



Counselor, Social Worker & Marriage and Family Therapist Board

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Steps for Ohio Licensure for Out-of-State LSW & LISW

We welcome social workers who are licensed in other states to apply for licensure in Ohio. If you are currently licensed in another state, we will accept your ASWB exam and supervised experience under endorsement. We will need your ASWB exam score and supervision documents with your Ohio application. Our rules for endorsement of a social work license can be found in 4757-19-07 at <http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/4757-19>

Your first step is to submit the appropriate application and then the other steps can be completed in any order. Please contact the Board if you are not certain which license to apply for.

We usually advise out of state applicants to wait until you are in Ohio before completing the FBI/BCI check, although you can follow the directions here:

<http://cswmft.ohio.gov/BCIFBIBackgroundChecks/BCIFBIInstructions.aspx> if you want to get this done while you are out of state.

If you are applying for an LSW, full instructions can be found at <http://cswmft.ohio.gov/SocialWorkers/LicensedSocialWorker/LSWa.aspx>

Documents required for completing an LSW licensure file:

1. LSW application with an \$80 fee
2. ASWB Exam Score: Bachelors, Masters, Clinical, or Advanced Generalist exam results (*exam scores more than seven years old are not considered valid, unless you are actively licensed in another state*):
 - a) You may contact the ASWB directly at 888-579-3926 and ask them to send your exam results to the Ohio CSWMFT Board (there will be a fee)
3. Watch the Board's Laws & Rules video <http://cswmft.ohio.gov/Laws-Rules-Video>
4. Official Transcript mailed or emailed directly from your school to the Board
5. BCI & FBI background checks.

If you are applying for an LISW, full instructions can be found at

Documents required for completing your LISW licensure file:

1. LISW application with a \$100 fee.
2. ASWB Exam Score: Clinical, or Advanced Generalist exam results (*exam scores more than seven years old are not considered valid, unless you are actively licensed in another state*):
 - a) You may contact the ASWB directly at 888-579-3926 and ask them to send your exam results to the Ohio CSWMFT Board (there will be a fee)
3. Watch the Board's Laws & Rules video <http://cswmft.ohio.gov/Laws-Rules-Video>
4. Official Transcript mailed or emailed directly from your school.
5. BCI & FBI background checks.
6. Verification from Current and Previous Jurisdictions: An official statement from all jurisdictions where you are currently or have been previously licensed, certified, registered, or otherwise authorized to practice as a social worker indicating your license status and whether disciplinary action has been taken.