

Rules by Subject Matter Interim Committee Recommendations

	Promulgated Date	Effective Date	Filed w/ SOS Date	Last Revision Date
Arkansas Social Work Licensing Board				
Refer for Group Consideration				
I. Board Meetings ID#: 620				
Statutory Authority:	Act 791 of 1981 Section 10	03/28/1981	07/01/1981	07/01/1981
<input type="checkbox"/> Required under State or Federal Law:	(none)			
Requirement Statement:	(none)			
Enforce:	17-103-202 Organization and functions.(a)(1) At least two (2) regular meetings of the Arkansas Social Work Licensing Board shall be held each calendar year.			
Subject Matter Committee:	Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committees			
Link to Rule Document:	http://arr.blr.arkansas.gov/Portals/0/Rules/ARR/Entities/59/Rules/620/Final/RULE I. Board Meetings.pdf			
II. Application Procedures ID#: 99				
Statutory Authority:	Act 791 of 1981 Section 10(e)(5)	07/01/1981	03/28/1981	07/01/1981
<input type="checkbox"/> Required under State or Federal Law:	(none)			
Requirement Statement:	(none)			
Enforce:	17-103-203. Powers and duties.(b) In addition to the duties set forth elsewhere in this chapter, the board shall:(3) Establish mechanisms for appeal and decisions regarding applications and granting of licenses, with such mechanisms to include provisions for judicial review in accordance with the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq.:(4) Make rules consistent with law as may be necessary to regulate its proceedings;			
Subject Matter Committee:	Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committees			
Link to Rule Document:	http://arr.blr.arkansas.gov/Portals/0/Rules/ARR/Entities/59/Rules/99/Final/RULE II. Application Procedures.pdf			
III. Provisional License ID#: 100				
Statutory Authority:	Act 791 of 1981 Section 12	03/28/1981	07/01/1981	07/01/1981
<input type="checkbox"/> Required under State or Federal Law:	(none)			
Requirement Statement:	(none)			
Enforce:	17-103-203. Powers and duties.(b) In addition to the duties set forth elsewhere in this chapter, the board shall:(3) Establish mechanisms for appeal and decisions regarding applications and granting of licenses, with such mechanisms to include provisions for judicial review in accordance with the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq.:(4) Make rules consistent with law as may be necessary to regulate its proceedings;17-103-306. Qualifications — Issuance.(a)(2)(A) The board shall issue a Provisional Licensed Social Worker license one (1) time only to an applicant who qualifies under this subsection.(b)(2)(A) The board shall issue a Provisional Licensed Master Social Worker license one (1) time only to an applicant who qualifies under this subsection.			
Subject Matter Committee:	Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committees			
Link to Rule Document:	http://arr.blr.arkansas.gov/Portals/0/Rules/ARR/Entities/59/Rules/100/Final/RULE III Provisional Licensure.pdf			
IV Examination ID#: 621				
Statutory Authority:	Act 791 of 1981 Section 10(e)(1)	03/28/1981	07/01/1981	07/01/1981
<input type="checkbox"/> Required under State or Federal Law:	(none)			
Requirement Statement:	(none)			
Enforce:	17-103-306. Qualifications — Issuance.(a)(1)(B) Has passed an examination approved by the board for this purpose and level of practice;(b)(1)(B) Has passed an examination approved by the board for this purpose and level of practice;(c)(1)(C) Has passed an examination approved by the board for this purpose and level of practice;			
Subject Matter Committee:	Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committees			
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IX Continuing Education Guidelines ID#: 625				
Statutory Authority:	Act 791 of 1981 Section 10(d)	03/28/1981	07/01/1981	07/01/1981
<input type="checkbox"/> Required under State or Federal Law:	(none)			
Requirement Statement:	(none)			
Enforce:	17-103-203. Powers and duties.(b)(8) Establish continuing education requirements and notify the applicants for licensing of the requirement;			
Subject Matter Committee:	Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committees			
Link to Rule Document:	http://arr.blr.arkansas.gov/Portals/0/Rules/ARR/Entities/59/Rules/625/Final/RULE IX. Continuing Education Guidelines.pdf			
V Reciprocity ID#: 622				
Statutory Authority:	Act 791 of 1981 Section 13	03/28/1981	07/01/1981	07/01/1981
<input type="checkbox"/> Required under State or Federal Law:	(none)			
Requirement Statement:	(none)			
Enforce:	17-103-203. Powers and duties.(b) In addition to the duties set forth elsewhere in this chapter, the board shall:(1) Establish the criteria and process for licensure through reciprocity;			
Subject Matter Committee:	Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committees			
Link to Rule Document:	http://arr.blr.arkansas.gov/Portals/0/Rules/ARR/Entities/59/Rules/622/Final/RULE V. Reciprocity.pdf			
VI. Supervision ID#: 93				
Statutory Authority:	Act 791 of 1981 17-39-306	08/09/1989	09/01/1989	08/09/1989
<input type="checkbox"/> Required under State or Federal Law:	(none)			
Requirement Statement:	(none)			
Enforce:	17-103-203. Powers and duties.(b)(3) Establish mechanisms for appeal and decisions regarding applications and granting of licenses, with such mechanisms to include provisions for judicial review in accordance with the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq.;17-103-306. Qualifications — Issuance.(c)(1) The board shall issue a license as a Licensed Certified Social Worker license to an applicant who qualifies as follows:(B)(i) Has at least twenty-four (24) months of supervised social work experience under a Licensed Certified Social Worker.(ii) The supervised social work experience required under subdivision (c)(1)(B)(i) of this section shall include at least four thousand (4,000) hours in a social work position under the supervision of a Licensed Certified Social Worker or a social worker whom the board determines to have qualifications equivalent to those required of a Licensed Certified Social Worker;			
Subject Matter Committee:	Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committees			
Link to Rule Document:	http://arr.blr.arkansas.gov/Portals/0/Rules/ARR/Entities/59/Rules/93/Final/RULE VI. Supervision.pdf			
VII Fees ID#: 623				
Statutory Authority:	Act 791 of 1981 Section 10(c)	03/28/1981	07/01/1981	07/01/1981
<input type="checkbox"/> Required under State or Federal Law:	(none)			
Requirement Statement:	(none)			
Enforce:	17-103-203. Powers and duties.(b)(7) Establish fees and publish financial records;17-103-205. Fees.The Arkansas Social Work Licensing Board shall establish, charge, and collect for:(1) The filing of an application for a license under this chapter, a nonrefundable fee of not more than one hundred fifty dollars (\$150);(2) A nonrefundable renewal of a license issued in accordance with this chapter, a fee of not more than one hundred fifty dollars (\$150);(3) Replacement of a license, a nonrefundable fee of not more than forty dollars (\$40.00);(4) Endorsement of an Arkansas social work license, a nonrefundable fee of not more than forty dollars (\$40.00);(5) Renewal of a license after the expiration date, a nonrefundable late fee of not more than one hundred fifty dollars (\$150);(6) A criminal background check processing fee, the fee amount to be determined by the Department of Arkansas State Police;(7) The filing of an application for a certificate of registration under this chapter, a nonrefundable fee of not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00); and(8) Renewal of a certificate of registration issued under this chapter, a nonrefundable fee of not more than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).			
Subject Matter Committee:	Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committees			
Link to Rule Document:	http://arr.blr.arkansas.gov/Portals/0/Rules/ARR/Entities/59/Rules/623/Final/RULE VII. Fees.pdf			

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VIII Expiration and Renewal				ID#: 624
Statutory Authority:	Act 791 of 1981 Section 14	03/28/1981	07/01/1981	07/01/1981
<input type="checkbox"/> Required under State or Federal Law:	(none)			
Requirement Statement:	(none)			
Enforce:	17-103-203. Powers and duties.(b) In addition to the duties set forth elsewhere in this chapter, the board shall:(9) At the time of license renewal, require each applicant to present satisfactory evidence that, in the period since the license was issued, he or she has completed the continuing education requirements specified by the board.17-103-304. Expiration and renewal.(a) A license is effective at the time of issuance by the Arkansas Social Work Licensing Board.(b) The license of a licensed social worker, licensed master social worker, and licensed certified social worker is valid for two (2) years after the date of issuance.(c)(1) A license may be renewed by the payment of a renewal fee as set by the board.(2) A notice of license renewal shall be sent to a licensee at the most recent address as it appears in the records of the board approximately two (2) months before the expiration date of the license.(3) Before the expiration date of the license, the licensee shall:(A) Submit a renewal application and fee online; or © Copyright State of Arkansas(B) Mail the renewal application and fee to the office of the board.(4) Upon receipt of an application and fee, the board shall verify the accuracy of the application and, if approved, issue to the applicant a notice of license renewal valid for the next two (2) years.(d)(1) If a licensee fails to renew his or her license before the expiration date, the license shall lapse the last day of the month of the calendar year that is exactly two (2) years from the calendar year and month in which the license was issued.(2) A license that has lapsed for a period of less than three (3) months may be renewed by submission of:(A) A completed renewal application;(B) A fee that is two (2) times the amount of the renewal fee specified; and(C) An attestation that the licensee has not practiced social work since the day that his or her license lapsed and the licensee will not practice social work until his or her license is approved for renewal by the board.(3) If a license has lapsed for three (3) months or longer, the applicant for the license shall be considered a new applicant subject to appropriate provisions of this chapter.(4) A license that has expired over three (3) months is not renewable.(e) At the time of license renewal, an applicant shall present satisfactory evidence that in the period since the license was issued, he or she has completed the continuing education requirements as required by the board.17-103-305. Renewal, revocation, suspension — Disciplinary proceedings.(a) The Arkansas Social Work Licensing Board may refuse to issue or renew a license or may revoke or suspend a license issued under this chapter or may impose other appropriate restrictions or additional impositions, including without limitation supervision, probation, counseling, reporting, drug screening, and additional continuing education for any of the following causes or reasons:(1) Violation of a provision of this chapter;(2) Gross negligence in the practice of social work;(3) Engaging in a course of unprofessional conduct as defined by the rules established by the board or violation of the code of ethics made and published by the board; or(4) Failing to meet one (1) of the qualifications for issuance of a license under § 17-103-307.(b) The board shall refuse to issue or shall revoke the license of a person who has been found guilty of a felony, any crime involving moral turpitude, or criminal offense involving violence, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, breach of client trust, or abuse of the vulnerable unless the person requests and the board grants a waiver under § 17-103-307(f).(c)(1) The board shall conduct hearings.(2) Decisions shall be determined by a majority vote of the board. All proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq.			
Subject Matter Committee:	Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committees			
Link to Rule Document:	http://arr.blr.arkansas.gov/Portals/0/Rules/ARR/Entities/59/Rules/624/Final/RULE VIII Expiration and Renewal.pdf			
X. Code-of-Ethics/Standards for Practice				ID#: 98
Statutory Authority:	Act 791 of 1981 Section 10(e)(7)	03/28/1981	07/01/1981	07/01/1981
<input type="checkbox"/> Required under State or Federal Law:	(none)			
Requirement Statement:	(none)			
Enforce:	17-103-203. Powers and duties.(a) The Arkansas Social Work Licensing Board has all the powers and duties granted under this chapter.(b) In addition to the duties set forth elsewhere in this chapter, the board shall:(6) Establish rules defining unprofessional conduct and set forth and publish a code of ethics and standards for practice;			
Subject Matter Committee:	Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committees			
Link to Rule Document:	http://arr.blr.arkansas.gov/Portals/0/Rules/ARR/Entities/59/Rules/98/Final/RULE X. Code of Ethics Standards for Practice.pdf			
XI: Definition of Unprofessional Conduct				ID#: 97
Statutory Authority:	Act 791 of 1981 Section 10(e)(7)	03/28/1981	07/01/1981	07/01/1981
<input type="checkbox"/> Required under State or Federal Law:	(none)			
Requirement Statement:	(none)			
Enforce:	17-103-203. Powers and duties.(a) The Arkansas Social Work Licensing Board has all the powers and duties granted under this chapter.(b) In addition to the duties set forth elsewhere in this chapter, the board shall:(6) Establish rules defining unprofessional conduct and set forth and publish a code of ethics and standards for practice;			
Subject Matter Committee:	Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committees			
Link to Rule Document:	http://arr.blr.arkansas.gov/Portals/0/Rules/ARR/Entities/59/Rules/97/Final/RULE XI. Definition of Unprofessional Conduct.pdf			

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XII: Disciplinary Procedures				ID#: 96
Statutory Authority:	Act 791 of 1981 Section 17	03/28/1981	07/01/1981	07/01/1981
<input type="checkbox"/> Required under State or Federal Law:	(none)			
Requirement Statement:	(none)			
Enforce:	17-103-203. Powers and duties.(b) In addition to the duties set forth elsewhere in this chapter, the board shall:(3) Establish mechanisms for appeal and decisions regarding applications and granting of licenses, with such mechanisms to include provisions for judicial review in accordance with the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq.:(4) Make rules consistent with law as may be necessary to regulate its proceedings;17-103-305. Renewal, revocation, suspension — Disciplinary proceedings.(a) The Arkansas Social Work Licensing Board may refuse to issue or renew a license or may revoke or suspend a license issued under this chapter or may impose other appropriate restrictions or additional impositions, including without limitation supervision, probation, counseling, reporting, drug screening, and additional continuing education for any of the following causes or reasons:(1) Violation of a provision of this chapter;(2) Gross negligence in the practice of social work;(3) Engaging in a course of unprofessional conduct as defined by the rules established by the board or violation of the code of ethics made and published by the board; or(4) Failing to meet one (1) of the qualifications for issuance of a license under § 17-103-307.(b) The board shall refuse to issue or shall revoke the license of a person who has been found guilty of a felony, any crime involving moral turpitude, or criminal offense involving violence, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, breach of client trust, or abuse of the vulnerable unless the person requests and the board grants a waiver under § 17-103-307(f).(c)(1) The board shall conduct hearings.(2) Decisions shall be determined by a majority vote of the board. All proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq.			
Subject Matter Committee:	Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committees			
Link to Rule Document:	http://arr.blr.arkansas.gov/Portals/0/Rules/ARR/Entities/59/Rules/96/Final/RULE XII. Disciplinary Procedures.pdf			
XIII Certificates of Registration for Professional Social Work Corporations				ID#: 95
Statutory Authority:	A.C.A. 17-103-203 Act 791 of 1981	04/05/2000	06/28/2001	06/12/2000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Required under State or Federal Law:	Arkansas Professional Corporation Act A.C.A. 4-29-201 et seq.;			
Requirement Statement:	Arkansas Professional Corporation Act A.C.A. 4-29-201 et seq.: required that a social worker who incorporates files a certificate of registration with their licensing board.			
Enforce:	17-103-203. Powers and duties.(a) The Arkansas Social Work Licensing Board has all the powers and duties granted under this chapter.(b) In addition to the duties set forth elsewhere in this chapter, the board shall:(4) Make rules consistent with law as may be necessary to regulate its proceedings;Arkansas Professional Corporation Act. A.C.A. 4-29-201 et. seq.:4-29-210. Certificate of registration -- Issuance, renewal, etc.(a) No corporation shall open, operate, or maintain an establishment for any of the purposes set forth in §§ 4-29-202 and 4-29-206 without a certificate of registration from the state board, department, or agency, as the case may be, authorized by law to license individuals to engage in the profession concerned.			
Subject Matter Committee:	Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committees			
Link to Rule Document:	http://arr.blr.arkansas.gov/Portals/0/Rules/ARR/Entities/59/Rules/95/Final/RULE XIII. Certificates of Registration for Professional Social Work Corporations.pdf			