

2. The application fee set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:44G-14.1;

3. An official transcript indicating that the applicant has received a master's degree in social work from an educational program accredited, or in candidacy for accreditation, by the Council on Social Work Education; or a doctorate in social work from an accredited institution of higher education; and

4. Proof of successful completion of the intermediate examination administered by the American Association of State Social Work Boards, unless the applicant is applying for licensure pursuant to the provisions of N.J.A.C. 13:44G-5.2.

Cross References

Exemption, see N.J.A.C. 13:44G-5.4.

13:44G-4.3 Eligibility requirements; certified social worker

(a) An applicant for certification as a social worker shall submit the following, on forms provided by the Board:

1. A completed application form, which requests information concerning the applicant's educational and experiential background;

2. The application fee set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:44G-14.1; and

3. An official transcript indicating that the applicant has received a baccalaureate degree in social work from an educational program accredited, or in candidacy for accreditation, by the Council on Social Work Education, unless the applicant is applying for certification pursuant to the provisions of N.J.A.C. 13:44G-5.3.

13:44G-4.4 Refusal to issue, suspension or revocation of license or certification

The Board may refuse to issue or renew or may suspend or revoke any license or certification issued by the Board, after an opportunity for a hearing pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq., for any of the reasons set forth in N.J.S.A. 45:1-21.

SUBCHAPTER 5. LICENSURE WITHOUT EXAMINATION; CERTIFICATION WITHOUT PROOF OF EDUCATIONAL CRITERIA; ENDORSEMENT

13:44G-5.1 Licensure without examination; clinical social worker

(a) Until December 1, 1994, an individual who has not completed the board-approved examination may qualify for

licensure as a clinical social worker upon submission of the following, on forms provided by the Board:

1. A completed application form, which requests information concerning the applicant's educational and experiential background;

2. The application fee set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:44G-14.1;

3. An affidavit indicating that the applicant has acquired at least three years of full time clinical social work experience during any consecutive five-year period during the period May 6, 1986 through May 5, 1994;

4. A supervisor's certification or, if the supervisor is unavailable, the applicant's affidavit in lieu of supervisor's certification indicating that the applicant has acquired at least two years of supervised full time clinical social work experience, defined as 1,920 hours of direct face-to-face client contact over any consecutive three-year period; and

5. An official transcript indicating that the applicant completed the educational requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:44G-4.1.

(b) For purposes of this section, "three years of full-time clinical social work experience" means 2,880 hours of direct client contact; the providing of clinical supervision; or the teaching of clinical social work courses subsequent to earning a master's degree in social work. The applicant shall have provided the clinical supervision pursuant to the standards set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:44G-8.1.

Amended by R.1994 d.320, effective June 20, 1994.
See: 26 N.J.R. 1604(b), 26 N.J.R. 2590(b).

13:44G-5.2 Licensure without examination; licensed social worker

(a) Until December 1, 1994, an individual who has not completed the Board-approved examination may qualify for licensure as a social worker upon submission to the Board of the following, on forms provided by the Board:

1. A completed application form, which requests information concerning the applicant's educational and experiential background;

2. The application fee set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:44G-14.1;

3. An affidavit indicating that the applicant has acquired three years of full time social work experience during any consecutive five-year period during the period May 6, 1986 through May 5, 1994; and

4. An official transcript indicating that the applicant completed the educational requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:44G-4.2.

(b) For purposes of this section, "three years of full time social work experience" means 4,800 hours of social work

practice or the teaching of social work courses subsequent to earning a master's degree in social work.

Amended by R.1994 d.320, effective June 20, 1994.
See: 26 N.J.R. 1604(b), 26 N.J.R. 2590(b).

13:44G-5.3 Certification without baccalaureate degree in social work

(a) Until December 1, 1994, an individual who has not received a baccalaureate degree in social work may qualify for certification as a social worker upon submission to the Board of the following, on forms provided by the Board:

1. A completed application form, which requests information concerning the applicant's educational and experiential background;
2. The application fee set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:44G-14.1; and
3. An affidavit indicating that the applicant has acquired two years of full-time social work experience during any consecutive five year period during the period May 6, 1986 through May 5, 1994.

(b) For purposes of this section, "two years of full time social work experience" means 3,200 hours of social work practice.

Amended by R.1994 d.320, effective June 20, 1994.
See: 26 N.J.R. 1604(b), 26 N.J.R. 2590(b).

13:44G-5.4 Endorsement

(a) An applicant who is licensed or registered under the laws of a state, territory or jurisdiction of the United States and who otherwise meets the requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:44G-4.1 and 4.2 may be exempted from the examination requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:44G-4.1 and 4.2 provided that:

1. The educational and experiential requirements of the state, territory or jurisdiction are substantially the same as the requirements of the Social Workers' Licensing Act of 1991; and
2. The applicant has taken an examination similar to the Board-approved examination.

(b) An applicant for licensure pursuant to this section shall submit the following to the Board:

1. A completed application form, which requests information concerning the applicant's educational and experiential background;
2. The application fee set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:44G-14.1;
3. The documentation required pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:44G-4.1 or 4.2 relative to educational and experiential requirements for the type of licensure sought; and
4. Examination results.

SUBCHAPTER 6. (RESERVED)

SUBCHAPTER 7. LICENSE AND CERTIFICATION RENEWALS

13:44G-7.1 Biennial license and certification renewal

(a) Prior to the expiration of the current biennial period, the licensee or certificate holder shall complete and sign the biennial renewal notice form provided by the Board and shall return the form to the Board together with the biennial renewal fee.

(b) If the licensee fails to renew his or her license or certification on or before the date specified in the biennial renewal notice, the license or certification shall automatically expire and the individual shall immediately cease practice.

13:44G-7.2 Reinstatement

(a) If a license or certificate expires due to nonpayment of the biennial renewal fee, it may be reinstated within five years upon application to the Board, payment of the biennial license or certification fee and the reinstatement fee as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:44G-14, and demonstration that any other requirements for license renewal have been met.

(b) The Board will not renew a license or certificate if the renewal application is submitted to the Board more than five years after the date of license or certificate expiration. In such event, the individual shall be required to apply for an initial license and to take the Board-approved examination or to apply for initial certification.

SUBCHAPTER 8. CLINICAL SUPERVISION

13:44G-8.1 Clinical supervision

(a) An applicant for licensure as a clinical social worker shall be required to document at least two years of full time, supervised clinical social work experience, as defined in N.J.A.C. 13:44G-4.1, in accordance with the following clinical supervision standards:

1. Clinical supervision shall consist of contact between a social worker and a supervisor during which at least the following occurs:
 - i. The social worker appraises the supervisor of the diagnosis and treatment of each client;
 - ii. The social worker's cases are discussed;
 - iii. The supervisor provides the social worker with oversight and guidance in diagnosing and treating clients;