

LBSW and Licensing Reciprocity Available in Indiana as of July 1, 2017

As of July 1, 2017 the application and instructions for the LBSW and for reciprocity for the LBSW, LSW, and LCSW are available on the Behavioral Health and Human Service Licensing Board website. Below is a brief overview of both, complete information and the application can be found online at: <http://www.in.gov/pla/3030.htm>. Questions please contact the Licensing Board at (317) 234-2054 or by email at pla8@pla.IN.gov.

Licensed Bachelor Social Worker – LBSW

Applicants can apply for a BSW license by:

1. Applying for approval to take the ASWB Bachelor's level examination, and successfully pass the exam.
2. Applying based upon having a license in another state and having taken and passed an examination.
3. Obtain your license under the grandparent clause which makes you exempt from the exam. You can qualify for the exemption if you:
 - a. Received a BSW from a CSWE accredited program
 - b. Can pass the criminal history/background check
 - c. Have at least 2 years documented experience in behavioral health and human services
 - d. Pay the \$50 fee

***an individual with an MSW is NOT eligible to apply for a LBSW

The application for reciprocity covers all 3 levels of licensing and requires that the applicant has:

1. A valid license or certificate to practice social work from another state or jurisdiction
2. Passed an exam that substantially equivalent to the level of licensure you are requesting
 - a. LBSW – ASWB Bachelors Level examination
 - b. LSW – ASWB Masters Level examination
 - c. LCSW – ASWB Clinical Level examination
3. Does not have a pending disciplinary proceeding in another state
4. Pays a fee of \$50

Before 7/1/2019 BSW can Earn LSW – as long as you meet the following criteria

1. BSW from a CSWE accredited program
2. Have completed 2 years of experience in practice of social work under the supervision of an LSW, LCSW or equivalent supervisor after earning your BSW.
3. Pass the criminal history/background check and other requirements.
4. Pass the ASWB LSW level exam.