

Special Accommodations Approved Due To COVID-19 Virus

The State Committee for Social Workers announces the following accommodations to ensure that Missouri social worker can continue to work and to obtain licensure in Missouri. The Committee will continue to review its regulations and there may be additional changes. If you have any questions about your license, application, and/or the requirements for continuing education, please contact the Committee office.

- If your license requires renewal in 2020, the 15-hour limit of correspondence courses has been waived. All licensees will still be required to do the required hours of continuing professional education, but these hours can be any combination of live programs, webinars and correspondence courses and other approved methods. Other hourly limits for credits for publications, etc. remain in place.
- Time limits for supervision, exams and applications will be extended. At this time, we anticipate that those time limits will be granted for the length of time that restrictions were imposed. For example, if your time limit to complete the exam was April 1 and the testing centers are closed for 4 months, then we anticipate your time to take the exam will be extended for 4 months. Watch for future announcements on this topic.
- If you are a new applicant unable to schedule the exam, the Committee may issue a 3 month temporary clinical, master or baccalaureate license upon written request. If you fail to complete the requirements for licensure within this time frame, your license will expire. For example, if you obtain a temporary LCSW license and you do not pass the exam within the 3 month extension, your LCSW will be void and your LMSW reinstated and you will be able to provide clinical services only under supervision.
- If you hold a social worker license from any other state and wish to practice clinically in Missouri, you must obtain full licensure by reciprocity.
- If you have already mailed in your application we will be working on them in date order received, as we can.

Please bear with us while we try to navigate through this, staff is working hard to get this organized and make sure that applications are being processed as time allows.