

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL SOCIAL WORKERS REGARDING CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes section 467E-11, continuing education ("CE") will be required to renew a LBSW, LSW, or LCSW license.

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 July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2019.

A first-time licensee is exempt from the CE requirement for the first license renewal. For instance, if you were initially issued a license between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2019, you are exempt from the CE requirement for this renewal period only.

Continuing education courses means courses approved by the National Association of Social Workers, the National Association of Social Worker Chapters, or the Association of Social Work Boards. Credit hours means 50-minutes of instruction.

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- 2699, between the hours of 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.