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LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT

ONLY FOR APPLICANTS WITH 5 YEARS OF SOCIAL WORK EXPERIENCE OUT OF THE PAST 10 YEARS

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Dear Applicant:

Enclosed is an application for social work licensure by endorsement. Be certain that you understand the requirements for licensure as the *license application fee is non-refundable*.

Only use the attached application by endorsement:
IF you have at least 5 years out of the 10 years preceding your application to the Board of active social work practice at an advanced licensure level equivalent to the LCSW or LCSW-C. An applicant must have passed an examination as a condition of social work licensure.

If your out-of-state social work license was obtained without taking an examination, you will need to apply by examination.

PLEASE SUBMIT ORIGINAL COPIES OF ALL FORMS and keep a copy for your records. On the reverse side of this sheet you will find the requirements for licensure.

Also included are detailed instructions for completing the various forms. **Please review all of the material very carefully.**

For further information or clarification, please contact the Board office at 410-764-4788 or toll free at 1-877-526-2541.

MARYLAND BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

Social work practice in Maryland is governed by the Maryland Social Workers Act, Title 19 of the Health Occupations Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) Title 10 Subtitle 42 Chapters 01 through 08.

The following information is provided as a synopsis of the licensing requirements and is not a substitute for thoroughly reviewing the statute and the regulations.

Out-of-state applicants with at least 5 years of social work experience at a level equivalent to the certified social worker license or a certified social worker-clinical license shall meet the requirements of § 19-302, § 19-302-1.

§ 19-302. Qualifications of applicants

a) To obtain a license, an applicant shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Board that the applicant:

1. Has submitted a complete written application in the form prescribed by the Board;
2. Is at least 18 years old;
3. Is of good moral character;
4. Except as otherwise provided in this title, has successfully passed an examination or examinations prescribed by the Board pertinent to the license sought; and
5. Has paid all applicable fees specified by the Board relative to the licensure process.

§ 19-302-1. To Obtain a Certified Social Worker License or a Certified Social Worker License-Clinical, an out-of-state applicant shall:

1. Meet the requirements of § 19-302(a)……
2. Be licensed or registered to practice social work in another state at a level of licensure that is equivalent to a Certified Social Worker license or Certified Social Worker-Clinical license;
3. Have passed an examination in that state as a condition of licensure;
4. Have performed at least 1,000 hours of compensated social work practice per year for 5 years out of the 10 years preceding application to the Board.