



**Guam Board of Social Work**  
Health Professional Licensing Office  
Department of Public Health & Social Services  
123 Chalan Kareta, Mangilao, Guam 96913

## EXCEPTION LICENSURE FLOW CHART 10 GCA § 122318

### **CHECK IF YOU QUALIFY:**

- (a) A person who is employed or has retired with the job title "social worker" or any derivative thereof and possesses a Bachelor's, Master's, or Ph.D. degree in the field of social work from an accredited or unaccredited social work degree program as of the date of the passage of the law. Those granted exceptions must obtain a social work license within six (6) months of promulgation of the rules and regulations;
- (b) A person who self identifies as a social worker and possesses a Bachelor's, Master's, or Ph.D. degree in the field of social work from an accredited or unaccredited social work degree program upon the enactment of this Act. Those granted exceptions must obtain a social work license within six (6) months of promulgation of the rules and regulations; and
- (c) A person who possesses a non-social work degree, but possesses a degree in a related social science, to include degrees such as psychology, sociology, counseling, human relations and human services, political science, criminal justice, and any other degrees as approved by the Board; and who self identifies as a social worker may apply for an exception to obtain social work licensure meeting the requirements set forth in **10 GCA § 122318**

**NO**



### **DO NOT apply Exception.**

Please take the appropriate licensure examination and conform to all other requirements consistent with the LBSW, LMSW or LCSW. You may apply for licensure upon promulgation of the rules and regulations.



**YES**

**All persons qualified for exceptions do not need to take the appropriate licensure examination, but must conform to all other requirements consistent with the appropriate level of licensure as prescribed in the law.**

### **Submit Completed Exception Applications with Supporting Documents to:**

#### **Physical Address:**

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Department of Public Health and Social Services  
194 Hernan Cortez Avenue  
Terlaje Professional Bldg, Suite 213  
Hagåtña, Guam

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**Exceptions may only be granted by the Board up until six (6) months of the promulgation of the rules and regulations.**



**Please allow 30 – 60 days after submission of all required documents for processing of your Social Work Licensure Exception Application.**



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## CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION FLOW CHART 10 GCA § 122317 FOR NON-SOCIAL WORK DEGREE HOLDERS

### CHECK IF YOU QUALIFY:

A person who possesses a non-social work degree, but who is employed with the job title “social worker” or any derivative thereof may apply for a Certificate of Exemption meeting the requirements set forth in **10 GCA § 122317**



**NO**

**DO NOT** apply for a Certificate of Exemption.

You are NOT eligible for social work licensure or a certificate of exemption from licensure.



**YES**

Those granted a Certificate of Exemption by the Board would be allowed to remain in their social work positions without a social work license.

**Submit Completed Application for a Certificate of Exemption with Supporting Documents to:**

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**Please allow 30 – 60 days after submission of all required documents for processing of your Application for a Certificate of Exemption from licensure.**

**Persons may apply for a Certificate of Exemption within six (6) months of the promulgation of the rules and regulations.**

**The Certificate of Exemption shall be effective indefinitely throughout the course of the person’s professional career.**



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## CATEGORIES OF LICENSES AND REQUIREMENTS

*Non-social work degree holders are subject to additional requirements as set forth by 10 GCA § 122318  
Please see Exception application for these requirements.*

### **LICENSED BACHELOR SOCIAL WORKER (L.B.S.W.)**

#### ***CHECK IF YOU QUALIFY:***

Hold a Bachelor's degree from a college or university in a social work program accredited by or deemed to be equivalent to a program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education

### **LICENSED MASTER'S SOCIAL WORKER (L.M.S.W.)**

#### ***CHECK IF YOU QUALIFY:***

Hold a Master's degree from a college or university in a social work program accredited by or deemed to be equivalent to an accredited program by the Council on Social Work Education or a doctoral degree from a doctoral degree program in social work accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges or a comparable regional accreditation body

### **LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER (L.C.S.W.)**

#### ***CHECK IF YOU QUALIFY:***

- (1) Meet the educational requirements in subsection (b) required of Licensed Master's Social Worker;
- (2) provide evidence of successful completion of at least three thousand (3,000) hours of post-masters clinical social work experience completed within no fewer than two (2) years, but within no more than five (5) years under the supervision of an Approved Supervisor as deemed by the Guam Social Work Board.
  - (i) Clinical social work experience shall include a minimum of two thousand (2,000) hours of assessment, clinical diagnosis and psychotherapy;
  - (ii) No more than nine hundred (900) hours of clinical experience shall consist of client-centered advocacy, consultation, and evaluation;
  - (iii) Received at least one hundred (100) hours of direct face-to-face supervision. At least sixty (60) of the one hundred (100) hours of direct face-to-face supervision shall have been individualized supervision, and the remaining forty (40) hours may have been under small group supervision of no more than 6 supervisees
- (3) The supervisor shall have been a Board approved Licensed Clinical Social Worker or an Other Board Approved Supervisor such as:
  - (i) a person with a master's degree in social work with at least four thousand five hundred (4,500) post masters clinical social work experience; or
  - (ii) an individual who is a Diplomate in Clinical Social Work (DCSW) or holds a Board Certified Diplomate Certification (BCD); or
  - (iii) board certified psychiatrist, psychologist, or advanced practice registered nurse who has a minimum of four thousand five hundred (4,500) hours of post masters clinical experience in assessment, clinical diagnosis, and psychotherapy.