

**Military Spouse Expedited License:** Pursuant to **MS Code Ann. Section 73-50-1**, the Board of Examiners for Social Workers and Marriage & Family Therapists is authorized to issue an expedited license to a military-trained applicant **or spouse applicant** to allow the applicant to lawfully practice social work or marriage & family therapy in Mississippi.

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**In order to receive the expedited license, the following requirements must be satisfied:**

1. Complete an application for the appropriate license and submit it to the Board in the manner prescribed by the Board with a recent passport type photograph.

2. Submit documentation showing that ... the military spouse holds a current license, certification or registration from another jurisdiction, and that jurisdiction's requirements for licensure, certification or registration are substantially equivalent to or exceed Board requirements for licensure which an applicant in this state seeks licensure.

3. Submit evidence that the military applicant or applicant's military spouse either (i) is currently on active duty with medical corps or (ii) has separated honorably from the military within the 6 months prior to the time of application

4. Submit verification of a completed licensing examination as described in these rules.

5. Have two references submit letters regarding applicant's performance in the practice of social work or marriage & family therapy.

6. Submit verification that at least two (2) of the past five (5) years preceding the date of submission of the application applicant has engaged in the active practice of social work or marriage & family therapy.

7. Submit certification that applicant has not committed any act in any jurisdiction that would have constituted grounds for refusal, suspension or revocation of a license to practice social work or marriage & family therapy in any jurisdiction at the time the act was committed.

8. Submit fingerprints for state and national criminal history background checks.

9. Submit licensure fees prescribed by the Board.

**Temporary Permit:** The Board may issue a temporary practice permit to a military-trained applicant or military spouse licensed in another jurisdiction while the military-trained applicant or military spouse is satisfying the requirements for licensure under subsection A of this section if that jurisdiction has licensure standards substantially equivalent to the standards for licensure of the Board. The military-trained applicant or military spouse may practice under the temporary permit until a license is granted or until a notice to deny a license is issued in accordance with rules adopted by the Board.

**All Relevant Experience Counts:** All relevant experience of a military service member in the discharge of official duties or, for a military spouse, all relevant experience, including full-time and part-time experience, regardless of whether in a paid or volunteer capacity, shall be credited in the calculation of years of practice in the practice of social work as required under subsection A or B of this section.