

This is an amendment to 16.63.18 NMAC, Section 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, and 10, effective 10/07/2025.

Explanatory sentence: In Section 8, at the direction of the Board, all abbreviations that refer to a licensed social worker in other jurisdictions have been capitalized.

16.63.18.2 SCOPE: ~~[The provisions of Part 18 apply to a]~~ All applicants ~~[for]~~ seeking expedited licensure pursuant to the Act.

[16.63.18.2 NMAC - Rp, 16.63.18.2 NMAC, 8/15/2023; A, 10/07/2025]

16.63.18.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: ~~[These rules are promulgated pursuant to and in accordance with the Social Work Practice Act, Subsection A of Section 61-31-8, 14-2-1, 61-31-19 NMSA 1978 and the Uniform Licensing Act, Section 61-1-31.1 NMSA 1978.]~~ These parts are promulgated pursuant to the Social Work Practice Act, 61-31-1 to 25 NMSA 1978.

[16.63.18.3 NMAC - Rp, 16.63.18.3 NMAC, 8/15/2023; A, 10/07/2025]

16.63.18.6 OBJECTIVE: To promote, preserve and protect the public health, safety and welfare by regulating and setting professional standards for applicants for expedited and provisional licensures.

[16.63.18.6 NMAC - Rp, 16.63.18.6 NMAC, 8/15/2023; A, 10/07/2025]

16.63.18.7 DEFINITIONS:

A. “Eligible jurisdiction” means:

~~[(4)]~~ any state or territory of the United States except those included in the list of disapproved licensing jurisdictions in 16.63.18.8 NMAC~~[-and]~~

~~[(2)] — any foreign country included in 16.63.18.8 NMAC.~~

B. “Expedited license” means a provisional license that confers the same rights, privileges and responsibilities as a regular license issued by the board pursuant to Section 61-31-13 NMSA 1978, issued on the basis of licensure in an eligible jurisdiction.

C. “Good standing” means a license or registration is active and not expired, suspended, revoked, surrendered, conditioned, or otherwise in a status that in any manner restricts the activity of a licensee or registrant under the authority of the license.

D. “Licensing fee” has the same meaning as defined in Paragraph (1) of Subsection E of Section 61-1-34 NMSA 1978.

E. “Licensing Jurisdiction” has the same meaning as defined in Subsection F of Section 61-1-2 NMSA 1978.

F. “Military service member” has the same meaning as defined in Paragraph (2) of Subsection E of Section 61-1-34 NMSA 1978.

G. “Veteran” has the same meaning as defined in Paragraph (3) of Subsection E of Section 61-1-34 NMSA 1978.

[16.63.18.7 NMAC - Rp, 16.63.18.7 NMAC, 8/15/2023; A, 10/07/2025]

16.63.18.8 LIST OF APPROVED AND DISAPPROVED LICENSING JURISDICTIONS; ~~[REASONS FOR DISAPPROVAL]~~ FOR EXPEDITED LICENSURE:

A. Applicants for licensure ~~[as a licensed bachelor social worker (lbsw) in the following states and territories of the United States or the District of Columbia]~~ as an LBSW shall not be eligible for expedited licensure ~~[pursuant to Section 61-31-4.4 NMSA 1978 of the Social Work Practice Act]~~ based upon licensure as an LBSW in the following states and territories of the United States or the District of Columbia:

(1) California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington on the grounds that these jurisdictions do not license, register, certify, or otherwise regulate bachelor level social workers; and

(2) American Samoa, Louisiana, Massachusetts (licensed social worker associate), Nebraska (certified social worker), New Hampshire (licensed social worker associate 1 and 2), New Jersey, Ohio (registered social work assistant), Puerto Rico (licensed social worker), South Dakota (social work associate), the US Virgin Islands (social worker associate), on the grounds that education, experience, and examination requirements cannot be determined or are not consistent with New Mexico.

B. ~~[Approved jurisdictions for expedited licensure as a licensed bachelor social worker (lbsw),]~~
Applicants for licensure as an LBSW shall be eligible for expedited licensure based upon licensure in the following states and territories of the United States or the District of Columbia with the jurisdiction's equivalent license in parentheses [are]: Alabama (LBSW), Alaska (LBSW), Arizona (LBSW), Arkansas (licensed social worker), Delaware (LBSW), District of Columbia (licensed social work associate), Guam (LBSW), Hawaii (LBSW), Idaho (licensed social worker), Illinois (licensed social worker 2), Indiana (LBSW), Iowa (LBSW), Kansas (LBSW), Kentucky (licensed social worker), Maine (licensed social worker 1), Maryland (LBSW), Massachusetts (licensed social worker), Michigan (LBSW), Minnesota (licensed social worker), Mississippi (licensed social worker), Missouri (LBSW), Montana (LBSW), Nevada (social worker), New Hampshire (licensed social worker), North Carolina (certified social worker), North Dakota (LBSW), Northern Mariana Islands (LBSW), Ohio (licensed social worker), Oklahoma (licensed social work associate), Oregon (registered bachelor of social work), Pennsylvania (LBSW), South Carolina (LBSW), South Dakota (licensed social worker), Tennessee (LBSW), Texas (LBSW), US Virgin Islands (social worker 1 and 2), Utah (social worker 1 and 2), Virginia (LBSW), West Virginia (licensed social worker), Wisconsin (certified social worker), Wyoming (certified social worker).

C. ~~Applicants [licensed] for licensure [as] an [a licensed master social worker] (LMSW) shall not be eligible for expedited licensure based upon licensure in the following states and territories of the United States or the District of Columbia [shall not be eligible for expedited licensure pursuant to Section 61-31-4.3 NMSA 1978 of the Social Work Practice Act]:~~

~~[(4)] Nebraska, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Washington, [and] Wyoming, [on the grounds that these jurisdictions do not license, register, certify, or otherwise regulate master level social workers; and]~~

~~[(2)] American Samoa, California [(associate clinical social worker—acsw)], Florida [(registered clinical social worker intern)], Louisiana [(certified social worker)], Michigan [(limited license master's social worker)], and Puerto Rico [on the grounds that education, experience, and examination requirements cannot be determined or are not consistent with New Mexico].~~

D. ~~[Approved jurisdictions for expedited licensure as a licensed master social worker (lmsw), with the jurisdictions equivalent license in parentheses, are]~~ Applicant for licensure as an LMSW shall be eligible for expedited licensure based upon licensure in the following state and territories of the United States or the District of Columbia, with the jurisdiction's equivalent license in parentheses: Alabama (LMSW), Alaska (LMSW), Arizona (LMSW), Arkansas (LMSW), Colorado (licensed social worker), Connecticut (LMSW), Delaware (LMSW), District of Columbia (licensed graduate social work), Georgia (LMSW), Guam (LMSW), Hawaii (licensed social worker), Idaho (LMSW), Illinois (licensed social worker 1), Indiana (licensed social worker 1), Iowa (LMSW), Kansas (LMSW), Kentucky (certified social worker), Louisiana (LMSW), Maine (LMSW), Maryland (LMSW), Massachusetts (licensed certified social worker), Minnesota (licensed graduate social worker), Mississippi (LMSW), Missouri (LMSW), Montana (LMSW), Nevada (LMSW), New Jersey (licensed social worker), New York (LMSW), North Carolina (certified master social worker), North Dakota (LMSW), Northern Mariana Islands (LMSW), Ohio (licensed social worker), Oklahoma (LMSW), Oregon (LMSW), Pennsylvania (licensed social worker), South Carolina (LMSW), South Dakota (certified social worker), Tennessee (LMSW), Texas (LMSW), US Virgin Islands (certified social worker), Utah (certified social worker), Vermont (LMSW), Virginia (LMSW), West Virginia (licensed graduate social worker), Wisconsin (advanced practice social worker).

E. ~~[Applicants licensed as a licensed clinical social worker (lcsw) in the following states and territories of the United States or the District of Columbia shall not be eligible for expedited licensure pursuant to Section 61-31-4.2 NMSA 1978 of the Social Work Practice Act]~~ Applicants for licensure as an LCSW shall not be eligible for expedited licensure based upon licensure in the following states and territories of the United States or the District of Columbia:

~~[(4)] Ohio, [and] Puerto Rico, [on the grounds that these jurisdictions do not license, register, certify, or otherwise regulate clinical social workers; and]~~

~~[(2)] American Samoa, North Carolina [(licensed clinical social worker associate)], and Rhode Island [(licensed clinical social worker), on the grounds that education, experience, and examination requirements cannot be determined or are not consistent with New Mexico].~~

F. Approved jurisdictions for expedited licensure as a licensed clinical social worker (LCSW), with the jurisdiction's equivalent license in parentheses, are: Alabama (licensed independent clinical social worker), Alaska (LCSW), Arizona (LCSW), Arkansas (LCSW), California (LCSW), Colorado (LCSW), Connecticut (LCSW), Delaware (LCSW), District of Columbia (licensed independent clinical social work), Florida (LCSW), Georgia (LCSW), Guam (LCSW), Hawaii (LCSW), Idaho (LCSW), Illinois (licensed clinical social worker 1 and 2), Indiana (LCSW), Iowa (licensed independent social worker), Kansas (licensed specialist clinical social worker), Kentucky (LCSW), Louisiana (LCSW), Maine (licensed clinical social worker 1 and 2), Maryland (licensed certified social worker - clinical), Massachusetts (licensed independent clinical social worker), Michigan (licensed master social worker – clinical), Minnesota (licensed independent clinical social worker), Mississippi (LCSW), Missouri (LCSW), Montana (LCSW), Nebraska (licensed mental health practitioner and licensed independent mental health practitioner), Nevada (clinical social worker), New Hampshire (licensed independent clinical social worker), New Jersey (LCSW), New York (LCSW), North Carolina (LCSW), North Dakota (LCSW), Northern Mariana Islands (LCSW), Oklahoma (LCSW), Oregon (LCSW), Pennsylvania (LCSW), Rhode Island (licensed independent clinical social worker), South Carolina (licensed independent social worker-cp), South Dakota (certified social worker private independent practice), Tennessee (LCSW), Texas (LCSW), Utah (LCSW), US Virgin Islands (certified independent social worker), Utah (LCSW), Vermont (licensed independent clinical social worker), Virginia (LCSW), Washington (licensed independent clinical social worker), West Virginia (licensed independent clinical social worker), Wisconsin (LCSW) and Wyoming (LCSW).

G. ~~[Applicants licensed as a licensed independent social worker (lisw) in the following states and territories of the United States or the District of Columbia shall not be eligible for expedited licensure pursuant to Section 61-31-4.1 NMSA 1978 of the Social Work Practice Act]~~ Applicants for licensure as an LISW shall not be eligible for expedited licensure based upon licensure in the following states and territories of the United States or District of Columbia:

~~[(4)]~~ Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Northern Mariana Islands, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Dakota, US Virgin Islands, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, ~~[and]~~ Wyoming and [on the grounds that these jurisdictions do not license, register, certify, or otherwise regulate licensed independent social workers; and]

~~[(2)] American Samoa [on the grounds that education, experience, and examination requirements cannot be determined or are not consistent with New Mexico].~~

H. ~~[Approved jurisdictions for expedited licensure as a licensed independent social worker (lisw), with the jurisdictions equivalent license in parentheses, are]~~ Applicants for licensure as an LISW shall be eligible for expedited licensure based upon licensure in the following states and territories of the United States or the District of Columbia, with the jurisdictions equivalent license in parentheses District of Columbia (LISW), Florida (certified master social worker), Maryland (licensed certified social worker), Michigan (licensed master social worker – macro), Minnesota (LISW), Missouri (licensed advanced macro social worker), Nebraska (certified master social worker), Nevada (independent social worker), North Carolina (certified social work manager), Ohio (LISW), Oklahoma (licensed social worker), South Carolina (licensed independent social worker-advanced practice), Tennessee (licensed advanced practice social worker), Texas (licensed master social worker – advanced practice), Washington (licensed advanced social worker), West Virginia (licensed certified social worker), and Wisconsin (certified independent social worker).

I. In any instance where an applicant cannot seek expedited licensure based on the above provisions of this subpart, such applicant may apply for expedited licensure at lower level of licensure than obtained in the eligible jurisdiction. Such applications shall be considered by the Board on a case-by-case basis.
[16.63.18.8 NMAC - Rp, 16.63.18.8 NMAC, 8/15/2023, A, 10/07/2025]

16.63.18.10 EXPEDITED LICENSURE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

A. A candidate for expedited licensure under Section 61-1-31.1 NMSA 1978 and Section 61-31-13

NMSA 1978 must submit to the board a complete application containing all of the following:

- (1) a completed and signed application form;
- (2) proof of a current license in good standing in an eligible jurisdiction as defined; and
- (3) payment of the required application fee.

B. An expedited license application shall not be deemed complete until the applicant has submitted, and the board's staff is in receipt of all the materials required by subsection A, including documentation from third parties.

C. Upon receipt of a complete application, the board's staff shall process the application and issue the expedited license to a qualified applicant within 30 days.

D. No application for expedited licensure will be considered if the applicant has a pending disciplinary action in another jurisdiction, including any matter for which an investigation by the licensing board of that jurisdiction remains pending.

~~[D.]~~ **E.** If the applicant has a potentially disqualifying criminal conviction ~~[or the board may have other cause to deny the application]~~ pursuant to Section 61-31-17 NMSA 1978 and 16.63.13.9 NMAC:

(1) the matter of the applicant's application shall be submitted to the board for consideration and action at its next available regular meeting;

(2) the license may not be issued within 30 days of submission of the complete application; and

(3) the board may vote to grant the application or refer the matter to its administrative prosecutor for denial of the application as provided by the board's rules.

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