

CHANGES TO LICENSING PROCEDURES IN UTAH

Important Information!

As of March 27, 2014, individuals seeking approval to take the ASWB exam do not submit a social worker (SSW, CSW, LCSW) license application to DOPL until AFTER they receive an email from ASWB confirming their official passing score on the exam.

DOPL no longer pre-approves candidates for ASWB examinations. To be pre-approved for the ASWB exam, candidates must complete an online application at the following address on ASWB's website: <http://www.aswb.org/utah/>

Upon submission of their online exam pre-approval application to ASWB, ASWB charges candidates an exam pre-approval examination fee beyond the regular ASWB exam fee that has always been in place.

This change will not impact students that DOPL approved on or before March 27, 2014 to take the ASWB exam.

Steps for licensing pre-approval:

-Go to the ASWB license portal at <http://www.aswb.org/utah/>

-Complete the application and submit to ASWB

-If you have not already submitted one of these documents, you will receive the following message from ASWB: *Don't forget to send in your transcript(s) OR an original letter from your school social work program chair confirming that you are in your final semester of a master's degree in social work from a CSWE accredited program, send to:*

Utah Application Review #XXX (# will be assigned by ASWB)
ASWB
PO Box 1508
Culpeper, VA 22701

-Wait for ASWB approval which you will receive via mail/email. Once you are approved, follow the instructions to register for the ASWB exam appropriate to your licensing level-

BSW: Bachelor's exam

CSW: Clinical exam (this applies in Utah ONLY—if seeking a CSW or equivalent license in another state, you will most likely need to take the *Intermediate* exam, but check that state's licensing law to verify.)

LCSW: In Utah, you will have already taken the clinical exam, so you need only accrue your requisite hours.

Questions: contact DOPL at 801-530-6628 or NASW, Utah Chapter at 801-583-8855

NASW, Utah Seeks Title Protection for Social Workers

During this year's legislative session, NASW, Utah Chapter developed and drafted a bill to strengthen social work in Utah. This bill, numbered SB 255, would have provided **Social Worker Title Protection**.

This bill, graciously sponsored by Senator Gene Davis, would amend section 58-60-109 of the Mental Health Professional Practice Act to add the title "social worker" to the list of protected titles. This would mean that the title "social worker" can only be used by graduates of accredited social work programs and/or licensed as SSW's, CSW's and LCSW's. Unfortunately, time was our enemy. Although this bill passed (with a consent recommendation!) the Senate HHS Committee, and the Senate as a whole, the session ended before it could be heard in the House. We plan to reintroduce this bill in the 2015 session or during interim to give social workers the title protection required to protect the status and integrity of our unique profession.

Update: NASW, Utah is planning to open a bill file during this summer's interim session!