

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL SOCIAL WORKERS REGARDING CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to Act 183, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013, continuing education (“CE”) will be required to renew a LBSW, LSW, or LCSW license.

Beginning with the renewal for the licensing triennium commencing 7/1/2013 - 6/30/2016, each licensee shall: complete 15 credit hours of CE within the renewal period; provided that a minimum of 3 credit hours are in ethics. This means that the licensee shall complete 15 credit hours of CE between 7/1/2013 and 6/30/16.

Beginning with the renewal for the licensing triennium 7/1/2016 - 6/30/2019, and prior to every triennial renewal thereafter, each licensee shall complete 45 credit hours of CE within the 3 year period preceding the renewal date; provided that a minimum of 3 credit hours are in ethics. This means that, in order to renew for the licensing triennium starting on 7/1/2016, the licensee shall complete 45 credit hours of CE between 7/1/2016 and 6/30/2019.

A first time licensee is exempt from the CE requirement for the first license renewal.

Please note that each licensee is responsible for maintaining the licensee’s CE records. Upon audit by the DCCA, the licensee shall present proof of CE compliance. A licensee is subject to disciplinary action for failure to comply with these CE requirements, failure to present proof of CE compliance upon audit by DCCA, or filing with the DCCA a false statement regarding CE compliance.

Questions regarding the mandatory CE requirement should be directed to the
Social Worker Licensing Program’s office at (808) 586-2704
between the hours of 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.