

102-2-2b. Application for licensure based on reciprocity.

(a) Each individual who wishes to be licensed as an LSCSW based on reciprocity, as provided by K.S.A. 65-6309 and amendments thereto, shall submit an application for licensure in accordance with the provisions of this regulation.

(b) Each applicant for licensure as an LSCSW shall request the application forms for licensure by reciprocity from the board. Each applicant shall ensure that the application materials are submitted to the board as follows:

(1) The applicant shall submit the completed application form and shall submit payment in full of the application for a license fee, as provided in K.A.R. 102-2-3.

(2) The applicant shall forward to the licensing agency for the state in which the applicant is currently licensed as to practice social work at the clinical level a form provided by the board on which the licensing agency is to provide the following documentation:

(A) Verification that the applicant currently holds a valid license to practice social work at the clinical level issued by the licensing agency;

(B) the date on which the applicant was initially licensed to practice social work at the clinical level by the licensing agency and a complete history of each subsequent renewal, reinstatement, and lapse in licensure. If an applicant is seeking licensure based on reciprocity under the provisions of paragraph (b)(2) of K.S.A. 65-6309 and amendments thereto, the applicant shall ensure that the documentation covering the five continuous years of licensure to practice social work at the clinical level that immediately precede the date of application is submitted to the board by the licensing agency for each state in which the applicant was licensed during that five-year period. If the applicant has not passed a national clinical examination approved by the board, the applicant shall ensure that documentation covering the 10 continuous years of licensure that immediately precede the date of application is submitted to the board by the licensing agency for each state in which the applicant was licensed during that 10-year period;

(C) a complete history of any disciplinary action of a serious nature brought by the licensing agency against the applicant. For purposes of this regulation, "disciplinary action of a serious nature" means the revocation or suspension of a license, registration, or certification issued by the licensing board or the voluntary surrender of a license, registration, or certification in lieu of the completion of an investigation or final disciplinary action; and

(D) either verification that the standards for licensure to practice social work at the clinical level in that state are substantially equivalent to the standards in Kansas or verification that the applicant has earned a master's or doctoral degree in social work from an accredited graduate social work program, the date on which the applicant earned the degree, and the name of the university or college granting the degree. The completed form shall be returned to the board by the licensing agency and shall not be forwarded to the applicant.

(3) If the applicant is seeking licensure based on reciprocity under the provisions of paragraph (b)(2) of K.S.A. 65-6309, and amendments thereto, rather than on the basis that the standards for licensure to practice social work at the clinical level are substantially equivalent to the standards for licensure as an LSCSW in Kansas, the applicant shall ensure that following additional documentation is submitted:

(A) An attestation by the applicant that the applicant engaged in the professional practice of social work at the clinical level an average of at least 15 hours per week for nine months during each of the five years immediately preceding the date of application for licensure based on reciprocity; and

(B) if the licensing agency does not provide verification that the applicant holds a master's or doctoral degree in social work from an accredited graduate social work program, an original transcript sent directly from the university or college granting the degree that identifies all applicable graduate coursework and the date on which the applicant was granted a master's or doctoral degree in social work.

(c) In addition to complying with the requirements of subsection (b), each applicant for licensure as an LSCSW shall demonstrate competence to diagnose and treat mental disorders by submitting the following forms of documentation:

(1) If the applicant has passed a national clinical examination approved by the board, verification from either the licensing agency or the testing service that the applicant passed a national clinical examination approved by the board, including the applicant's score on the exam and the passing score established for the exam; and

(2) one or both of the following types of documentation, which shall cover periods of time totaling at least three years:

(A) An attestation by a supervisor or other designated representative of the applicant's employer that the applicant has at least three years of clinical practice, including at least eight hours of client contact per week during nine months or more of each year, in a community mental health center or its affiliate, a state mental hospital, or another employment setting in which the applicant engaged in clinical practice that included diagnosis or treatment of mental disorders; or

(B) an attestation by the applicant that the applicant engaged in a minimum of three years of independent clinical practice that included diagnosis or treatment of mental disorders, as well as supporting documentation in the form of a published job description, a description of the applicant's practice in a public information brochure, a description of services in an informed consent document, or other similar published statements demonstrating that the applicant has engaged in independent clinical practice for a minimum of three years.

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