



FROM THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

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Licensure Information:

- As graduates (an individual no longer in a student/intern/practicum status) are preparing to enter the workforce, remember **a social work license is required before becoming employed, providing services, and accumulating post-graduate supervision hours.** Before engaging in any social work practice, you should hold a bachelor-level (SWA) or master-level (LGSW) license. If you have any question, please contact the Board's Health Licensing Specialist at 202-442-4782.
- **A filed application is not a license, and does not authorize the provision of services.**
 - Verify a license by visiting <https://doh.force.com/ver/s/>.
- Supervision of an unlicensed individual subjects a licensed LISW and/or LICSW to disciplinary action. Supervisors, remember that **supervisees must have the appropriate license prior to receiving supervision hours and providing services.** If you are providing supervision to another professional group such as Professional Counselor, please ensure that you have reviewed their regulations and they have the required license prior to providing supervision.
- On September 30, 2019, the Board issued a Policy Statement regarding Scope of Social Work Practice and Licensed Graduate Social Workers (LGWSs) in Private Practice. https://dchealth.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/doh/service_content/attachments/2019%20Practice%20Scope%20and%20LG%20in%20Private%20Practice%20Policy%20%28002%29.pdf
 - The Board defines private practice as one that operates from a business/organizational structure such as a solo practice/business, group practice (which maybe a LLC, PLLC, or a partnership); or a corporation.
- If your information (name, mailing address, email address, phone number, etc.) has changed since your last renewal, please send your new contact information to mavis.azariah@dc.gov. For name changes, please include copy of name change documents (marriage certificate, divorce decree, etc.).



Updated Continuing Education Information:

- An application for renewal of a license expiring on July 31, 2021, and all subsequent licensure terms, shall complete, forty (40) continuing education units (CEU)
- Six (6) CEU must be in ethics (must be done face to face course; online courses are not accepted).
- Only twelve (12) CEU out of the total 40 hours required can be obtained online.
- Two (2) hours of CEU of the 40 CEU are required in cultural competence and appropriate clinical treatment specifically for individuals who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender non-conforming, queer, or questioning their sexual orientation or gender identity and expression. Please note that these CEU are separate from the Health Priorities requirement.
- All licensed health care providers in the District of Columbia are now required to complete 10% or four (4) CEU of the required total of continuing education in the public health priorities of the District as determined by the Director and published every five (5) years or less frequently as deemed appropriate. Please follow the link and refer to the identified subjects areas for the public health considerations: <https://dchealth.dc.gov/page/policy-statement-identifying-public-health-issues-continuing-education>
- Proof of successful completion shall be submitted within thirty (30) days after it is requested by the Board.

Board Information:

- If you are interested in joining the Board, please contact the Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments: <https://motaboardstheresumator.com/apply/>.
- The public is invited to attend the Open Session of Board meetings, which are held the fourth Monday of every month (except August) at 10:00 a.m. at 899 North Capitol Street, NE, Second Floor, Washington, DC, 20002. View the web page at <https://doh.dc.gov/node/160252> for agendas and the meeting schedule.

Questions for the Board: Contact Mrs. Mavis Azariah-Armattoe, Health Licensing Specialist, at mavis.azariah@dc.gov