



Virginia Department of
Health Professions

Virginia Board of Social Work

Announcement: Reduction in fees and elimination of supervised experience requirements for LBSW

The Board introduced changes to the Regulations Governing the Practice of Social Work to reduce the fee for initial licensure and for annual renewal of licensure for Licensed Baccalaureate Social Workers (LBSW). The application fee is reduced from \$115 to \$100, and the renewal fee is reduced from \$65 to \$55. The most significant reduction in regulatory burden is the elimination of the current requirement for an applicant with a baccalaureate degree to have 3,000 hours of supervised experience in order to qualify for licensure as a LBSW.

The amended Regulations are effective as of **March 5, 2020**.

For a current copy of the revised Regulations Governing the Practice of Social Work, please visit the Board's website at https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/social/social_laws_regs.htm