§ 7704. Requirements for a license. 1. To qualify for a license as a "licensed master social worker" an applicant shall fulfill the following requirements:

(a) Application: file an application with the department;

(b) Education: have received an education, including a master's of social work degree from a program registered by the department, or determined by the department to be the substantial equivalent, in accordance with the commissioner's regulations;

(c) Experience: meet no requirement as to experience;

(d) Examination: pass an examination satisfactory to the board and in accordance with the commissioner's regulations;

(e) Age: be at least twenty-one years of age;

(f) Character: be of good moral character as determined by the department; and

(g) Fees: pay a fee of one hundred fifteen dollars to the department for an initial license, and a fee of one hundred fifty-five dollars for each triennial registration period. An additional surcharge in the amount of five dollars shall be paid with each triennial registration fee and shall be used for the marketing and evaluation of the regents licensed social worker loan forgiveness program established by section six hundred five of this chapter.

2. To qualify for a license as a "licensed clinical social worker", an applicant shall fulfill the following requirements:

(a) Application: file an application with the department;

(b) Education: have received an education, including a master's of social work degree from a program registered by the department, or determined by the department to be the substantial equivalent, that includes completion of a core curriculum which includes at least twelve credit hours of clinical courses, in accordance with the commissioner's regulations; a person who has received a master's, or equivalent degree in social work, during which they did not complete a core curriculum which includes clinical courses, may satisfy this requirement by completing equivalent post-graduate clinical coursework, in accordance with the commissioner's regulations;

(c) Experience: have at least three years full-time supervised post-graduate clinical social work experience in diagnosis,

psychotherapy, and assessment-based treatment plans, or its part-time equivalent, obtained over a continuous period not to exceed six years, under the supervision, satisfactory to the department, of a psychiatrist, a licensed psychologist, or a licensed clinical social worker in a facility setting or other supervised settings approved by the department. Satisfactory experience obtained in an entity operating under a waiver issued by the department pursuant to section sixty-five hundred three-a of this title may be accepted by the department, notwithstanding that such experience may have been obtained prior to the effective date of such section sixty-five hundred three-a and/or prior to the entity having obtained a waiver. The department may, for good cause shown, accept satisfactory experience that was obtained in a setting that would have been eligible for a waiver but which has not obtained a waiver from the department or experience that was obtained in good faith by the applicant under the belief that appropriate authorization had been obtained for the experience, provided that such experience meets all other requirements for acceptable experience;

(d) Examination: pass an examination satisfactory to the board and in accordance with the commissioner's regulations;

(e) Age: be at least twenty-one years of age;

(f) Character: be of good moral character as determined by the department; and

(g) Fees: pay a fee of one hundred fifteen dollars to the department for an initial license and a fee of one hundred fifty-five dollars for each triennial registration period.