

## **RULE 12 -- LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT (C.R.S. § 12-43-206)**

(a) General. To be considered for licensure by endorsement under C.R.S. § 12-43-206, an applicant must submit a completed application form, all supporting documentation, and the appropriate fee.

(b) Complaints/inquiries, investigations, disciplinary actions. The Board may decline to issue a license to an applicant for licensure by endorsement against whom disciplinary action has been taken or is pending, against whom an investigation is being conducted in connection with her/his practice, or who is the subject of an unresolved complaint.

(c) Criteria. The Board has established the following criteria for determining whether an applicant possesses credentials and qualifications that are substantially equivalent to C.R.S. § 12-43-404. An applicant who possesses a current and unrestricted license, in good standing, to practice social work under the laws of another state, territory or foreign country can apply for licensure by endorsement.

All of the following factors must be certified at the time of application for Colorado licensure by endorsement in order for the applicant to establish that her/his credentials and qualifications are substantially equivalent to the requirements of C.R.S. § 12-43-404:

(1) Applicant is at least 21 years of age;

(2) Applicant must attest that they:

(A) Have reported to the Board any injunction entered against her/him and any injunctive action pending against her/him on any license.

(B) Have reported any malpractice judgment, settlement, or claim, and any pending action or claim.

(C) Have reported any pending complaint, investigation, or disciplinary proceeding before the licensing, grievance, or disciplinary Board of any jurisdiction in which a license, registration or certification to practice social work is held and where the complaint, investigation, or proceeding concerns the practice of social work.

(D) Have reported any applicable misdemeanor or felony conviction(s).

(E) Have reported to the Board any prior disciplinary action by another jurisdiction.

(3) Submit verification of licensure from each jurisdiction(s) in which applicant has ever been licensed, registered, listed or certified. The verification can be retrieved by the applicant from the jurisdiction's web site as long as the following information is included and can be verified if necessary:

(A) Date license was originally issued.

(B) Date of license expiration.

(C) Disciplinary history, if applicable.

If the complete information is not available then the Verification of License Form must be completed by each state

(4) Applicant holds a master's or a doctoral degree in social work from an accredited Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) program;

(5) At the time of application for a Colorado license by endorsement:

(A) The applicant attests to having passed an examination, which covers the general areas of knowledge in social work, and is administered under contract as approved by the Board. Social work endorsement applicants must have taken and passed the appropriate examination required for the level of licensure sought; OR

(B) The applicant attests that one (or more) of the jurisdictions in which s/he has been licensed, registered, or certified required a written examination, the content of which tested competence to practice independent social work (including the areas outlined in Rule 12(c)(5)(A) and the applicant demonstrates that s/he has engaged in the active practice of social work as defined in Rule 12(c)(6)(A) for at least two years. The applicant may rely on an examination given and passed in a jurisdiction other than the jurisdiction from which s/he seeks licensure by endorsement; OR

(C) If a written examination was not required by the jurisdiction at the time the applicant was originally licensed, the Board will accept as substantially equivalent to this qualification proof via attestation that the applicant has a record of actively practicing social work as defined in Rule 12(c)(6)(A) at the independent level for at least five (5) out of the last ten (10) years without discipline.

(6) FOR LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER APPLICANTS, THE APPLICANT ATTESTS THAT S/HE HAD PRACTICED SOCIAL WORK FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER PRIOR TO LICENSURE, CERTIFICATION, LISTING OR REGISTRATION IN THE JURISDICTION THROUGH WHICH THE APPLICANT SEEKS LICENSURE IN COLORADO; OR THE APPLICANT ATTESTS TO THE BOARD HER/HIS ACTIVE PRACTICE OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK FOR TWO (2) YEARS AS DEFINED BELOW:

(A) “Active practice of social work” means the applicant engaged in the practice of social work at least twenty (20) hours per week, averaged over the entire time s/he has been in practice.

(7)(B) Applicant attests that post-degree experience hours obtained for licensure in another jurisdiction had similar requirements to what is outlined in Board Rule 14 Licensure by Examination. The number of hours need not be exact.

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(d) Licenses, certifications, or registrations from outside the United States. Applicants who are licensed, certified, listed or registered social workers in a jurisdiction outside the United States must submit their educational credentials for evaluation and satisfy the requirements of this Rule.

(e) Jurisprudence Examination. Each applicant shall pass a Board-developed jurisprudence examination.