

NCSWCLB CERTIFICATION / LICENSURE RENEWAL INFORMATION

Continuing education for certification/license renewal is required to maintain professional knowledge and technical competency.

Please keep the Board advised at all times of a current email address for renewal reminder notification.

Renewal of certification/licensure requires 40 clock hours of continuing education (CE) within the two-year credential cycle. If the renewal term is less than 2 years, a minimum of 30 hours of CE is required. Up to half of the hours required may be accrued through distance learning (with ASWB or NASW approval), the remaining half of the hours must be obtained in person OR via live and interactive webinar. During each renewal period all NCSWCLB Certified and Licensed social workers shall engage in a minimum of four (4) hours of CE focused on Ethics. **Unused CE Hours may not be carried over from one renewal cycle to another.** Continuing education hours must be accumulated **within** the licensure cycle. Additional hours accrued between the time of submission until a renewal cycle ends cannot be applied to the following renewal. **PLEASE REVIEW THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS IN THE [NC ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, SECTION .0401](#).**

THE BOARD DOES NOT APPROVE TRAINING ACTIVITIES IN ADVANCE. All training activities must satisfy the Administrative Code guidelines for Continuing Education [[21 NCAC 63.0401](#)]. For information regarding applicable continuing education, please refer to the Continuing Education Guidelines in the [Administrative Code -21 NCAC 63 .0401](#). Please also review the Board's Position Statement on Continuing Education under the [Position Statements tab](#) at the top of the home page.

Renewal of certification/licensure may be completed online, through the [Online Renewal tab](#) on the [Board's website \(www.ncswboard.gov\)](#). Renewal of certification/licensure must be completed PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION DATE. ALL Certification/Licensure credentials are issued for a two-year period and expire two years following the issuance date.

LCSW : \$150 LCSWA: \$140 CSW: \$70.00 CMSW: \$90 CSWM: \$150

If submitting by mail, the Renewal Affidavit with CE log should be submitted with renewal payment at least 30 days prior to the expiration date of the license to allow sufficient time for processing. Mailed renewal payment may be made by personal check, money order or certified bank check payable to NCSWCLB and submitted to the Board office at PO Box 1043, Asheboro, NC 27204. (Payment may be made by credit card if submitting online) Renewal is NOT complete without the required renewal fee.

Renewal affidavits received by the Board after the expiration date of their certificate or license, but within 60 days after expiration will be assessed a \$50.00 late fee. **Persons failing to renew within 60 days after expiration will have their credential suspended for failure to renew** and will be assessed a reinstatement fee of \$155.00 in addition to any other applicable fees and required forms. **If you are retired or not practicing you may submit a request for non-practicing status. Please refer to [NCGS 90B-9 \(d\)](#).**

DO NOT send course descriptions, attendance certificates, or other documentation with your renewal forms. It is the social workers responsibility to maintain these in their records should the documents be requested for audit or verification. Please maintain documentation for a period no less than three years.

Please see below excerpt from the NC Administrative Code, section .0401. For the full version, please refer to [21 NCAC 63 .0401](#).

- (c) The following activities shall be approved for continuing education:
- (1) academic social work courses taken for credit or audit;
 - (2) agency-based staff development, seminars, institutes, workshops, mini-courses or conferences oriented to social work practice, values, skills, and knowledge;
 - (3) cross-disciplinary offerings from medicine, law, and the behavioral/social sciences or other disciplines, if such offerings are related to social work practice, values, skills, and knowledge;

(4) distance learning activities, including online courses and home study courses that have been preapproved by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) or the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) and its associated state chapters. **The maximum continuing education credit granted for distance learning activities is one-half of the required hours, up to a maximum of 20 contact hours per renewal period.** Synchronous audio-video broadcasts allowing for real time interaction between the instructor and participants shall not be considered distance learning activities but as a face-to-face offering; and

(5) a group of professionals within the health and human services or related fields organized to come together to study a particular topic focusing on social work practice, provided the following can be documented:

- (A) study topics;
- (B) study materials;
- (C) facilitator(s); and
- (D) date(s) and hours of attendance.

(d) Continuing education focusing on practitioner self-care and well-being shall not exceed six contact hours of credit during a single renewal cycle.

(e) Up to five contact hours of credit shall be granted per renewal cycle for presenting a training focused on social work practice provided that:

- (1) the Board receives confirmation from the organization for which the licensee presented that identifies the licensee as the presenter, confirms the title and date of the presentation, the length of the presentation, and number of attendees; and
- (2) the dates of the presentation occur within the renewal cycle.

(f) Credit shall not be granted for:

- (1) identical programs completed within the same renewal period;
- (2) job orientation or training directed at procedural mandates such as health and safety practices, new hire training, and compliance training; or
- (3) supervision and case consultation.



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PART I: RENEWAL AFFIDAVIT FOR ALL LEVELS

Please affirm by initialing each statement then sign and date below.

_____ I affirm/certify that I have engaged in at least 40 hours of continuing education activities in the preceding 24 months in compliance with the NCSWCLB renewal standard for continuing education. (30 hours if renewal term is less than 2 years).

_____ I affirm that I have engaged in at least 4 hours of continuing education focused on ethics related to social work practice and ethical decision making in the preceding certificate/license cycle.

_____ I affirm that my ability to perform my professional responsibilities is not impaired in any way or by the use of alcohol, prescription or non-prescription drugs, or other controlled substances.

_____ I affirm that I have not been convicted of a crime since my last renewal except as explained in the attached page (if necessary). (Please include a certified copy of any court records or statement of any current charges that may be pending against you before any court, Board, agency, or professional organization).

_____ I affirm that I have reviewed [North Carolina General Statute GS90B](#), the "Social Work Certification and Licensure Act"; **and** [Title 21, Chapter 63 of the North Carolina Administrative Code](#), including the Administrative Rules, Ethical Guidelines, and Disciplinary Procedures, and hereby agree to comply fully with them (available at www.ncswboard.gov).

_____ **I affirm that I have not violated any of the North Carolina Social Work Certification and Licensure Board Ethical Guidelines.**

_____ I understand that renewal of my certification/license is subject to a Continuing Education audit which will require me to verify the trainings I attended and submitted for renewal; and I hereby agree to comply fully with the Board's audit request.

_____ I affirm that all information submitted by me or at my request is accurate, and I give permission to the North Carolina Social Work Certification and Licensure Board to verify and /or further investigate any such information, as it may deem appropriate. I understand that any material omission or misrepresentation in my submission shall be grounds for the ***immediate action by the Board against my certification/licensure.***

Printed Name

Signature

Date

Home Address (Street, City, State, Zip)

Check here if new address

NC County of residence

Employer

Work Phone#

License #

Last four of SS #

Home Phone #

Preferred Email Address

Cell Phone #

(Please complete Part II & Public Notice Statement)

PUBLIC NOTICE STATEMENT

I certify that I have read and understand the “public notice statement” maintained by the N.C. Industrial Commission, Employee Classification Section on their website at www.ic.nc.gov.

Further, I certify that I have ____ / have not ____ (*check one*) been investigated for employee misclassification within the past twelve (12) months for initial applicants or since my last renewal.

Printed Name

Signature

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Applicants who have been investigated for employee misclassification shall attach a copy of the investigation results with their application. Failure to comply with this certification statement and disclosure requirement shall result in denial of your application for certification/licensure/renewal.