

AMENDMENT TO THE REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Pursuant to sections 207, 6506, 6507 and 7704 of the Education Law

1. Section 74.2 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education is amended to read as follows:

§74.2 Professional licensing examinations.

(a) Examination for licensure as a licensed master social worker.

(1) Each candidate for licensure as a licensed master social worker shall pass an examination: (i) that is offered by [the Association of Social Work Boards, its successors, or another] an organization determined by the department to have satisfactory administrative and psychometric procedures in place to offer the licensing examination; [and]

(ii) that the department determines adequately tests social work proficiency at the master's degree level and adequately measures the candidate's knowledge concerning practice as a licensed master social worker as defined in subdivision (1) of section 7701 of the Education Law[.]; and

(iii) notwithstanding section 59.3 of this Title, such examination may include testing accommodations offered by an organization that meets the requirements of part (a)(1)(i) of this paragraph and is acceptable to the department, such accommodations may include all non-standard accommodations, including, but not limited to English as a second language accommodations.

(2) Requirements for admission to examination for licensure as a licensed master social worker. To be admitted to the licensing examination, the candidate shall be required to:

(i) file an application for licensure with the department;

(ii) pay the fees for the licensure application and first registration period; and

(iii) present satisfactory evidence of having met the education requirement for licensure as a licensed master social worker, as prescribed in section 74.1(b) of this Part, including receipt of the social work degree.

(b) Examination for licensure as a licensed clinical social worker.

(1) Each candidate for licensure as a licensed clinical social worker shall pass an examination:

(i) that is offered by [the Association of Social Work Boards, its successors, or another] an organization determined by the department to have satisfactory administrative and psychometric procedures in place to offer the licensing examination; and

(ii) that the department determines adequately tests social work proficiency at the clinical level and adequately measures the candidate's knowledge concerning practice as a licensed clinical social worker as defined in subdivision (2) of section 7701 of the Education Law[.]; and

(iii) notwithstanding section 59.3 of this Title, such examination may include testing accommodations offered by an organization that meets the requirements of part (b)(1)(i) of this paragraph and is which acceptable to the department, such accommodations may include all non-standard accommodations, including, but not limited to English as a second language accommodations.

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(b) ...

(c) ...

(d) ...

(c) Passing score. The passing score for the examination for licensure as a licensed master social worker and the examination for licensure as a licensed clinical social worker shall be determined by the Department [the State Board for Social Work].