

Question	Answer
Are there fees for alumni to have access to this information from USC?	No, Dworak-Peck Connect and the information is free for alumni and students.
Hello I graduated in 2013 with my MSW and my number expired before I finished my hours(I had mulitple deaths and took some time for self care). I am now trying to get information as I understand it is a requirement for me to pass the Law & Ethics test. Where may I find testing materials to help me ? Thanks	You can check online on www.bbs.ca.gov for more information regarding the Law and ethics exam. Go to exams, LCSW and then the law and ethics exam. You can check online for materials that may assist you.
I live in Colotrado Springs, Co I applied for my license with the BBS for my associates on 13-13-21. I sent in my fingerprint card and proof of completion of California ethics in January. I will be graduating on May 13 and my institution said that it will post my transcripts on May 17th 2022. I need to know how long it will take to get my license if transcripts are sent to BBS on or about May	That would depend on how you are sending the transcripts. We get electronic transcripts daily. However, due to the volume, it may take up to 3 months for the apps to be processed.
When will the waiver for in-person supervision allowing supervision by video-conference for ASWs and MFTIs become permanent?	The Board is pursuing this, however this may take time before it becomes permanent. Please follow the Board/Committee meetings (available virtually) for updates to this legislation.
Is documentation time for assessments allowable under the category of clinical hours for ASWs?	I is up to a qualified supervisor to determine your scope of practice. The Board will only define psychotherapy. Business and Professions Code, Section 4996.9
For the 90-day rule is it necessary to submit the actual "Request for Live Scan Service" form with the ASW application or will the the livescan results suffice, as long as the employer's information is notated on it?	The live scan you complete with your employer will be submitted when you are applying for the clinical exam, so get a copy and keep it safe. You still need to submit a live scan with your associate application, but that is a separate form for BBS.
I also need to know how soon can I start working in the clinical field, do I need my license to begin working now? If not is there any other way for me to begin working until I get a license?	You can work within the 90 day rule. You will not be able to work in a private practice or a professional corporation until your ASW number has been issued.
Is there a way to download the chat? :) Don't see that option in chat	You can download the chat by clicking the three dots next to the chat emojis and you will have the option to save the chat
Will this presentation also cover reciprocity for those in other states?	I don't believe we are covering that at this time.

are the powerpoint notes available for printing?	They were sent out last night. Here is the link: https://wa.clinicalsocialworksociety.org/resources/Continuing%20Education/2021-2022/BBS/LCSW%20LICENSING%20PATHWAY%20SAS%20EDITS%20040422.pdf
Once we have completed the clinical hours is group B, should we stop counting those in our weekly log?	You can. We will only credit you for 1,000 hours for group B as you can only claim a maximum of 1,000 hours in section B.
can you provide the bbs Liaison for the group?	The BBS Liaison is a benefit of membership of the California Society for Clinical Social Work (CSCSW). Once you're a member, you can contact our administrator to access the Liaison. Student membership is \$30 a year, and the dues are pro-rated right now, because our membership year begins July 1. If you join right now, the dues will be less than \$15 till the end of of the year. After you graduate, you can renew for \$30.
regarding the 90-day rule, if the Live Scan was done in 2018 and no document is available, is there any other document that is acceptable? HR has offered to write a letter confirming they completed a Live Scan, since they do not have a copy. The Live Scan was done in-office and I did not complete the Live Scan form, similar to the one we have to submit for the ASW application.	The law is very specific on this item. You must provide the completed live scan form.
That's fascinating about the rates of LMFTs to LCSWs, etc. What year was that California data from?	This year.
Does the BBS/DCA plan to continue extending the waiver for in-person supervision (permitting supervision by video-conference) until the waiver becomes permanent? The current waiver expires June 30.	At this time, please do not count on the waiver being extended. BBS does not have the authority to issue/extend waivers. I always suggest people to assume it will NOT be extended. However, if it is, we will announce it as soon as we are made aware.
USC students were encouraged to complete the live scan this month, prior to submitting our ASW application once we receive our transcripts etc. Just want to double check on that?	Please see the livescan instructions for info no how early it may be completed.
Can out of state applicants register?	Out of state students can register as an ASW.
Is there a presentation coming up that will perhaps cover licensing in CA with a degree from out of state?	I believe we touch on that. Main thing, if you have an out of state degree there will be additional courses you must complete. Those courses are listed on our website and the application.
Wait, so there are two separate exams to take? I was under the impression there was only one	Yes. There is the law and ethics exam and then the ASWB clinical exam.

What were the two reading recommendations mentioned two slides ago?	Handbook for future LCSWS: https://www.bbs.ca.gov/pdf/publications/lcsw_handbook.pdf ASW Registration Application: https://www.bbs.ca.gov/pdf/forms/lcs/aswapp.pdf
Can you apply for a BBS number before you graduate, or what's the timeline for applying?	Please note that your ASW number will not be issued until your degree notates the conferral date for receiving your MSW.
USC students were encouraged to complete the live scan this month, prior to submitting our ASW application once we receive our transcripts etc. Just want to double check on that?	Please see the livescan instructions for info on how early it can be completed.
Are we allowed to get a job at a private practice or corporation while our ASW is pending?(After sumbitting application)	You cannot work in a private practice or a professional corporation within the 90 day rule.
So USC graduates do have to take that 6 hour suicide prevention course work?	Yes they do. All other coursework is covered by your MSW program.
Will you please review the need for Livescan? I am unclear whether or not it is required. What if we are seeking clinical employment but do not have an	A livescan is required for your application. In referring to the 90 day rule, a livescan is required for your agency. These are 2 separate livescans. We will touch on this a bit later.
Did Steve say we only need to fulfill course requirements upon LCSW application, *not* ASW alone?	Hi Lena, The only coursework that must be completed with your ASW is the law and ethics coursework if you graduated with your MSW from an out of state school. All other coursework is required when you submit your applicaiton for licensure and examination.
Asking for a friend who needs to fulfill the human sexuality hours. Does undergrad human sexuality course satisfy this requirement?	Undergrad coursework cannot be used to fulfill the course requirements.
Does CSCSW provide some of those courses/rainings for licensure?	We have offered Suicide Assessment and Prevention, which was recorded and is available on our website: www.clinicalsocialworksociety.org
What's the difference between the two exams? Will that be covered later?	CA Law & Ethics is required each year for an associate until you pass. The clinical is required to become fully licensed.
Would Relias Learning Management count for the Suicide Training course	Yes. Provided the suicide course you choose through Relias is approved by one of the approval agencies BBS accepts.
Can I start the ASW application process now and send my official transcripts once I graduate in May 2022?	Please do not submit your application until your official transcripts are available.
I am a LCSW supervising a MFT intern. Are the educational requirements the same?	Please see the Supervisor Resources page of our website https://bbs.ca.gov/licensees/supervisor.html

Perfect. Thank you. FYI, I am not Dr. Novick, I am a staff instructor	
What is the 90-day rule?	Please see the following link, https://www.bbs.ca.gov/pdf/90day_rule.pdf
how do we access the 6 hour suicide prevention course work? (website?)	Please see the following link for more information. https://bbs.ca.gov/pdf/suicide_prevention.pdf You can also take the course through an approved CEU provider. Please go to the following link and go to where to find CE courses. https://bbs.ca.gov/licensees/cont_ed.html
Can we work remotely or out of state during the 3 year period of accumulating hours and still receive licensing in California? How does this work?	Your supervisor must approve your work location. And your hours/supervision must meet CA regulations.
I am honorably discharged veteran however, I have been to prison several times for drug crimes and criminal threats. I am a substance abuse counselor now and have been out of prison for 11 years and off parole for 10 years. Will my past cause problems with getting	Enforcement will have to review your application.
Can we submit transcript when grades are submitted or until the degree gets conferred?	Please wait until your degree date is conferred.
Am I understanding this correctly: As long as a criminal conviction is older than 7 years then you cannot legally deny the person?	Enforcement will have to analyze the info. Depends on the crime/background issue.
if the conviction is longer than 7 years (and was expunged/dismissed), should we still complete the background information form?	It's better to provide if possible, however not required. Enforcement will still need to provide the licensing unit with approval.
Asking again because think my question got lost about 10 mins ago: That's fascinating about the rates of LMFTs vs. LCSWs, etc. in California. I'm curious what year that data was from?	The data is this year.
I am not sure if I am misunderstanding this, but as USC grad, would I still need to complete 6 hour suicide prevention course work before applying for ASW?	It depends. You would need to have your academic record reviewed by the MSW chair to see if your coursework included it. You can email MSW chair june.wiley@usc.edu to request a review.

<p>How do we know which Suicide Prevention course is acceptable or approved by BBS?</p>	<p>The course must be taken by an approved approval agency. Please see the folloiwng link where you may find CE courses. https://bbs.ca.gov/licensees/cont_ed.html Also see the following link: https://bbs.ca.gov/pdf/suicide_prevention.pdf</p>
<p>Not sure if my question has been seen, can we complete the livescan now?</p>	<p>please see the instructions on the livescan form for details on how long its valid for.</p>
<p>Does the \$150 need to be a check? Or is there a place on the application to put card info?</p>	<p>Cannot be a credit card.</p>
<p>For the 90 day rule, what kinds of agencies are considered professional cooperations?</p>	<p>You will have to check with the Human Resources department to see if the agency is a professional corporation.</p>
<p>What do you mean by Private Practice?</p>	<p>Please see Business and Professions Code, Section 4996.14.2 for a breakdown of non-exempt settings. Here is a link to the Statutes and Regulations. https://bbs.ca.gov/pdf/publications/lawsregs.pdf</p>
<p>Can we find work if our ASW is pending? (I understand we will not accrue the hours)</p>	<p>Please see the following link regarding the 90 day rule. https://www.bbs.ca.gov/pdf/90day_rule.pdf</p>
<p>If you started working there prior to graduation and were livescanned before graduation, would you need to be livescanned again after graduation?</p>	<p>not for your employer, but you will need a livescan completed for your associate registration application.</p>
<p>If we meet the requirements for the expedited request, will we be required to provide documentation for proof of service like a DD-214?</p>	<p>Yes. If you do not submit the DD-214 your expedited request will be denied. It is a requirement you submit that with the request.</p>
<p>Does the livescan need to be dated within those 90days or can it be one that youve had previously?</p>	<p>no it doesn't need to be re-done if you already did one with your agency.</p>
<p>What's the reason why the 90 day rule doesn't apply to a private practice? So, at a private practice you can't start accruing hours until you get your actual BBS number?</p>	<p>That is correct.</p>
<p>I will possibly be hired immediately post grad at my internship. Would I be able to start accruing hours at my cite once i graduation if i comeplete the application steps (90 day steps) prior to graduation?</p>	<p>You will need to have the requirements completed and be sure to submit the live scan form with your application for licensure and examination in order for us to count hours. https://www.bbs.ca.gov/pdf/90day_rule.pdf</p>

So essentially 90 days after graduation we cannot start work at a private practice or corporation in a clinical capacity and start accruing hours?	Yes. You cannot work in those settings until your ASW number has been issued.
If my internship has my fingerprints on file a year ago, can I use those same fingerprints at that agency?	If you are working at the same agency, yes.
are there fees to renew the ASW number every year?	Yes. Currently the fee is \$150
Regarding the 90 day rule- what constitutes a "professional corporation"?	Please see § 4980.06. NONEXEMPT SETTINGS in our Statutes and Regulation book https://bbs.ca.gov/pdf/publications/lawsregs.pdf
I am about to graduate with my MSW in May, how soon can I submit my application for the ASW? Or must I wait until I graduate?	Your ASW applicaiton will not be approved until your conferral date is posted on your transcript.
What an example of a place where the 90-day rule would apply for hours to count?	Please see the 90-day rule faq https://bbs.ca.gov/pdf/90day_rule.pdf
is it sufficient for the employer to complete the form for the 90-day rule, without having to redo the live scan?	You will have to complete a different livescan form for BBS. Please see the 90-day rule FAQ https://bbs.ca.gov/pdf/90day_rule.pdf
I cannot find the link to the livescan info on how early we can start that?	Here is the FAQ for fingerprints... https://bbs.ca.gov/pdf/publications/fingerprint_faq.pdf there are links available in that FAQ
Can you gain hours by being supervised by an LMFT?	Yes, maximum is 1,300. Please see the breakdown in the ASW FAQ's https://bbs.ca.gov/pdf/publications/asw_faq.pdf
If I had a livescan done at my current field like, a year ago when I first started at the agency, do I need to do another livescan to submit for my ASW registration?	You should not have to as long as you still have the documentation to provide to us when you submit your applicaiton for licensure and examination.
does the original fingerprint from registration app need to be included in the licensure application?	No....
If a supervisor is only doing group supervision for others, but will be doing triadic with you, are they only able to still count 6 supervises?	live answered
Can someone give real life examples of the types of Supervised work experience that is acceptable?	It is up to the scope of a qualified supervisor to determine the ASW's scope of practice. The Board will only define psychotherapy. Please see Business and Professions Code, Section 4996.9

<p>I graduated from the USC MSW program under the SCI department, do I still meet the qualifications to successfully obtain licensure? Also, I work for a city and most recently will be developing trainings and facilitating groups under our homeless and behavioral science department. My direct supervisor is a licensed MFT can those hours count for licensure?</p>	<p>If you graduated with your MSW you can apply for your ASW number. It is up to the qualified supervisor to determine your scope of practice. The Board will only define psychotherapy. Business and Professions Code Section 4996.9</p>
<p>What is considered acceptable experience for licensure?</p>	<p>Please review the ASW FAQ for guidance https://bbs.ca.gov/pdf/publications/asw_faq.pdf</p>
<p>Regarding the 90 day rule - can I submit my ASW application with livescan that I paid for in case I do not work for any agency within that time yet?</p>	<p>You will have to submit a completed livescan form with your application. Which is different than the livescan form from an employer.</p>
<p>From how long ago can the suicide prevention training be to still count towards the application?</p>	<p>As long as you have the proof of completing it, we don't have a timeframe..... We just need to proof it was done. https://bbs.ca.gov/pdf/suicide_prevention.pdf</p>
<p>if we are pursuing our LCSW, can we receive supervision from an LCSW? or does it have to match our credential?</p>	<p>Yes, please see the ASW FAQ for a breakdown on supervision hours. https://bbs.ca.gov/pdf/publications/asw_faq.pdf</p>
<p>When does the degree get conferred? Graduation day or can it happen earlier?</p>	<p>Please check with your school.</p>
<p>Will you please cover supervision requirements for research hours?</p>	<p>In order to claim any hours claimed in a given week you must receive a minimum of one hour of individual/triadic supervision or two hours of group supervision.</p>
<p>Okay, can i start the application process prior to graduation in this case, if i have all of the requirements?</p>	<p>The application will not be approved until your official transcripts show the conferral date.</p>
<p>supervisor practicing for at least 2 of the past 5 years - what if supervisor is faculty and only sees like 2 private practice clients?</p>	<p>live answered</p>
<p>Where do we get those forms?</p>	<p>All forms can be found on our website (www.bbs.ca.gov) under applicant, LCSW, then go to forms/pubs and then forms. All forms are there. There is very helpful publications under the publications tab as well that you may find useful.</p>
<p>Do internship hours supervised by an LCSW gained during the MSW process count towards the hours required for licensure? Also, how would we accrue the 104 weeks/3000 hours require before licensure if we can only accrue hours after applying for the ASW?</p>	<p>You cannot count any hours gained prior to graduating with your MSW. You will acquire the hours once the ASW number is issued. You must have the ASW number to accrue the hours towards licensure.</p>

<p>if the conviction is longer than 7 years (and was expunged/dismisssed), should we still complete the background information form?</p> <p>is it sufficient for the employer to complete the form for the 90-day rule, without having to redo the live scan?</p> <p>sorry for the duplicate, i think my questions got lost</p>	<p>live answered</p>
<p>When will the new evaluation at the end of supervision be made available? Also is there a requirement to do this at midpoint?</p>	<p>BBS does not pre-evaluate hours or applications. Once you have gained all hours and you're ready to apply for the clinical exam, you will send your app and documents at that time.</p>
<p>I dont see the option to save the Q&A chat?</p>	<p>Will be emailed with recording link</p>
<p>I am currently obtaining clinical supervision from two separate clinical supervisors (my agency provides 1 unit of supervision and I pay for an additional unit with another supervisor). I am tracking those hours separately and will submit two different Experience Verification forms for the same time period. Is there anything else the BBS requires in the event that an individual is receiving supervision from 2 clinical supervisors?</p>	<p>You will just need to submit all the required documentation for both supervisors. Many ASW's obtain hours under multiple supervisors.</p>
<p>I am confused. I can't work at a social work job (I will need to be unemployed) within 90 days, even if I understand that I will not be accruing hours toward licensure until my ASW goes through?</p>	<p>You can work within the 90 day rule as long as it is not a private practice or a professional corporation.</p>
<p>does it have to be a wet signature weekly or can it be electronically signed?</p>	<p>We are accepting electronic signatures and wet signatures.</p>
<p>As of Jan 2022, i thought it was a requirement to now hand in the weekly logs at time of application?</p>	<p>It is a requirement that you have them signed. We ask that you hold onto them in case that we may request them. It is not a requirement that you submit them to us with your applicaiton for licensure and examination.</p>
<p>What if my previous supervisor would sign on a random paper, but not the weekly logs, at times. If asked by the BBS, is there a way to explain that we did have supervision, but they did not sign the log, they signed</p>	<p>We need the required forms completed.</p>

But CAN i apply before my graduation date or no? FOR the ASW registration	Your app will be deficient and it will delay the process.
Do all hours need to be completed by one supervisor? What happens if there is a change in agency, can the hours continue with another supervisor? Or do all the hours start over due to the change in supervisor?	You can have multiple supervisors while gaining hours.
For utilizing workshops, trainings, or conferences, do I need to get CE credits for them to count? How to I document this as an ASW	live answered
Is there a way to download the Q&A ?	Will be emailed with recording link
OK got it! I will wait until post graduation then. Thanks!	
Are the hours the same for LMFT? 1700 hours need to be Supervised by LMFT?	See the LMFT handbook: page 8 has the breakdown https://www.bbs.ca.gov/pdf/publications/mft_faq.pdf
What if we were to move while gaining hours? For example, moving from New York to California. Should we then want to apply for ASW when we move to California, or still within 90 days upon graduation?	If you still need to gain hours when you move you can submit an application for an ASW number.
The event description mentioned having information about both CSW and MFT licensing - I see a lot of similarities, but will MFT-specific requirements be	I believe we are focusing on ASW, however many of the same regulations apply. You may want to review the FAQ for AMFT/Trainees for guidance. https://bbs.ca.gov/pdf/publications/mft_faq.pdf
If we see 15 clients in individual therapy (15 hours) we will need to receive 2 hours of supervision per week?	If you provide more than 10 hours of face-to-face psychotherapy you are required to have an additional hour of individual/triadic supervisor or two hours of group supervision in order to count more than 10 hours of face-to-face psychotherapy.
Where can we learn more about telehealth supervision and hours specific to CA?	Our website is the best source of information https://bbs.ca.gov/
What's the difference between video supervision and telehealth?	video supervision is meeting with your supervisor, telehealth is meeting with your client.
does it matter if a supervisor is only seeing clients part time, as long as they've seen some clients for at least 2 of the past 5 years? Or does teaching MSW classes count as practicing social work?	live answered
How much is the ACSW Law and Ethics exam? And when do we take it?	\$150 - you must attempt it EACH year to be eligible to renew your registration UNTIL you pass. Once you pass the exam, you don't need to take it each year.

<p>If one of our courses fullfills the suicide risk assessment and intervention, what do we need to show proof since it won't be a certification.</p>	<p>Please see the following link: https://bbs.ca.gov/pdf/suicide_prevention.pdf</p>
<p>Do we need to physically be in CA when doing our hours? If I'm working in another state, can I just have a CA licensed supervisor to work on my hours to get a CA</p>	<p>That depends on your work setting. If you work in a non-exempt setting effective July 1, 2022 in person supervision is reuquired for non-exempt settings.</p>
<p>Can we get this PowerPoint? Some pages seem to be missing from the pdf that was provided in the email.</p>	<p>We will send over next week with the updated pdf next week!</p>
<p>How can we print this chat for review later? Previous instructions were unclear.</p>	<p>Will be emailed next week with recording.</p>
<p>Can you talk a little bit about the experience of transferring hours across states?</p>	<p>Please email the lcsw unit so I can provide you more infomration if you are interested is submitting hours from out of state. bbs.lcsw@dca.ca.gov</p>
<p>Clarifying evaluation form: Is there an evaluation form that the supervisor needs to fill out evaluating the supervisee once the supervision relationship has closed?</p>	<p>Yes when supervision ends you will want the supervisor to document the hours gained on the in-state experience verifcaiton form. You can find the forms on the website (www.bbs.ca.gov) applicants, lcsw, then forms/publications then forms.</p>
<p>What is the rule when you will be receiving supervision from 2 different supervisors from within the same organization/employer? Does each require a different supervisory agreements and experience verification</p>	<p>Yes you will want to submit seperate documenation for each supervisor.</p>
<p>Is there reciprocity for California Licensure?</p>	<p>If you are licensed in another state, you can apply for an out of state license. Please see our website for the application and its requirements.</p>
<p>I'm a little confused about the weekly logs. I started with a new LCSW supervisor February 2022, I will be able to complete my hours by May 2022. When I send in my packet, do I have to include the weekly logs for this</p>	<p>You hold your weekly logs in case we request them. We will ask for them if we have any questions on your experience verification forms.</p>
<p>I'm confused. If I hypothetically fail the LCSW I can retake it every 90 days until I pass it or I can only take 1 time a year if I fail it?</p>	<p>You can retake the exam every 90 days from the last time you failed the exam.</p>
<p>If you started getting supervision in another state, then moved to California can your previous hours count? If the previous supervised hours filled out the proper CA</p>	<p>You can submit hours from out of state to add with your California hours.</p>

<p>If a supervisor is licensed clinical psychologist in good standing with the APA can they supervise the compelte 3000 hours? I am confused... I thought I heard yes--- then 1700 must be from an LSCW? Thank you</p>	<p>No you must obtain 1,700 hours under a LCSW. You must obtain 1,700 hours under the supervision of a LCSW.</p>
<p>Thanks</p>	
<p>Can you take the Law and Ethics exam before registering as an ASW?</p>	<p>No.</p>
<p>Do we submit a w-2 for each year we worked and earned hours? Or just the most current year?</p>	<p>You must submit W-2's for every year you are submitting hours. If submitting hours from the current year where a W-2 has not been issued please include a copy of a current pay stub.</p>
<p>How do hours count after receiving a subsequent registration? Since hours are valid for 6 years, is it 6 years from the time you obtained those hours or at the start of your initial registration?</p>	<p>We will only accept the hours gained within the last 6 years from when you submit your application for licensure and examination. For example if you submit your application for licensure and examination on June 1, 2022 we would only count hours gained on June 1, 2016 up to the current date.</p>
<p>Not sure if this question was answered, but for the LCSW additional coursework, I was informed that we do not need to take them (I am a USC alumni) except for the suicide risk and assessment. Is that still in effect?</p>	<p>Yes you only need to submit the suicide risk.</p>
<p>Hi! Just to clarify - an active duty spouse can only use the form to expetide the process if you are already licensed in another state, correct? It does not apply for the ACSW application</p>	<p>Yes licensed or registered in another state.</p>
<p>I'm confused about the fees.... I saw a \$200 to apply for licensure, then another \$260 for taking the test, then another \$200 to get the licenses after passing the test. Is this correct?</p>	<p>Yes. Each app has different fees.</p>
<p>For utilizing workshops, trainings, or conferences, do I need to get CE credits for them to count? How to I document this as an ASW?</p>	<p>live answered</p>
<p>Is there a requirement for hours of clinical work with children vs adults?</p>	<p>No there is not.</p>
<p>For the Supervisor Agreement, do I have to complete it if I have been in supervision prior to January 2022?</p>	<p>If you started supervision with your supervisor prior to January 1, 2022 the supervision agreement is not required but the supervisory plan and responsibility statement along with the experience verification form</p>

What happens if you don't pass the LCSW exam within a year? Steve said something about it potentially jeopardizing your ASW status/licensure potential...	If you don't pass the exam on the first try, your 12 months starts again. Basically you must attempt the exam at LEAST once every 12 months.
Mr Sodergren refers to Sasha who deals with Understanding the Categories of Acceptable Experience. Can you please provide Sasha's contact information at	bbs.lcsw@dca.ca.gov
Okay. to clarify, if I fail the Law and Ethics exam, I can retake this one every 90 days or only once a year if I fail	live answered
For the 90 day rule, can I complete my own live scan since I have been employed with my company for over 6 years, or do I need to complete it through an employer?	No you cannot.
Can we take the Law and Ethics exam within the 90 days?	If you fail the L&E exam, you CAN apply to attempt it again after 90 days if you choose to, but you MUST at least attempt it at least once every 12 months before you can renew your registration. UNTIL you pass the exam. Once you pass the exam you no longer need to take the exam for renewal.
If we are pursuing a license in 2 states, can the same hours count for both states, so long as we have the proper supervision for both states?	Between both states we will not count more than 40 hours in a given week and it depends
Are electronic signatures okay on weekly logs, etc.?	Yes.
How often is the licensing exam offered by	Pretty sure it's ongoing... several dates and sites are available.
What is the best number to call the BBS to ask questions?	our main number is 916*574*7830 and follow the prompts. During this time, it may be better to email but you can leave vm's. Questions about hours can be directed to bbs.lcsw@dca.ca.gov Questions about registering can be directed to bbs.asw@dca.ca.gov
I have a bachelors in social work, a master's in human resource management, and is currently getting my doctorate of social work from USC. Am I available to	Regulations require an MSW for LCSW. You can email bbs.asw@dca.ca.gov for guidance on the education requirements.
I have a full-time job where I'll be earning my hours toward licensure with supervision. If I want to see clients outside of work to make extra money, but I'm not counting those hours toward an LCSW, what are the supervision requirements? Is it the same- 1 hour per	
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the nonclinical hours required- are those case management or can it be research/Project management	
What types of convictions will impede someone getting their ASW number? Felonies? Misdemeanors?	Please review https://bbs.ca.gov/pdf/ab2138_faqs.pdf
Is a for profit behavioral health hospital an exempt agency?	The following settings are considered exempt settings: governmental entity, a school, a college, a university, or an institution that is both nonprofit and charitable
Is there a time frame on getting hours after graduation? Can I apply for ASW two years post graduation MSW?	You can apply for your ASW whenever you choose to. The hours we will evaluate can not be older than 6yrs those when you are applying for the clinical exam. There have been many people who wait 2 or 3 years after graduation to apply for their ASW number.
No, I mean let's say you try the LCSW exam 4x (every 90 days within a year) and you fail all 4 times within that year. Are you at risk of not being able to get LCSW?	As long as you test within a year from the last time you failed the exam you will remain in the exam cycle and keep testing. If you fall out of the exam cycle and do not test within a year then yes you risk losing hours.
Hello are you able to count hours at a hospital setting as a clinical social worker?	It is up to a qualified supervisor to determine your scope of practice as an ASW. The Board only defines psychotherapy. Business and Professions Code, Section 4996.9
If I was a non-exempt (hourly) full-time clinical case manager at a DMH-contracted community mental health agency that also employed exempt employees (my supervisors), is that the same as a "non-exempt setting"?	If you were not working at DMH directly and was contracted through the community mental health agency then it is considered a non-exempt setting.
Can we take hours gained in one state and if we move to California apply them toward California licensure?	Yes you can.
Does private practice mean that we cannot work for a company that is private or we cannot be self employed?	live answered
Do we need to provide our W2's for each job we got hours from? Or just our most recent job? I've heard that getting "buffer hours" before applying, is that something you advise? And if so, how many buffer hours should we get? Also, does CE4Less trainings count for the additional education?	Yes... W2 are required. Yes, CE4Less is an accepted CE provider. As far as buffer hours, you just want to ensure you meet the minimum required number of hours.

<p>as a supervisor can i supervise in both exempt and non exempt settings. and what is the maximun number of supervisees overall that I can supervise. for example can i supervise 3 individual in my private practice but also do 2 groups of 8 for a non exempt setting?</p>	<p>For exempt settings there is not a limit to the amount of people you can supervise. In a non-exempt setting you cannot supervise no more than 6 supervisees. You will have to ensure that you are provding adequate supervision to all that you are supervising.</p>
<p>Out of State applicant. Am I able to apply without waiting two years. Maryland requires 3000 hrs. I work federally and supervision hrs were provided by CA clinical supervisor. I also have an ASW in CA. Thats more recent</p>	<p>Out of State applicant. Am I able to apply without waiting two years. Maryland requires 3000 hrs. I work federally and supervision hrs were provided by CA clinical supervisor. I also have an ASW in CA. Thats more recent</p>
<p>Out of State applicant. Am I able to apply without waiting two years. Maryland requires 3000 hrs. I work federally and supervision hrs were provided by CA clinical supervisor. I also have an ASW in CA. Thats more recent</p>	<p>You can email bbs.lcsw@dca.ca.gov for guidance.</p>
<p>I received my msw in 2013, started hours in 2014, but stopped in 2017 for personal reasons. I have not renewed my asw since. Will i have to apply from the beginning for a new asw? New app, livescan, etc? I understand hours past 6yrs no longer count but what</p>	<p>If you received your ASW in 2014 you will have to apply for a subsequent number. You may have to do livescan. Please email us at bbs.lcsw@dca.ca.gov to provide you more information</p>
<p>Hi there, 1. Where can we access the recording from today? 2. Will FAQs be emailed to all attendees?</p>	<p>Yes, sometime next week!</p>
<p>How early after graduation can we take the Law and Ethics exam?</p>	<p>After you receive your ASW number.</p>
<p>How are we able to save this Q&A chat? I don't see the option to save that was mentioned earlier on how to save. Would an administrator be able to save it & send it to us please?</p>	<p>Yes they will.</p>
<p>just to make sure i understand, this means i will include 2 forms for request for live scan with my ASW application</p>	<p>No, you only provide the BBS livescan for your ASW application. When you get ready to apply for the clinical exam, you will provide a copy of the completed livescan from your agency if you want to have hours counted from the date of graduation until you received your ASW number, if you applied within 90 days of graduation.</p>
<p>How does livescanning work? Do you need to go to a physical location to get your fingerprints scanned?</p>	<p>Yes. Please see the livescan form for instructions.</p>

Okay. to clarify, if I fail the Law and Ethics exam, can I retake it every 90 days or can I only take it once a year if I	live answered
Do you know if the Wright Institute Los Angeles Fellowship Program meets all of the experientia/workl and supervisory requirements for licensure?	We do not. It is up to a qualified supervisor to determine your scope of practice. The Board will only define psychotherapy. Business and Professions Code, Section 4996.9
UCLA Grad (sorry!) in 1989. moved to live in Maryland for over 20 years, obtained my LCSW-C. Now I have moved back to california to work for the VA. I would like to apply for licensure by credential (track A). Will I need to take additional course work. Also, do i pay the board or pearson for the law and ethics exam?	If you never applied for licensure in California yes you have coursework to complete. You will pay the Board for the law and ethics exam.
Is CA one of the strictest licensing states? I'm looking at other state licensing requirments and required hours are 1500 hours or less.	CA does have some more specific requirements than other states. I can't say we are the most strict, but we do have are specific requirements.
Are there any timeline complications with someone who has an MSW, pursues a PhD, and then wants to pursue their LCSW at a later time?	If you have an MSW, you can apply for an ASW number whenever you choose to.
Is there a time frame to get hours post graduation?	No. Please note that we will only count hours gained within the last 6 years from the date we receive your applicaiton for licensure and examination.
Can you concisely explain the 90 day rule again? I think there is some confusion about what we can do and cannot do post grad.	https://www.bbs.ca.gov/pdf/90day_rule.pdf You cannot work in a private practice or a professional corporation until you have been issued your ASW number.
Please define "non-exempt setting"	Please see Business and Professions Code, Section 4996.14.2. Here is a link to the Statutes and Regulations. https://bbs.ca.gov/pdf/publications/lawsregs.pdf
I had a ASW number but I failed to do anything under this number. What steps do I need to take to restart this process and work towards getting hours and licensing?	If it has been more than 6 years since issued your ASW number please apply for a subsequent number.
What are supervision requirements for seeing clients outside of the work place? If we want to see clients just to make extra money, not to count those hours toward licensure?	

<p>For out of state students in an MSW Program, can we take the 12 hour additional educational requirements while still in school.</p>	<p>Yes. Make sure it's a CA law & ethics 12hr course.</p>
<p>I'm looking for the group contact info you mentioned</p>	<p>LCSW group email address is bbs.lcsw@dca.ca.gov - please allow up to 7 days for a response. We get many emails and we do our best to answer all in the date order received.</p>
<p>If jobs require ASW registration for application - does the 90 day rule count for that? So, can we be in the process of applying for our ASW or will we need to have the actual number to be accepted?</p>	<p>You will have to check with the job to see if they will allow you to do that. And if it is a private practice or a professional corporation you cannot work there until issued your ASW number.</p>
<p>I guess the question I'm trying to get at is: is there a maximum number of times you can take the LCSW exam ever before you risk being able to ever take it again or if there is no limit? I anticipate I'll pass haha, but I just want to know</p>	<p>If you do not pass the clinical exam within 7 years you will have to take the law and ethics exam again.</p>
<p>If our coursework doesn't include the suicide prevention course, can we take that now?</p>	<p>Yes... there are many CE providers which offer the course.</p>
<p>Does a 2 hour weekly case conference in an EXEMPT setting lead by LCSWs be counted toward a group supervision? The case conferences are devoted to discussing clinical issues involving the ACSW's caseload.</p>	
<p>Hello, following up on the LCSW additional coursework. Is there a way we can have our transcript reviewed to be sent off with out application or is it okay just to send our transcripts because it reflects the additional coursework taken already. Thank you!</p>	<p>We do not pre-evaluate coursework. We will only evaluate coursework upon receiving the application for licensure and examination.</p>
<p>@amanda...since you're from USC...do you know when conferral dates typically get posted? is it before or after commencement? I know there are quite a few USC folks on here.</p>	<p>It will be about 2 weeks after graduation typically.</p>
<p>I graduated from usc a few years ago. the suicide course I would need to take correct? if you close to submitting hours, how soon do we take the suicide course? where do you register for it?</p>	<p>You can have the MSW chair, June Wiley, review your academic record to see if it meets the 6 hr requirement. If it does, she will provide you a letter stating that. Her email is june.wiley@usc.edu.</p>

Is there soemwhere I can get access to platforms that hold a CSWE accreditation or are approved by the BPPE to take the Laws and Ethics course?	Many CE providers offer the course.... You can check with ASWB or NASW-CA for some options.
Will we need 2 different type of life scan finger printing ?	possibly.... One may have been for your employer, which is not valid for your ASW registration. BBS has their own Livescan form provided in the application which must be submitted with the application.
Could you all please provide the contact info for Sasha & for counting out of state hours?	bbs.lcsw@dca.ca.gov
Beside the new suicide 6 hour training do I have to take the other "additional coursework"? I graduated 2019 from SJSU	Look at the website under Social Work schools, find your school and see if 'additional coursework' is listed after your school. If there is a link for additional coursework, then you may have some courses to complete. If there is no link for additional coursework, then you will be fine.
Regarding the new 37A-209 Weekly Tracking Log, if the ACSW exceeds 10 hours in A1 (Individual/Group Psychotherapy) and the ACSW requires a 2nd hour of individual, triadic or 2 hours of group supervision, can the 2 supervisors sign off on the same Weekly Tracking Log or alternately is it adviseable for each supervisor to sign off on separate Weekly Tracking Logs?	Yes that is acceptable.
Thank you!	
what was that website again for test preps?	https://www.therapistdevelopmentcenter.com
Sorry could you repeat which organization you recommend for exam prep?	https://www.therapistdevelopmentcenter.com
https://www.therapistdevelopmentcenter.com/	live answered
What types of settings are considered a "professional corporation"?	Please see Business and Professions Code, Section 4996.14.2 for more information. Here is a link to the Statutes and Regulations https://bbs.ca.gov/pdf/publications/lawsregs.pdf
Question for current speaker: How often is the licensing exam offered?	licensing exam is offered in multiple locations and multiple dates. It is a computer based exam offered by Pearson Vue after you are approved to take it.
can you email us a recording version of the webinar?	It will be sent out with the updated slides and Q and A next week.
Can we get any supervision hours from a Psychiatrist? and if so how many?	Supervision by any other type of qualified licensed mental health professional Maximum 1,300 hours
Can we get the BBS phone number in the chat please?	916-574-7830

<p>I am currently a USC student, is it possible to apply for our ASW number if we are currently in our last semester before we graduate?</p>	<p>Your app will be deficient and will delay the processing of it.</p>
<p>Will the Clinical Examination include the updated PTSD diagnosis changes related to revisions of the DSM 5</p>	<p>BBS employees do not know what is on the exam. You may want to check with ASWB?</p>
<p>what is the time frame between submitting a complete ASW application and actually receiving the number?</p>	<p>That depends on the volume. Currently, we are working on apps received around March. But, when graduation hits, the volume will spike and the processing times may increase. We do our best to keep the time frame around 3 months or less.</p>
<p>For CSCSW membership application level. Do we apply as an "associate" or "emeritus?"</p>	<p>Emeritus is for retired social workers. Associate is for those not yet licensed. If you are still a student, you should join at that level.</p>
<p>To clarify before submitting the application for the ASW we need to complete the 6 hour prevention course work if we are graduating with our MSW from USC?</p>	<p>If it was not included in your degree program. Please check with your school.</p>
<p>I'm still confused about the private practice questions, because I feel that they haven't been answered sufficiently and others seem confused too, so here are my questions: 1. Why does the 90 day rule not apply to working at a private practice? 2. Can I start working at a private practice as an MSW without my ASW number (as long as the agency is okay with it)? I realize I will not start accruing hours toward the LCSW until I get the BBS number, but I want to know anyway if it's okay to do that and start working at least, or do I have to wait two months or whatever until I get that BBS number? I hope that was clear. I appreciate clear answers to both those</p>	<p>You cannot work at a private practice without your ASW number within the 90 day rule. You must wait until you get your ASW number.</p>
<p>My employer does offer clinical supervision until after a year of employment, am I still able to apply for my number and accrue hours?</p>	<p>If you have met all the requirements to apply for an ASW number then yes apply.</p>
<p>I lost my audio. I'll try to log in again.</p>	
<p>Also, fyi, there's not an option to download the chat, I think it has been disabled and you have to enable it. I don't see those three dots that normally show up.</p>	<p>It is fixed. Feel free to download now.</p>
<p>@Amanda, TDC is also free to veterans. Contact them directly for verification and process to gain access</p>	<p>Awesome! Thanks for sharing. Will add to DPC.</p>

What April shared about "don't take the exam before you're ready" was she referring to the law & ethics exam OR the clinical exam?	live answered
What was the program they used to study for the law and ethics exam?	
How long in advance did you start studying for licensing exam?	live answered
For clarity, To apply for a subsequent number, do I start with bbs website ?	Yes... the application is available on our website.
Can this be teletherapy (f2f)? Must include a minimum of 750 hours performing face-to-face individual or group psychotherapy	Face to face - can be 2 way video conferencing. As long as you are face to face. Can not be over the phone with no video.
Can we get the name of the electronic tracking service for record keeping of hours?	She used Track your hours. There may be others out there.
Thank you!	
Awesome advice! Thank you April & Aaron! Everyone too.	
Is the BBS working on a way for licensed social workers to be able travel/work in other states w/out having to continually apply for each state? I know nurses do this. Can't think of what it's called but it's something that states agree on so the professional doesn't have to get licensed in each state they have an opportunity to work.	Each state has their own rules/regulations regarding seeing clients in their state. We have no jurisdiction over clients in other states.
So grateful for this presentation. I work well with direction and have not had good direction before this. I am grateful for the comments of the new licensees. Congratulations to you both!	
This has been wonderful, thank you!	
Thank you for this presentation!	
Thank you very much for the presentation! Very helpful! Fight On!	
will this recording be posted	It will be emailed next week and posted on CSCSW site.

Are we able to submit copies if we loose the original weekly logs?	You do not have to submit the weekly tracking logs.
Just to clarify, for the individual and psychotherapy hours to count they have to be face to face? what about clients we were not able to using zoom or face to face devices, how can those hours count?	
How do I find out the eligibility end date?	When you are approved, you will have 12 months from that date to attempt the exam. If you fail, your 12 months will start again from that failed date.
All this need to be filled out for the fingerprint application ORIGINAL – Live Scan Operator SECOND COPY – Requesting Agency THIRD COPY - Applicant	Yes
This training has been so thorough. Thank you for answering questions throughout, I feel much more	
Can we count our own therapy (we as a client) in hour clinical hours. My LMFT told me I could, but wanted to verify.	email bbs.lcsw@dca.ca.gov for clarification.
I'm sorry, did you say you accept copies (in case of a natural disaster/ emergency), like the agreement? Also, will the electronic signatures expire with the waiver in	
Thank you	
Thank you!	