

**Chapter 18. Board of Social Work Examiners.**

(Words in **boldface and underlined** indicate language being added; words [CAPITALIZED AND BRACKETED] indicate language being deleted. Complete new sections are not in boldface or underlined.)

12 AAC 18 is amended by adding a new section to read:

**12 AAC 18.108. Temporary military courtesy licenses.** (a) The board shall issue a temporary military courtesy license to an active duty military member or spouse of an active duty military member of the armed forces of the United States to practice as a baccalaureate social worker, master social worker, or clinical social worker who meets the requirements of AS 08.01.063 and this section within 30 days after the board receives a completed application.

(b) An applicant for a temporary military courtesy license under this section must

- (1) submit a completed application on a form provided by the department;
- (2) pay the temporary license application and license fees set out under

12 AAC 02.105.

(3) submit a copy of the applicant's military identification or military dependent identification and a copy of current active duty military orders showing assignment to a duty station in this state;

(4) submit documentation showing the applicant is currently licensed in another licensing jurisdiction and the applicant's license in the other jurisdiction is not suspended, revoked, or otherwise restricted except for failure to apply for renewal or failure to obtain the required continuing education requirements; and

(5) not have been convicted of a felony or another crime that affects the applicant's ability to practice social work competently and safely.

(c) A temporary military courtesy license to active duty military personnel or spouse of

military personnel under this section will be issued for a period of 180 days and may be renewed for one additional period specified by the board, not to exceed 180 days.

(d) While practicing under a temporary military courtesy license issued under this section, the holder of the temporary military courtesy license must comply with the standards of practice set out in AS 08.95 and this chapter.

(e) The board may refuse to issue a temporary military courtesy license for the same reasons that it may deny, suspend, or revoke a license under AS 08.01.075 and AS 08.95.050.

(Eff. \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_, Register \_\_\_\_\_)

<b>Authority:</b>	AS 08.01.062	AS 08.01.075	AS 08.95.050
	AS 08.01.063	AS 08.95.030	AS 08.95.110

12 AAC 18.115 is amended to read:

**12 AAC 18.115. Supervision of experience for clinical social work license.** (a) To meet the requirements of AS 08.95.110(a)(2), an applicant for a clinical social work license must document at least 100 hours of direct clinical supervision equitably distributed throughout the supervised period. No more than 50 hours required by this subsection may be in group supervision. For good cause shown, the board **may** [WILL, IN ITS DISCRETION,] grant a written request from an applicant for an exception to the limitation on the number of group supervision hours.

(b) The board **may** [WILL, IN ITS DISCRETION,] approve the supervision of experience of an applicant for a clinical social work license to satisfy the requirements of AS 08.95.110(a)(2) if the clinical supervisor

(1) documents the applicant's supervised experience on a form provided by the

department; and

(2) is a clinical social worker, psychologist, or psychiatrist who holds an unrestricted license to practice that profession in this state or other licensing jurisdiction during the period of supervision.

(c) To be accepted by the board,

(1) direct clinical supervision must be provided in face-to-face meetings between the supervisor and the applicant unless the board, for good cause shown, has granted an exception allowing for an alternate form of supervision;

(2) if direct clinical supervision is not provided to the applicant within the applicant's agency of employment, the applicant must provide the board with a written release from the administrator of the applicant's agency for the applicant to be supervised outside the applicant's agency setting; and

(3) the clinical supervisor must be responsible for direct clinical supervision of the applicant within the following content areas:

- (A) clinical skills;
- (B) practice management skills;
- (C) skills required for continuing competence;
- (D) development of professional identity;
- (E) ethical practice;
- (F) legal and regulatory requirements.

(d) **Repealed** \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ [TO RECEIVE THE EXCEPTION IN (c)(1) OF THIS SECTION, AN APPLICANT WHO PRACTICES IN A REMOTE LOCATION MUST, BEFORE THE SUPERVISION BEGINS, SUBMIT A WRITTEN REQUEST TO THE BOARD

TO ALLOW SUPERVISION BY TELEPHONIC OR ELECTRONIC MEANS. THE BOARD WILL APPROVE A REQUEST FOR TELEPHONIC OR ELECTRONIC SUPERVISION OF AN APPLICANT WHO PRACTICES IN A REMOTE LOCATION IF THE BOARD DETERMINES THAT

(1) APPROVED CLINICAL SUPERVISORS ARE NOT PRACTICING AT, OR WITHIN A REASONABLE DISTANCE OF, THAT LOCATION; OR

(2) THE APPROVED CLINICAL SUPERVISORS PRACTICING AT THAT LOCATION CANNOT PROVIDE APPROPRIATE SUPERVISION BECAUSE OF THE SUPERVISOR'S RELATIONSHIP TO THE APPLICANT, A POSSIBLE CONFLICT OF INTEREST, OR OTHER GOOD CAUSE SHOWN].

(e) For good cause shown to the board's satisfaction, the board will accept an alternate plan of supervision that varies from the requirement of this section, if the applicant

(1) submits the alternate plan in writing to the board; and

(2) receives approval of the alternate plan by the board before the applicant begins the alternate supervised experience.

**(f) In this section, 'face-to-face meetings' are meetings in which a supervisor and an applicant can speak and hear simultaneously. Face-to-face meetings may occur in-person or via any electronic means of communication that allows the supervisor and applicant to speak and hear simultaneously.** (Eff. 10/14/99, Register 152; am 10/31/2008, Register 188; am

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**Authority:** AS 08.95.030 AS 08.95.110