Board of Behavioral Sciences

LCSW Out-of-State/Out-of-Country Application Selector and Overview of Licensure Process

This is a summary. For a full description of licensure requirements, see *Statutes and Regulations*.

I have an out-of-state/out-of-country degree and need to obtain 3,000 hours of supervised work experience

Submit the **ASW Out-of-State/Out-of-Country Application**

Once you receive an ASW registration you may apply to take the CA Law and Ethics Exam, which you must take prior to renewing your ASW registration

After obtaining 3,000 hours of qualifying experience and completing Additional Coursework you may submit the *LCSW IN-STATE Application*

Click Here for LCSW Application

Once your LCSW application is approved and you have passed the Law and Ethics Exam you will receive notification of your eligibility to sit for the ASWB

I have an out-of-state/out-of-country degree and already have 3,000 hours of qualifying supervised work experience OR I am licensed as an LCSW at the highest level in the U.S.

Submit the *LCSW Out-of-State/Out-of-Country Application* (Path A or Path B)

Click Here for Path A Application

Click Here for Path B Application

Path A

Once approved you will be eligible to sit for the CA Law and Ethics Exam

Take and pass the CA Law and Ethics Exam

Path B

Once approved you will be eligible to sit for the CA Law and Ethics Exam

Take and pass the CA Law and Ethics Exam, then contact the Board

If you have not yet passed the ASWB* you will receive notification of your eligibility to sit for the ASWB*

After you pass the appropriate exams submit your *Request for Initial License Issuance* to receive your LCSW license

Click Here for Request for Initial License Issuance

***ASWB** = Association of Social Work Boards Clinical Exam

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