

1 **SOCIAL WORKER EXAMINATION AMENDMENTS**

2 2012 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: David Litvack**

5 Senate Sponsor: David P. Hinkins

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LONG TITLE

7 **General Description:**

8 This bill modifies the Social Worker Licensing Act by amending provisions for
9 licensing exams under certain circumstances.

10 **Highlighted Provisions:**

11 This bill:

12 ▶ requires the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing to provide by rule,
13 additional time to complete a social worker licensing exam for an applicant who is a
14 foreign born legal resident of the United States for whom English is a second
15 language or a member of a federally recognized Native American tribe; and

16 ▶ makes technical changes.

17 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

18 None

19 **Other Special Clauses:**

20 None

21 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

22 AMENDS:

23 **58-60-205**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 214

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

25 Section 1. Section **58-60-205** is amended to read:



28 **58-60-205. Qualifications for licensure or certification as a clinical social worker,**
29 **certified social worker, and social service worker.**

30 (1) An applicant for licensure as a clinical social worker shall:

31 (a) submit an application on a form provided by the division;

32 (b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504;

33 (c) be of good moral character;

34 (d) produce certified transcripts from an accredited institution of higher education

35 recognized by the division in collaboration with the board verifying satisfactory completion of

36 an education and earned degree as follows:

37 (i) an earned master's degree in social work resulting from completion of an education

38 program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education; or

39 (ii) an earned doctoral degree in social work that results from successful completion of

40 a clinical concentration and practicum approved by the division and defined by rule under

41 Section 58-1-203;

42 (e) have completed a minimum of 4,000 hours of clinical social work training as

43 defined by division rule under Section 58-1-203 in not less than two years and under the

44 supervision of a clinical social worker supervisor approved by the division in collaboration

45 with the board;

46 (f) document successful completion of not less than 1,000 hours of supervised training

47 in mental health therapy obtained after completion of the education requirement in Subsection

48 (1)(d), which training may be included as part of the 4,000 hours of training in Subsection

49 (1)(e), and of which documented evidence demonstrates not less than 100 of the hours were

50 obtained under the direct personal face to face supervision of a clinical social worker approved

51 by the division in collaboration with the board;

52 (g) have completed a case work, group work, or family treatment course sequence with

53 a clinical practicum in content as defined by rule under Section 58-1-203; and

54 (h) pass the examination requirement established by rule under Section 58-1-203.

55 (2) An applicant for licensure as a certified social worker shall:

56 (a) submit an application on a form provided by the division;

57 (b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504;

58 (c) be of good moral character;

59 (d) produce certified transcripts from an accredited institution of higher education
60 recognized by the division in collaboration with the Social Worker Licensing Board verifying
61 satisfactory completion of an education and an earned degree as follows:

62 (i) a social work education program accredited by the Council on Social Work
63 Education and an earned master's degree resulting from completion of that program; or

64 (ii) an education program that contains approved clinical social work concentration and
65 practicum in content as defined by rule under Section 58-1-203 and an earned doctorate
66 resulting from completion of that program; and

67 (e) pass the examination requirement established by rule under Section 58-1-203.

68 (3) (a) An applicant for certification as a certified social worker intern shall meet the
69 requirements of Subsections (2)(a), (b), (c), and (d).

70 (b) Certification under Subsection (3)(a) is limited to the time necessary to pass the
71 examination required under Subsection (2)(e) or six months, whichever occurs first.

72 (c) A certified social worker intern may provide mental health therapy under the
73 general supervision of a clinical social worker.

74 (4) An applicant for licensure as a social service worker shall:

75 (a) submit an application on a form provided by the division;

76 (b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504;

77 (c) be of good moral character;

78 (d) produce certified transcripts from an accredited institution of higher education
79 recognized by the division in collaboration with the Social Worker Licensing Board verifying
80 satisfactory completion of an earned degree resulting from education as follows:

81 (i) a bachelor's degree in a social work program accredited by the Council on Social
82 Work Education;

83 (ii) a master's degree in a field approved by the division in collaboration with the social
84 worker board;

85 (iii) a bachelor's degree in any field if the applicant:

86 (A) except as provided in Subsection 58-60-205.2(2), has completed at least three
87 semester hours, or the equivalent, in each of the following areas:

88 (I) social welfare policy;

89 (II) human growth and development; and

- 90 (III) social work practice methods, as defined by rule; and
- 91 (B) provides documentation that the applicant has completed at least 2,000 hours of
- 92 qualifying experience under the supervision of a mental health therapist, which experience is
- 93 approved by the division in collaboration with the Social Worker Licensing Board, and which
- 94 is performed after completion of the requirements to obtain the bachelor's degree required
- 95 under this Subsection (4); or
- 96 (iv) successful completion of the first academic year of a Council on Social Work
- 97 Education approved master's of social work curriculum and practicum; and
- 98 (e) pass the examination requirement established by rule under Section 58-1-203.
- 99 (5) The division shall ensure that the rules for an examination described under
- 100 Subsections (1)(h), (2)(e), and (4)(e) allow additional time to complete the examination if
- 101 requested by an applicant who is:
- 102 (a) a foreign born legal resident of the United States for whom English is a second
- 103 language; or
- 104 (b) an enrolled member of a federally recognized Native American tribe.

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