

**CHAPTER 850-X-6
EXAMINATIONS**

850-X-6-.01 Eligibility for Examinations. To be eligible to sit for the examination for licensure the applicant must provide evidence satisfactory to the Board that the applicant possesses the educational qualifications and qualifying experience outlined in the Code of Ala. 1975, §34-30-22 (1991). The applicant must:

- (1) be at least nineteen years old;
- (2) subscribe to the professional code of ethics approved and adopted by the Board;
- (3) meet the following additional requirements:

(a) Bachelor Social Worker: have a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university including completion of a social work program approved or accredited or in candidacy by the Council on Social Work Education.

(b) Master Social Worker: have a master of social work or a doctor of social work from a college or university approved or accredited or in candidacy by the Council on Social Work Education.

(c) Independent Clinical Social Worker:

1. have a master of social work or a doctor of social work from a college or university approved or accredited or in candidacy by the Council on Social Work Education and holds a current LMSW; and

2. have at least two years of post-master or post-doctorate experience in the practice of social work under the supervision of a licensed independent clinical social worker.

Author: Alabama Board of Social Work Examiners

Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §§34-30-22 (1996 Supp.); 34-30-57(4) (1991).

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850-X-6-.02 Examination Results. Dissemination of the examination results is the responsibility of the testing agency.

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850-X-6-.03 Provisional License. After an application is approved by the Board the applicant has twelve months from the date of application to test to become a licensed social worker. During this timeframe the approved candidate is granted a onetime provisional status where they are eligible to practice social work and otherwise exercise the rights and privileges granted to a likened social worker. After the expiration of twelve months from the date of the original application and if the applicant has not become licensed, the provisional license status is no longer active. At that time an applicant must submit a new application and the necessary fees to be eligible for re-examination. During this time, the applicant shall not practice social work or otherwise exercise the rights and privileges granted to a licensed social worker.

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