

Professional Examination

The North Carolina Social Work Certification and Licensure Board requires professional examination to evaluate the qualifications of each applicant, and utilizes the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) as their examining body. **Examination eligibility is determined by application for certification and/or licensure through the North Carolina Social Work Certification and Licensure Board.**

Applicants determined eligible to sit for the ASWB professional examination will receive notification of Examination Candidacy Approval including instructions for submitting the exam processing fee [\$40] payable by certified bank check or money order to the NCSWCLB. **No personal checks are accepted.** LCSW Associate licensees may submit the Clinical Exam Request Form with the \$40.00 fee and a six-month review form to request examination eligibility once they have documented two years of clinical practice. The Board must confirm completion of two years of clinical practice prior to granting examination eligibility. Upon receipt of the exam processing fee, the Board will forward to the candidate, notice of registration approval. This notice will provide instructions on how to register for your examination and how to access a copy of [the Candidate Handbook](#) for Social Work Licensing Examinations through ASWB.

The exam fee [\$230 for Bachelor and Master level exams, \$260 for Clinical and Advanced Generalist level exam] must be paid directly to ASWB at the time of registration. Exams are generally offered five days per week at several locations across the state. ASWB utilizes Pearson VUE Test Centers. To find an exam site near you, please visit the [ASWB website](#) or <https://home.pearsonvue.com/aswb>.

Special Accommodations and Exam Information: If you have a disability, you may be eligible to receive [testing accommodations](#). To arrange for special accommodations, you must request and receive approval for the accommodation. The ASWB Candidate Handbook contains information on the exam ADA accommodations, and English as a Second Language (ESL). The ASWB Guide to the Social Work Exams is also available for purchase through ASWB. Please check their website at www.aswb.org for additional information.

Exam Content Outlines: The [content outline for each ASWB examination](#) defines the content that will be measured on the exam. The content outlines were developed through the [practice analyses](#) conducted with licensed social workers in a variety of practice settings across the United States and Canada. Each content outline is organized into content areas, competencies, and knowledge, skills, and abilities statements (KSAs).

ASWB now offers a practice version of the Clinical, Masters, and the Bachelors level examination. Access to any of the [full-length practice test](#) does require a non-refundable fee and is available only to candidates registered to take the corresponding licensing exam. Practice exams may be purchased through the ASWB website as well.

WHAT IF I DON'T PASS: An additional processing AND exam fee is required for each examination attempt. **Fees are non-refundable.** ASWB may require an additional charge for candidates who miss scheduled exam appointments with an excused absence. However, an unexcused missed appointment will cost the candidate the entire registration fee. Further, please be reminded that pursuant to 21 NCAC 63 .0210(d), ***each associate licensee must be supervised and receive on-going appropriate supervision until the associate licensee is licensed as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker.***