Renewal Season is Upon Us!

The Board office WOULD STRONGLY ENCOURAGE you to renew online by clicking the “Update/Renew Button” (https://www.ok.gov/medlic/social/index.php) on the website homepage. Failure to renew your license by December 31st 2014 will result in the lapse of your license and may impact your employability and/or ability to practice social work in the state of Oklahoma.

Renewal Reminders:

- Please note the three (3) hour ethics requirement does not have to be obtained as part of your Category I training (face to face). They can be obtained either in Category I, II or III. The only requirement for Category I training is that eight (8) of your sixteen (16) hours must be completed in this category.

- All new licensees (those who have a provisional license or exam ID number) who have taken and passed the licensing exam will be exempt from the continuing education requirement for the calendar year the exam was taken. Regardless of what month the exam was taken and passed, the licensee will still be required to renew the newly acquired license by December 31st, which will include paying the renewal fee.

- All transfer licensees approved prior to July 1st of the calendar year, as well as those who are renewing an existing license, are required to obtain sixteen (16) hours of continuing education in order to renew for the following calendar year. Eight (8) hours MUST be Category I (face to face); the other eight (8) may be Category I, II or III (Cat. II & III require the submission of a CE application), and three (3) of the sixteen (16) hours MUST include ethics training.

- All transfer licensees approved after July 1st (those who have transferred their license to Oklahoma from another jurisdiction) of the calendar year are required to obtain eight (8) hours of continuing education in order to renew for the following calendar year. All eight (8) hours MUST be Category I (face to face) and three (3) of those eight (8) hours MUST include ethics training. Any training received dating back to January 1 of the calendar year approved by ASWB or NASW can be used as part of this eight (8) hour requirement. Beginning the following calendar year, you will observe the instructions of the wallet card (required to acquire sixteen (16) hours of CE credit, eight (8) of which MUST be Category I, the other eight (8) may be Category I, II or III (Cat. II & III require the submission of a CE application), and three (3) of those sixteen (16) hours MUST include ethics training).
NEW RULES GO IN TO EFFECT NOV 1ST 2014

To view the changes, CLICK HERE

- Bachelors Level Graduates are now immediately eligible to make application for licensure.
- Beginning November 1st, 2014, any Masters Level Graduate must hold the LSWA or LMSW before they can begin supervision for advanced licensure, e.g., LCSW, LSW-ADM, or LSW.

NOTE:
ANY MSW STUDENT GRADUATING AFTER NOVEMBER 1ST, 2014, SHOULD BEGIN THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR LMSW AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AFTER RECEIVING AN OFFICIAL COPY OF YOUR TRANSCRIPT IF YOU INTEND TO SEEK ADVANCED LEVEL LICENSURE, E.G., LCSW, LSW-ADM, LSW.

Upcoming Supervisor Training

2014 Dates:
October 24th, 2014 - Tulsa
January 16th, 2015 - Oklahoma City

The Oklahoma City training will take place at the Oklahoma City Edu-care Building. The address is: 500 SE Grand Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73129. For those attending, please park on the EAST side of the building at the Cesar Chavez Building (School).

The Tulsa training will take place at the James O. Goodwin Center (Tulsa Health Department) in the Prothro Auditorium, Room 200. The address is: 5051 S 129th E Ave. Tulsa, OK 74134. Phone number to the training site is 918-582-9355.

Each session will be approved for 6 hours of continuing education for clinical, administration, and ethics.

If you are interested in attending any of these training sessions, please submit a Supervisor Training Registration form with the $100.00 applicable fee to:

Oklahoma State Board of Licensed Social Workers
4545 N. Lincoln Blvd. Suite 162
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Payment to attend trainings will be required in advance.
Late Renewals

FOR THOSE WHO MISS THE DECEMBER 31st DEADLINE,
YOU MAY STILL RENEW THROUGH MARCH 31ST, 2015.

Reminders about renewing during the grace period:
1. There is a late fee charge of $50.00 when renewing January 1st-March 31st.
2. All CE credits MUST have been obtained during calendar year 2014.
3. During the grace period you will NOT be licensed beginning January 1st, through the date you renew.
4. There is no renewal option after March 31st. If you do not renew by that date, your license will remain lapsed. You will need to submit a new application for approval by the Board, and you will be required to pass the appropriate licensure exam before another license can be issued.

FAQ’s

Q: If I have two specialties how many hours of CE do I need to renew the license?
A: You need 22 hours of CE credits with three hours of ethics.

Q: How soon must I turn in my Application for Licensure for it to be reviewed at the next Board meeting?
A: The Application must be received at least two weeks prior to the meeting date to be placed on the agenda.

Q: I have recently married/divorced. How do I change my name with the Board office?
A: Submit official documentation reflecting your legal name change (Marriage Certificate, Divorce Decree, Order for Name Change) and a copy of your driver’s license reflected the new name you wish to use.

Q: I need a verification of my license to send to another state.
A: Submit the verification form and $20 to our office for completion.

Q: Can someone under supervision for licensure work as a “contract” employee?
A: No. You must hold the LCSW or LSW-Adm license in order to be a contract employee. All persons under supervision must be employees of the agency.

Q: Does my 3 hour ethics requirement have to be met with face to face training?
A: NO

Q: While I am under supervision for licensing, what initials do I use with my name?
A: You may use "MSW", "MSW, under supervision", or "MSW, u/s". Do NOT use LCSW in your signature as the L indicates "licensed".

Q: If I am working as a volunteer may I count those hours towards my licensing requirement?
A: No. All of the 4,000 hours required to complete supervision for licensing must be as a paid employee of an agency or institution.

Q: What happens to my supervisees if my “agency” supervisory status lapses?
A: Your supervisees will have to terminate supervision with you until you meet the requirements to be a supervisor again.

Q: What happens to my supervisees if my “Board Approved Supervisor” status lapses?
A: Your supervisees will have to terminate supervision with you until you reapply for and are granted the Board Approved Supervisor status.
Upcoming House Interim Studies

Veteran Issues
Author: Hardin
Committee: HS
MTG Date: TBA

Erin’s Law
Author: Lee
Committee: HS
MTG Date: TBA

ODVA Senior/Vet Care
Author: Banz +
Committee: A&B
MTG Date: 10/21

Foster/Adoption Reform
Author: Coody +
Committee: HS
MTG Date: TBA

Healthcare/Uninsured
Author: Virgin
Committee: A&B
MTG Date: 10/21

Hospice
Author: Echols
Committee: LongtermCare
MTG Date: TBA

Juvenile Justice Reform
Author: Thomsen +
Committee: Pub Safety
MTG Date: TBA

TANF
Author: Virgin
Committee: Higher Ed
MTG Date: 10/22

Unemployment Reform
Author: Echols
Committee: Econ Dev
MTG Date: TBA

Job Opportunities

Faculty Position - Tenure Track
Assistant Professor
(Norman Campus)


Faculty Position - Tenure Track
Assistant Professor
(Tulsa Campus)


Child Abuse Network
Family Services Coordinator
Bachelor’s degree in social services or related field with 3 - 5 yrs. experience working with children and families.

Omega Plans LLC
Clinical Social Worker
(Can be Under Supervision)
Joint Commission Certified Agency and a Group Private Practice
(405) 228-0898

Choices for Life Therapist
Licensed or Under Supervision
Sapulpa and Checotah
http://cfl.publishpath.com/job-opportunity#Sapulpa

Oklahoma Families First, Inc.
Shawnee Outpatient Program
LCSW or Under Supervision
(405) 878-7400

Please click HERE to see a full listing of the various interim studies being conducted this summer and fall at the Oklahoma State legislature.
You can check for dates and times, as well as access audio for past meetings at: www.oklegislature.gov by clicking on the link 'Committees' and selecting either the House or Senate.

**The OSBLSW does not promote or keep updated job listings. All job openings are current as of the date of this publication**

Questions? Comments? Concerns?
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