and attended one CE course in Houston and obtained 6 in-person hours. However, due to Texas not requiring in-person CE hours, it has been unsuccessful to find more in-person trainings. I am asking for the Louisiana board to approve that the remainder of my CE hours can be completed virtually, either live or recorded trainings. It is important to me to keep up my license even though I am unable to work at this time, and would appreciate the grace to finish my hours virtually.

Thank you for your consideration.

For reference, I am currently a LCSW and my license number is 13833.

I have provided the website explaining Texas renewal rules and have included the link and a picture in the email with this letter attachment.

Rebecca Guidry Vidrine, LCSW

Rebecca Guidry Vidrine, LCSW

Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners

Applicable Rule: 22 TAC 781.501

Licensed social workers (e.g., LBSW, LMSW, LCSW) are required to obtain a minimum of 30 hours of continuing education during each renewal period they hold a license.

At least 6 of the hours obtained must be in the area of professional ethics and social work values, with another 3 hours in cultural diversity or competency, and for supervisors, at least 6 of the hours must be in the area of supervision. These hours may be counted toward the total number of hours required.

Effective January 1, 2024, at least half of the 30 hours must be obtained from a provider listed in 781.501(f).

NOTE: Licensees who hold a license with emeritus status as September 1, 2020 may keep the emeritus status as long as the licensee does not 1) return to full- or part-time paid employment or 2) return the license to active status. Once a license with emeritus status expires or the status is changed from emeritus, the emeritus status cannot be reinstated. No renewal fees are charged and no continuing education is required for a license with emeritus status, but the license must be renewed through the Council's online renewal system on a biennial basis.

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April 30, 2024

Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners:
18550 Highland Rd, Suite B
Baton Rouge, LA 70809

To whom it may concern:

I am a resident of the state of TX. In Texas all of our continuing education can be completed online. I am requesting that you accept all of my CEU's as they do. It would be difficult for me to travel to Louisiana for in-person CEU's. Please consider this request to fulfill all 20 of my hours online. Thank in advance.

Regards,

Ashley Walker-Johnson

-----Original Message-----

From: Phillips, Jon < >
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 3:22 PM
To: Social Work <socialwork@labswe.org>
Subject: RE: Contact Us Form Submitted

Thank you so much for the quick response! I have made arrangements with other states which are unable to provide the email addresses I requested, and I wonder if you would be willing to make a similar arrangement. Some states have been willing to forward an email to the licensed social workers on my behalf (I would send you an email with a description of the project and a link that they can click on if they wish to participate). I could also provide you with state-level results if that would be helpful. Our study examines social workers' preparedness for practice and training needs. Therefore, the findings would help your agency see the strengths and needs of the social workers you license. Finally, if you like, we could discuss the possibility of including questions of interest to your agency on the survey.

Do you think this would be a possibility?

Thank you,
Jon Phillips

Jon Phillips, PhD, LSW/MSW
Pronouns: He/Him/His (What's this?)
Assistant Professor
University of Connecticut School of Social Work

-----Original Message-----

From: Social Work <socialwork@labswe.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 4:18 PM
To: Phillips, Jon < >
Subject: FW: Contact Us Form Submitted
Message sent from a system outside of UConn.

Hi Jon,

Thank you for your email. Our office has a Public Records Request form located on our website here https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.labswe.org%2fwp-content%2fuploads%2f2022%2f08%2fPublic-Records-Request.pdf&c=E,1,Bf-Z9ZB8BbAVVPwA_E7ieXv1zS0q-Ql-wLdXxWAEfIDbegmU1QZJGoKZ7zLTWROzG7TR_nX6z1ylaMYgizNESluTkia6QFGhT42dIrFUVFivQqXJZQ,&typo=1 and we also have a request form for mailing addresses here <https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.labswe.org%2fwp-content%2fuploads%2f2022%2f08%2fMAILING-LIST->

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Unfortunately, we are not able to provide a list with email addresses.

Sincerely,
Regina M. DeWitt
Administrative Assistant
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From: LABSWE Complaints <FileComplaint@labswe.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 3:10 PM
To: Social Work <socialwork@labswe.org>
Subject: Contact Us Form Submitted

First Name: Jon
Last Name: Phillips
Phone Number: --- --- ---
Email Address: ju

Question:

Hello, I was told to submit my request here. I am requesting records under Louisiana's Public Record Act. I request that a copy of documents containing the following information be provided to me: The email addresses of all social workers currently licensed by your state. You should know that I am affiliated with an educational or noncommercial scientific institution, and this request is made for a scholarly or scientific purpose and not for a commercial use. More specifically, I am an assistant professor at the University of Connecticut and will be using the information to conduct a research study of licensed social workers across the county. The study will identify social workers' preparedness to practice and examine how well their social work program and other training opportunities prepared them for social work practice. The findings from this study will shed light on the strengths and needs of our social work workforce, who are the primary providers of mental health services in the United States. I am conducting the study nationwide and will not be focusing solely on social workers in your state. I am attaching an approval letter from our University's institutional review board which reviews

studies to ensure that researchers are not harming research participants. If you need to verify my credentials, you may view my faculty profile at:

https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fsocialwork.uconn.edu%2fperson%2fjon-phillips-phd%2f&c=E,1,eoWgwWscDm5-rZQr5_ri4nQxBYs6YlczDUzreSLGTYh-8e6iOfXVaOoxWO4WGgzSwMQLyFnS-jsfuNmTBJ8Js7wOWXzrIArfDSVul_Z1eQ,,&typo=1

If your agency is interested, I could provide you with a summary of the results for your state so that you can better understand the strengths and needs of the social workers you license. We may even be able to include a few questions of interest to your agency in our survey! If it would be easier and more acceptable to your agency, it may also work for your agency to send an email on our behalf to licensed social workers in your state with information about our study (rather than providing us with the email address).

5/8/24

Dear Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners,

I am writing you in regards to having my supervision hours counted for. My first supervisory session was July 10, 2020. I submitted my supervision contract and other documents to my supervisor at the time, Victor Sims. My supervisor and I discussed my plan of supervision and I was provided with a copy. I was under the impression, that my supervisor would submit my documents to the board, hence me providing those documents to my supervisor. I believed that everything was taken care of. During the time I started supervision, we were under COVID guidelines. My supervisor was adjusting to COVID guidelines for his business, which in turn caused him to not be on top of the requirements.

Furthermore, I completed supervision in December of last year. I am pleading with the board to have my hours counted for. I have worked extremely hard to complete supervision. I have worked two jobs, during my time as a supervisee all while caring for a family. Please allow me to submit my application for LCSW.

Sincerely,


Bianca Rowan

April 4th, 2024

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Amelia Ryland. I am a LMSW working toward my LCSW. On September 9th, 2022 I began the electronic process to prepare for supervision. This process included completing the supervision contract and record log in Certemy. My first supervision session was November 22, 2022. I have completed 62 hours of supervision as of April 4, 2024. Recently, upon contacting the Office of LABSWE to inquire about testing eligibility, a staff member informed me that the board had no record of my supervision contract, although my supervisor and I both recollect completing the contract. Furthermore, staff explained none of the hours accumulated without record of the contract were valid. Technologically, this is a very simple and easy mistake to make, but the consequences are dire. I am overwhelmed considering the financial, professional, and emotional effects of this error. I was consistently checking my Certemy account, and the hours appeared to be logged successfully. Personally, I find operating Certemy counterintuitive, which contributed to this mistake. I am not a technologically savvy person. Even with this, I take full accountability for my lack of diligence. I believed the contract was completed successfully, and seeing each session logged by my supervisor in the record log mistakenly indicated to me that all was in order. I am humbly requesting grace from the board. I am requesting that the 62 hours I have completed outside of the submission period be deemed valid and count toward my clinical licensure.

Deepest respect and sincerity,

 MSW, LMSW

Amelia Ryland, MSW, LMSW