



Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing

Board of Social Work Examiners

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Social Worker License Renewal

July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2026

- Your license lapses after June 30, 2024. There is no grace period. It is illegal to work after your license has lapsed.
- Emailed applications will not be accepted. Plan on a 4–6-week processing time for correct and complete renewal applications.
- Make checks and money orders payable to the State of Alaska or use the attached credit card payment form.
- Once the renewal is processed, your license certificate will be available for printing via the MY LICENSE self-service portal.

PART I Pay	ment of Fees	
Renewal Fees:	Biennial License Renewal (For licenses first issued on or before June 30, 2023)	\$225.00
(Baccalaureate)	Prorated License Renewal (For licenses first issued on or after July 1, 2023)	\$112.50
Renewal Fees:	Biennial License Renewal (For licenses first issued on or before June 30, 2023)	\$275.00
(Masters)	Prorated License Renewal (For licenses first issued on or after July 1, 2023)	\$137.50
Renewal Fees:	Biennial License Renewal (For licenses first issued on or before June 30, 2023)	\$325.00
(Clinical)	 Prorated License Renewal (For licenses first issued on or after July 1, 2023) 	\$162.50

PART II Personal Information

Full Legal Name: Name change:			License Number:				
lf you hav	ve had a legal name change since your last licen	se was issued, yo	u must complete a <u>Ch</u>	ange of Name form.			
Mailing Address: Address change:	P.O. Box or Street	City		State Zip			
Contact Phone:			Date of Birth:				
and Professional Licensing,	oosing to receive correspondence on any matter affec I agree to maintain an accurate email address throug good standing may result in an inability to receive cru	n the MY LICENSE w	veb page. I understand th	at failure to check my email account or			
Email Address:	<u> </u>		Select One:	end my Correspondence Electronically end my Correspondence by Mail			
Note: If both boxes are selected above, you will receive correspondence electronically.							
United States Social Security	MBER : AS 08.01.100 requires you to provide your youmber. It is considered confidential information losed: it may be used to verify inter-state licensure.						

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PART III Professional Fitness Questions

The following questions must be answered. "Yes" answers may not automatically result in license denial.

For each "yes" response to any question, you must provide an <u>explanation</u> and <u>documentation</u>. Use the letter of explanation form (#08-4752) appended to this application; include full details, dates, locations, type of action, organizations or parties involved, and specific circumstances. A separate letter of explanation form must be provided for each "yes" answer documented below. Documentation includes copies of court orders, charging documents, board, or license actions, etc.

The contents of licensing files are generally considered public records. If you believe that the additional information you are attaching to explain a "yes" answer should be considered confidential, state that in the attachment. A request for confidentiality may or may not be granted.

When in doubt, disclose and explain.

Since the date your last Alaska license was issued or renewed:

1.	Have you had a professional license denied, revoked, suspended, or otherwise restricted, conditioned, or limited or have you surrendered a professional license, been fined, placed on probation, reprimanded, disciplined, or entered into a settlement with a licensing authority in connection with a professional license you have held in any jurisdiction including Alaska and including that of any military authorities or is any such action pending?	☐ Yes ☐ No
2.	Have you been convicted of a crime or are you currently charged with committing a crime? For purposes of this question, 'crime' includes a misdemeanor, felony, or a military offense, including, but not limited to, driving under the influence (DUI) or driving while intoxicated (DWI), driving without a license, reckless driving, or driving with a suspended or revoked license. 'Convicted' includes having been found guilty by verdict of a judge or jury, having entered a plea of guilty, nolo contendere or no contest, or having been given probation, a suspended imposition of sentence, or a fine.	□ Yes □ No
3.	Have you been the subject of an investigation by any licensing jurisdiction or are you currently under investigation by any licensing jurisdiction or is any such action pending?	Yes No
4.	Are you currently suffering from any condition, mental or physical, that impairs your judgement or that would otherwise adversely affect your ability to practice social work in a competent, ethical and professional manner?	Yes No
5.	Do you use drugs or alcohol in any manner that impairs your ability to practice social work competently and safely?	Yes No

If you answered "yes" to questions 4 or 5, in addition to your personal statement, you must submit a statement from your health care provider indicating your ability to safely practice. Applications submitted without the appropriate attachments will be considered incomplete and will not be processed.

PART IV Statement of Compliance

All licensees are required to check one of the four boxes in this section and complete the attached continuing education documentation. Read carefully and check the box that fits your situation. By checking the appropriate box below, you are certifying your compliance with the continuing education requirements in Article 2 of 12 AAC 18.

Select ONE (1) of the following:

Renewal – Licenses issued on or before March 31, 2022

I certify that I have successfully completed the required 45 contact hours which includes six hours in substance abuse education, six hours in cross-cultural education – at least three hours of which relate to Alaska Natives, three hours in professional ethics, three hours in teletherapy practice, and three hours in suicide education during the concluding licensing period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024, and prior to submitting this renewal application. If audited, I agree to provide documentation that verifies I meet this training as claimed.

- or -

First Time Renewal – Licenses first issued between April 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023

I certify that I have successfully completed the required 45 contact hours which includes six hours in substance abuse education, six hours in cross-cultural education relating to Alaska Natives, three hours in professional ethics, three hours in teletherapy practice, and three contact hours in suicide education during the concluding licensing period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024, and prior to submitting this renewal application. If audited, I agree to provide documentation that verifies I meet this training as claimed.

- or -

First Time Renewal – Licenses first issued between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024

I certify that I have successfully completed the required 21 contact hours which includes six hours in substance abuse education, six hours in cross-cultural education relating to Alaska Natives, three hours in professional ethics, three hours in teletherapy practice, and three contact hours in suicide education during the concluding licensing period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024, and prior to submitting this renewal application. If audited, I agree to provide documentation that verifies I meet this training as claimed.

- or -

Continuing Education completed during July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2024 and/or after July 1, 2024

I certify that during the concluding licensing period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024, OR on or after July 1, 2024, but prior to submitting this renewal application, I have successfully completed all of the required hours of continuing education as appropriate, per 12 AAC 18.210. I understand that any hours claimed to meet this requirement may not be used for any future renewal period.

Continuing Education

Your license cannot be renewed unless you have met the continuing education requirements in Article 2 of 12 AAC 18. You may not claim hours for education not yet successfully completed as of the date of submitting this application. Per 12 AAC 02.960(j), "successful completion" means the date that credit for the continuing competency activity is awarded by the instructor, sponsor, or other verifier for completion of the activity.

Random Audit

A percentage of renewal applications will be randomly selected for audit. If selected, you must submit copies of certificates or other acceptable proof that you satisfied the continuing education requirements as you have stated on this application. You are required to save your documents for at least three years so you can respond to audits. Licensees unable to comply with the audit are subject to disciplinary license action.





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Applicant Name:

PART V Agreement

I hereby certify that I am the person herein named and subscribing to this application and that I have read the complete application, and I know the full content thereof. I declare that all of the information contained herein, and evidence or other documents submitted herewith are true and correct.

I understand that any falsification or misrepresentation of any item or response in this application, or any attachment hereto, or falsification or misrepresentation of documents to support this application, is sufficient grounds for denying, revoking, or otherwise disciplining a license, certificate, or permit to practice in the state of Alaska.

I further understand that it is a Class A misdemeanor under Alaska Statute 11.56.210 to falsify an application and commit the crime of unsworn falsification.

Applicant Signature:

Date Signed:

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General Information

APPLICATION PROCESSING:

The average time to process a paper application varies by program but can take several weeks from the date it is received in this office complete with all correct forms, supporting documents and appropriate fees paid. When the application is complete and correct, and all supporting documents have been received and all fees have been paid, the license will be issued. Start the process far enough in advance to allow for processing time. Applications are reviewed in order of receipt in our office, and walk-in customers should not expect immediate review.

LICENSE TERM:

There is no "inactive" status. If you choose not to renew your license, it will lapse. Licenses are issued for a two-year period and expire on June 30 of even-numbered years, regardless of the date of issuance, except licenses issued within 90 days of the expiration date, which are issued to the next biennial expiration date. One renewal notice will be sent via email or mail at least 30 days before license expiration to the last known email or mailing address of record. If your program offers temporary licenses, they are issued for either 30 consecutive days or until the end of the calendar year, whichever period is shorter.

PROFESSIONAL FITNESS QUESTIONS:

A "yes" response in the application does not mean your application will be denied. If you have responded "yes" to any professional fitness questions in the application, be sure to submit a signed and dated explanation, and the official court documents with final disposition.

RANDOM AUDIT:

If your program requires continuing education, the Division will audit a percentage of the license renewals. If your license is randomly selected for audit, a letter will be sent with instructions to submit documentation as proof you satisfied the continuing competency requirements as stated on this renewal form. Licensees are randomly selected by computer and may be randomly selected as often as the computer program chooses. You must save your documents for at least three years so you can respond to audits.

ADDRESS OR NAME CHANGE:

In accordance with 12 AAC 02.900, it is the applicant's/licensee's responsibility to notify the Division, in writing, of changes of address or name. Name and address change notification forms are available on the Division's website. The address of record with the division will be used to send renewals and all other official notifications and correspondence. The name appearing on the license must be your current legal name.

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS:

AS 08.01.060 and 08.01.100 require that a U.S. Social Security Number be on file with the division before a professional license is issued or renewed for an individual. If you do not have a U.S. Social Security Number, please complete the Request for Exemption from Social Security Number Requirement form (#08-4372) located at *ProfessionalLicense.Alaska.Gov* or contact the division for a copy of the form. This form is required with every application if you do not have a U.S. Social Security Number.

PUBLIC INFORMATION:

Please be aware that all information on the application form will be available to the public, unless required to be kept confidential by state or federal law. Information about current licensees, including mailing addresses, is available on the division's website at *ProfessionalLicense.Alaska.Gov* under License Search.

ABANDONED APPLICATIONS:

Under 12 AAC 02.910, an application is considered abandoned when 12 months have elapsed since correspondence was last received from or on behalf of the applicant. An abandoned application is denied without prejudice. At the time of abandonment, the division will send notification to the last known address of the applicant, who has 30 days to submit a written request for a refund of biennial license and other fees paid. The application fee will not be refunded. If no request for refund is received within that timeframe, no refund will be issued, and all fees will be forfeited.

PAYMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT:

If the Alaska Child Support Enforcement Division has determined that you are in arrears on child support, you may be issued a nonrenewable temporary license valid for 150 days. Contact Child Support Services at (907) 269-6900 to resolve payment issues.

STATUTES AND REGULATIONS:

The complete set of statutes and regulations for this program are available by written request or online at the division's website: *ProfessionalLicense.Alaska.Gov*

If you would like to receive notice of all proposed regulation changes for your program, please send a request in writing with your name, preferred contact method (mail or email), and the specific program you want to be updated on to the address below.

Regulations Specialist Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing EMAIL: RegulationsAndPublicComment@Alaska.Gov

General Information

ARTICLE 2.

LICENSE RENEWAL AND CONTINUING EDUCATION.

Section

- **200.** License renewal requirements
- **210.** Continuing education requirement
- **220.** Approved continuing education activities
- **230.** Audit of continuing education requirements

12 AAC 18.200. LICENSE RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS. An applicant for renewal of a license under this chapter shall

- (1) complete a sworn renewal application on a form provided by the department;
- (2) pay the license renewal fee established in 12 AAC 02.155; and
- (3) submit a sworn statement of the continuing education contact hours completed during the concluding licensing period, which must include the following information, if applicable, for each course, seminar, or workshop:
 - (A) the name of the sponsoring organization;
 - (B) the location of the course, seminar, or workshop;
 - (C) the title or a brief description of the course, seminar, or workshop;
 - (D) the principal instructor;
 - (E) the dates of attendance;
 - (F) the titles, issues, and dates of publications or presentations; and
 - (G) the number of continuing education contact hours claimed.

12 AAC 18.210. CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT. (a) An applicant for renewal of a social worker license who has been licensed for less than 12 months of the concluding license period shall document completion of 21 contact hours of continuing education activities acceptable to the board that were earned during the concluding license period and include a minimum of

- (1) six contact hours in substance abuse education;
- (2) six contact hours in cross-cultural education relating to Alaska Natives;
- (3) three contact hours in professional ethics;
- (4) three contact hours in teletherapy practice; and
- (5) three contact hours in suicide education.

(b) For an applicant's first biennial renewal of a social worker license, if the applicant has been licensed for at least 12 months of the concluding license period, the applicant shall document completion of 45 contact hours of continuing education activities acceptable to the board that were earned during the concluding license period and include a minimum of

- (1) six contact hours in substance abuse education;
- (2) six contact hours in cross-cultural education relating to Alaska Natives;
- (3) three contact hours in professional ethics;
- (4) three contact hours in teletherapy practice; and
- (5) three contact hours in suicide education.

(c) After an applicant's first biennial renewal of a social worker license, an applicant for renewal of a social worker license shall document completion of 45 contact hours of continuing education activities acceptable to the board that were earned during the concluding license period and include a minimum of

- (1) six contact hours in substance abuse education;
- (2) six contact hours in cross-cultural education, of which three hours include issues relating to Alaska Natives;
- (3) three contact hours in professional ethics;
- (4) three contact hours in teletherapy practice; and
- (5) three contact hours in suicide education.

(d) Only hours of actual attendance during which instruction was given will be accepted as continuing education contact hours earned from an academic course that is audited by the licensee, and the total number of contact hours earned may not exceed the academic credit hours offered for that course.

(e) Not more than 12 contact hours of continuing education activities required under this section may be completed in one day. (f) An applicant for renewal under this section may receive up to three hours of professional ethics continuing education credit under (a)(3), (b)(3), or (c)(3) of this section once every biennial licensing period for each 150 minutes of attendance at a regularly scheduled board meeting.

(g) For purposes of this section,

- (1) one "contact hour" equals a minimum of 50 minutes of classroom instruction between instructor and participant;
- (2) one academic semester credit equals 15 contact hours;
- (3) one academic quarter credit equals 10 contact hours;

(4) "relating to Alaska Natives" means a structured educational experience such as a course, lecture, workshop, or other organized training that focuses on the indigenous peoples of Alaska as it applies to social work practices; and
(5) "teletherapy practice" means the use of audio, video, or data communications to perform functions or practices within the training required for licensure under AS 08.95 and this chapter and while physically separated from a client.

12 AAC 18.220. APPROVED CONTINUING EDUCATION ACTIVITIES.

- (a) To be accepted by the board, continuing education must contribute directly to the professional competency of a social worker and must be directly related to the skills and knowledge required to implement social work principles and methods as defined in AS 08.95.990.
- (b) The following continuing education activities are acceptable if they are related to social work in accordance with (a) of this section:
 - (1) postgraduate courses in social work given by an academic institution, either audited or for credit;
 - (2) courses offered by or certified by the Association of Social Work Boards;
 - (3) courses offered by or certified by the National Association of Social Workers or any state chapter of the National Association of Social Workers;
 - (4) courses offered by a program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education;
 - (5) seminars, workshops, or mini-courses offered by professional organizations;
 - (6) cross-disciplinary courses, seminars, or workshops in the fields of medicine, law, behavioral sciences, or other disciplines;
 - (7) other courses not covered under (1) (6) of this subsection that are specifically preapproved by the board, up to a maximum of 15 contact hours;
 - (8) first-time preparation and presentation of a social work course, seminar, or workshop, up to a maximum of 10 contact hours allocated among all social workers and other professionals involved; and
 - (9) first-time presentation or publication of an article or book chapter related to the practice of social work that was presented at a state or national association meeting or published by a publisher recognized by the profession, up to a maximum of 10 contact hours allocated among all social workers and other professionals involved.
- (c) Hours spent in job orientation may not be accepted as continuing education contact hours.

12 AAC 18.230. AUDIT OF CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS.

- (a) After each renewal period the board will, in its discretion, audit renewal applications to monitor compliance with the continuing education requirements of this chapter.
- (b) A licensee selected for audit shall, within 30 days from the date of notification, submit documentation to verify completion of the contact hours claimed under 12 AAC 18.210.
- (c) An applicant for renewal is responsible for maintaining adequate and detailed records of all continuing education hours claimed and shall make them available to the board upon request under this section. Records must be retained for three years after the date the continuing education hours were earned.

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Continuing Education Documentation

Note: 12 AAC 18.210. CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT. (c)Applicants for renewal of a social worker license shall document completion of 45 contact hours of continuing education activities acceptable to the board that were earned during the concluding license period and include a minimum of

(1) six contact hours in substance abuse education;

(2) six contact hours in cross-cultural education relating to Alaska Natives; After your first biennial renewal of a social work license, six contact hours in cross-cultural education, of which three hours include issues relating to Alaska Natives.

(3) three contact hours in professional ethics;

(4) three contact hours in teletherapy practice; and

(5) three contact hours in suicide education.

List only courses that you have taken and completed. Do not list courses you anticipate taking.

• No more than 12 contact hours may be obtained in one day – see 12 AAC 18.210(e).

In the table below, the categories for hours are broken down as follows: G - General continuing education hours; SA - Substance Abuse hours; CC - Cross-Cultural hours; AK - Alaska Native Specific hours; PE – Professional Ethics hours; T – Teletherapy hours; SE – Suicide Education Hours.

Applicant Name:										
Dates of Attendance	Course/Seminar or Workshop Title/Brief Description	Principal Instructor	Sponsoring Organization	G	SA	сс	АК	PE	т	SE

Dates of Attendance	Course/Seminar or Workshop Title/Brief Description	Principal Instructor	Sponsoring Organization	G	SA	сс	AK	PE	т	SE
	1	1	Subtotal Hours for Each Category:							
		I	otal Hours of Continuing Education:		1	I	I	I	I	

Signature		
Applicant Printed Name:		
Applicant Signature:	Date Signed:	

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Letter of Explanation for a Professional Fitness "Yes" Answer

Use this form only to explain and document any professional fitness "yes" answers. A "yes" answer is not necessarily disqualifying but concealing one may be.

Each "yes" answer requires a separate explanation and associated documentation. Submit all relevant documentation with this form, even if you have previously provided it.

- **Explanations** include full details, dates, locations, type of action, organizations or parties involved, and specific circumstances. If the space provided is insufficient, make additional copies as needed.
- Documentation includes copies of court orders, charging documents, board or license actions, decisions against your
 professional certification, satisfaction of consent agreements (fines paid, community service completed, off probation, etc.),
 and fitness to practice letters (statement from your provider that you are safe to practice if you check "yes" to any of the
 questions regarding mental or physical health, or drug or alcohol abuse or addiction).
- **Disciplinary actions** may include, but not be limited to, suspension, surrender, revocation, probation, academic probation, reprimand, censure, restricted license, limited license, conditioned license, or letters of counseling, concern, advice, warning, caution, admonishment, or reprimand.

If you have multiple "yes" answers or multiple incidents for any professional fitness question, you must use a separate copy of this form and provide a full explanation and documentation for each incident.

The contents of licensing files are public records. If you believe that the additional information you are attaching to explain a "yes" answer should be considered confidential, state that in the attachment. A request for confidentiality may or may not be granted according to state law.

	Write	e the professional fitness o	questio	n number you are answ	vering "y	es" to in th	e box.
Location of Inci	dent:				Date of	f Incident:	
Explanation of When in doub and explain. Make copies as	t, disclose						
Did you attach	all applicable d	locuments associated with	n this in	cident?			
Court Ord	ers 🗌	Consent Agreements		Disciplinary Actions		Charging D	ocuments
Court Rec	ords	Fitness to Practice		All Other Documentat	ion Relat	ed to This I	ncident
		ts for this "yes" answer, or orm for each incident.	"yes" a	nswers to other Profess	sional Fit	ness questi	ons and have attached
Full Name:					Progra	m:	

Signature:

Date Signed:



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Credit Card Payment Form

All major credit cards are accepted. For security purposes, <u>do not email</u> credit card information. Include this credit card payment form with your application.

Name of Applicant or Licensee:

Profession Type (e.g., Acupuncture):

License Number (*if applicable*):

I wish to make payment by credit card for the following (check all that apply):

Application Fee:

License or Renewal Fee:

Other (fine, exam, etc.):

1.

2.

TOTAL:

Name (as shown on credit card):

Mailing Address:

Phone Number:

Email (optional):

Signature of Credit Card Holder:

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Rev 12/06/2022 Credit Card Payment Form (all major cards accepted)

CREDIT CARD INFO: Your payment cannot be processed unless all fields are completed!						
1. Credit Card Number:	All 3 fields MUST be completed!					
2. Expiration Date:	This section will be					
3. Security Code:	destroyed after the payment is processed.					

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