**02 DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

**416 BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKER LICENSURE**

**Chapter 12: LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT**

**Summary:** This chapter describes the pathway for Maine licensure for applicants with an active license in a U.S. jurisdiction that maintains licensing requirements that are substantially equivalent to Maine’s requirements for the licensed profession or occupation, so long as the applicant is in good standing in all jurisdictions in which the applicant holds or has held a license and no cause for denial exists under 10 M.R.S. §8003(5-A)(A) or under any other law.

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1. **LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT**

An individual applying for a license by endorsement must submit a complete application on a form provided by the board, submit any fee required by Chapter 10 of the Rules of the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation, and meet the following requirements:

1. **License from Another U.S. Jurisdiction**

An applicant must have an active social work license issued by another jurisdiction of the United States that maintains substantially equivalent license requirements for the type of license sought.

1. **Substantially Equivalent License Requirements**

“Substantially equivalent license requirements” means that the jurisdiction maintains a pathway for initial licensure that at a minimum requires the education, examination and clinical experience as set forth in Sections 2(A) and 2(B).

A. Licensed Master Social Worker

1. Documented proof of a master’s degree in social work or social welfare; and

ii. Proof of a passing score on ASWB Master’s examination.

B. Licensed Clinical Social Worker

i. Documented proof of a master’s degree in social work or social welfare;

ii. Proof of a passing score on ASWB Clinical Examination; and

iii. Completion of supervised clinical social work experience.

C. Conditional Clinical level licenses

i. An individual who satisfies the requirements of this Chapter for the Licensed Master Social Worker level license through endorsement may apply for and obtain a Licensed Master Social Worker—Conditional Clinical license without first applying for and obtaining the Licensed Master Social Worker license.

ii. An individual who obtains a Licensed Master Social Worker – Conditional Clinical license on the basis of endorsement pursuant to this subsection must comply with Chapter 13, Section 4(1)(C) of Board rules and provide documentation of intent to complete a clinical internship.

iii. An individual applying for licensure by endorsement on the basis of an active Licensed Master Social Worker-Conditional Clinical license or its equivalent issued by another state, who has completed all supervised clinical social work experience required by that state, may seek a Licensed Clinical Social Worker license by endorsement without first obtaining a Licensed Master Social Worker-Conditional Clinical license issued by the board.

3. **Proof of Good Standing in All Jurisdictions**

An applicant must be in good standing in all jurisdictions in which the applicant holds or has held a license. For purposes of this subsection “good standing” means that the applicant does not have a complaint, allegation or investigation pending, does not have a license that is suspended or subject to practice restrictions and has never surrendered a license or had a license revoked.

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