

19-301.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this title, an individual shall be [licensed]:

(1) LICENSED by the Board before the individual may practice social work in this State WHILE REPRESENTING ONESELF AS A SOCIAL WORKER;

(2) LICENSED AS A CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER-CLINICAL BEFORE THE INDIVIDUAL MAY PRACTICE CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK IN THIS STATE.

(b) This section does not apply to:

(1) An individual employed by any agency of the federal government while performing the duties of that employment, unless the individual chooses to apply for a license under this subtitle; OR

[(2) Any individual who does not use any title, abbreviation, sign, card, or other representation that the individual is a "social worker" or is engaged in the practice of "social work";

(3) A student while pursuing a supervised course of study in social work that the Board approves as qualifying training and experience under this title;

(4) An individual who recently has become a resident of this State and has an application for a license pending before the Board; or

(5) An individual who is an attorney or a member of the clergy:

(i) While the individual is working within the standards and ethics of the individual's respective profession; and

(ii) If the individual does not represent to the public by title or description of services that the individual is a social worker]

(2) AN INDIVIDUAL LICENSED AS A SOCIAL WORKER IN ANOTHER STATE WHILE RESPONDING TO AN EMERGENCY IN THIS STATE.

19-302.

[(a) To qualify for a license, an applicant shall be an individual of good moral character and who meets the applicable requirements of this section.

(b) An applicant for a social work associate license shall have a baccalaureate degree:

(1) From an accredited college or university; and

(2) Based on a social work program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

(c) An applicant for a graduate social worker license shall have: