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REQUIREMENTS FOR INDEPENDENT LEVEL LICENSURE
Out of State Applicants

An Applicant for licensure as a Licensed Independent Social Worker (AP or CP) must have a Masters or a Doctorate degree from a social work program, accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). The applicant must also pass an examination approved by the Board. Currently the Board requires that an applicant for LISW take and pass the Clinical level or Advanced Generalist level of the examination that is administered by a testing service through the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB).

Please Remember: All candidates for licensure at the Independent level are required to:

1. Make application and pay \$45 non-refundable application fee.
2. Applicants that have a “Yes” answer to any question will be considered for licensure on a case-by-case basis after receipt of all required materials. For each case, the applicant should submit:
 - a. A personal written explanation for the “Yes” answer
 - b. A copy of the formal complaint pleading(s), if applicable
 - c. A copy of the final action, disposition or settlement, if applicable
 - d. Any further information requested by the Board office
 - e. You must agree to a Board appearance if requested
3. Must have official transcript reflecting degree in social work sent directly to the Board office.
4. Send the “Verification of Social Work License” form to each state if you are licensed, currently or were previously in another state.
5. Must have your test score sent to the Board office from ASWB, if you have already taken and passed the licensure examination. (1-800-225-6880 or www.aswb.org)

Following receipt of the above materials you will be approved by the Board to sit for the Clinical or Advanced level examination (if you have not previously taken the examination). When you have received your approval letter, you must contact the testing service Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) to register for the Clinical or Advanced level examination.