

This is an amendment to 16.16.3. NMAC, Section 8 through 12, effective 10/07/2025.

16.63.3.8 APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE: Applicants, other than those applying for licensure by credentials, must submit or cause to be submitted the following documentation to the board:

- A. completed online application;
 - ~~B. two personal character references;~~
 - ~~C. one 2" x 2" original photograph of the applicant taken within the preceding six months affixed to the application;~~
 - ~~D.~~ B. license fee as provided in Part 8;
 - ~~E.~~ C. official transcripts [~~directly~~] from the university or college uploaded by applicant or by other means approved by the board verifying a bachelors or masters degree in social work;
 - ~~F.~~ D. verification of supervision must be received [~~directly~~] from the supervisor and uploaded by applicant or by other means [~~approved~~] provided by the board;
 - ~~G.~~ E. if currently or previously licensed in another state you must submit verification of licensure, which must be [~~sent directly~~] provided to the board by the issuing jurisdiction;
 - ~~H.~~ F. official exam scores; proof of passing the licensure exam must be received directly from the association of social work boards or from the jurisdiction in which the applicant is licensed; and
 - ~~I.~~ G. verification the applicant has completed one of the following:
 - (1) a three credit hour course in New Mexico cultures listed on the applicants transcripts;
 - (2) a board approved course, workshop or seminar in New Mexico cultures;
 - (3) proof of previously passing the New Mexico cultural examination.
 - ~~J.~~ H. proof of passing the jurisprudence examination with a grade of no less than seventy percent;
 - ~~K.~~ I. provide proof of any disqualifying criminal convictions as defined in 16.63.13.9 NMAC.
- [16.63.3.8 NMAC – Rp, 16.63.3.8 NMAC, 3/13/2022; A, 10/07/2025]

16.63.3.9 PARAMETERS OF PRACTICE: The scope of practice for the independent social worker is set forth [~~in 16.63.11.9 NMAC~~] as defined in Paragraph (2) of Subsection B of Section 61-31-6 NMSA 1978. The scope of practice for the clinical social worker is set forth as defined in Paragraph (1) of Subsection B of Section 61-31-6 NMSA 1978 (1996). The scope of practice for the master social worker is set forth in 16.63.10.9 NMAC. The scope of practice for the baccalaureate social worker is set forth in 16.63.9.9 NMAC.

[16.63.3.9 NMAC - Rp, 16.63.3.9 NMAC, 3/13/2022; A, 10/07/2025]

16.63.3.10 INITIAL LICENSE/RENEWAL OF LICENSE:

- A. Initial license.
 - (1) Initial licenses issued between January 1 and June 30 shall expire on July 1 of the next calendar year.
 - (2) Initial licenses issued between July 1 and December 31 shall expire on July 1 of the second calendar year following the date of issuance.
- B. No license will be issued for longer than 24 months.
- C. Renewal of license.
 - ~~(1)~~ Each licensed social worker shall [~~apply for license renewal~~] renew and pay the renewal fee online not more than 75 days prior to expiration of the license as set forth in Part 8.
 - ~~(2) Licenses that expire July 1, 2007 will renew according to the following schedule.~~
 - ~~(a) If the last digit of the license number ends in an even number the license will expire on July 1, 2008 and biennially thereafter. The renewal fee will be prorated.~~
 - ~~(b) If the last digit of the license number ends in an odd number the license will expire on July 1, 2009 and biennially thereafter.~~
- D. A 30-day grace period, running from July 1 - July 30, of the renewal year allows the social worker to submit a renewal without a late penalty fee. However, the social worker's license shall be considered expired and the social worker will refrain from practicing.
- E. From July 31 to September 29 of the renewal year the social worker may renew the license, however a penalty fee will be assessed (16.63.8.17 NMAC).

F. If revoked for non-renewal, the licensee will be required to pay previous penalties, complete a new application and pay another application fee. ~~[Licensees revoked for non-renewal may be reinstated if revocation was due to extenuating circumstances. These extenuating circumstances include serious, physician verified illness and military service. The extenuating circumstances must be presented in writing for the board's consideration and will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Licenses]~~ License will only be reinstated if ~~[licensees are]~~ licensee is up to date with all current continuing education requirements and pass ~~[an exam]~~ the jurisprudence exam as prescribed by the board.

G. Electronic signatures shall be accepted on all applications.
[16.63.3.10 NMAC - Rp, 16.63.3.10 NMAC, 3/13/2022; A, 10/07/2025]

16.63.3.11 QUALIFIED APPLICANTS: As per 16.63.4.12 NMAC "Qualified applicants who fail to obtain the minimum required score may retake the (ASWB) exam an unlimited number of times. Applicants must pay the examination fee for each administration of the examination." ~~[Prior to the re-examination a]~~ A new application must be submitted to the board by the applicant if exam approval has expired. A non-refundable application fee must accompany ~~[the]~~ a new application. Qualifications for examination will be evaluated based on the most recent application. ~~[Initial]~~ Applications are valid for a period of 12 months.~~[additional, applications shall be valid for a period not to exceed 12 months from the date of initial submission].~~
[16.63.3.11 NMAC – Rp, 16.63.3.11 NMAC, 3/13/2022; A, 10/07/2025]

16.63.3.12 EXAMINATION REQUIRED: No license, other than a provisional or expedited license will be issued without passing exam scores for ASWB at the appropriate level. The scores of ASWB examination may be submitted by ASWB, or by the state board from which the applicant is currently licensed, directly to the New Mexico board of social work examiners.
[16.63.3.12 NMAC - Rp, 16.63.3.12 NMAC, 3/13/2022; A, 10/07/2025]