



# **Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs**

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# US VIRGIN ISLANDS BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKERS

# Instructions for Social Worker Licensure Application

New applicants and reciprocity applicants

### **New Applicant Information**

### **CISW Applicants**

- 1. An official, certified transcript is required for the master's degree of social work degree and the highest relevant. Please review the educational requirements on page 6 of this application. The transcripts must be in a sealed school envelope and submitted directly to the Board.
- 2. Applicants must be <u>currently</u> licensed in US Virgin Islands at the CSW level (or equivalent from another jurisdiction). Applicants must provide a copy of their license.
- 3. Applicants must submit a total of **three references** (two professional and one supervisory). All references must be able to evaluate the applicant's social work experience. The waiver of liability **must** be completed foreach reference. The reference form is attached (pages 11-12). Make additional copies as needed. The reference forms are not required to be submitted in a sealed envelope.
  - a. Two professional individuals **licensed** at the **CISW** level. At least one at the **CISW** level or equivalent in another jurisdiction, psychiatry, clinical psychology or psychiatric nursing with a specialty in clinical mental health shall complete section A of a reference form. **References must provide a copy of their professional license.**
  - b. A **clinical supervisor** licensed at the <u>CISW level</u> (or equivalent in another jurisdiction) shall complete sections A *and* B of a reference form and must document:
    - i. For MSW graduates with a degree conferred date after August 31, 2011, a minimum of 3,000 hours clinical social work services experience obtained over a period of not less than two years after the issuance of a CSW, or
    - ii. For MSW graduates with a degree conferred date <u>prior</u> to August 31, 2011, a minimum of 3,000 hours of clinical social work services experience obtained over a period of not less than two years <u>after</u> the MSW degree conferred date.
    - iii. Documented supervision must be a minimum of 100 hours of individual face-to-face clinical supervision, at a rate of 1 hour for every 35 hours worked (with a maximum of 1 hour per week). If the experience is earned at a rate less than 35 hours per week, the experience and supervision hours must be computed on a pro-rata basis. Supervised work experience and hours must correspond to the dates listed on the reference form, or an explanation must be attached.
    - iv. Supervisors must be licensed in the jurisdiction where the supervision takes place; out of state supervisors may not supervise work experience taking place in the VI All work experience must be complete as of the application date. If there are multiple supervisors, submit a separate form for each supervisor (ensuring that the documented dates do not overlap). Supervisors must provide a copy of their professional license.

### **CSW Applicants**

- 1. An official, certified transcript is required for the master's degree of social work degree and the highest relevant. Please review the educational requirements on page 6 of this application. The transcripts must be in a sealed school envelope and submitted directly to the Board.
- 2. Applicants must submit a total of **three** references (two professional and one supervisory). At least one of the professional and/or supervisory reference forms must be completed by an individual licensed at the CISW or CSW level (or equivalent). All references must be able to evaluate the applicant's social work experience. The waiver of liability must be completed for each reference. The reference form is attached (pages 11-12). Make additional copies as needed. The reference forms are not required to be submitted in a sealed envelope.
  - a. Two professional individuals familiar with the applicant's professional experience in the field of social work shall complete section A of a reference form. References must provide a copy of their professional license.
  - b. The most recent **second year field placement supervisor** shall complete sections A & B of a reference form.

### LSW Applicants

- 1. An official, certified transcript is required at the bachelor's degree of social work degree. Please review the educational requirements on page 6 of this application. The transcripts must be in a sealed school envelope and submitted directly to the Board.
- 2. Applicants must submit a total of **three** references (**two professional and one supervisory**). All references must be able to evaluate the applicant's social work experience. The waiver of liability must be completed for each reference. The reference form is attached (pages 11-12). Make additional copies as needed.
  - a. Two professional individuals familiar with the applicant's professional experience in the field of social work shall complete section A of a reference form. **References must provide a copy of their professional license.**

### **SWA Applicants**

- 1. An official, certified transcript is required at the bachelor's degree of social work degree. Please review the educational requirements on page 6 of this application. The transcripts must be in a sealed school envelope and submitted directly to the Board.
- 2. Applicants must submit a total of **three** references (**two professional and one supervisory**). All references must be able to evaluate the applicant's social work experience. The waiver of liability must be completed for each reference. The reference form is attached (pages 11-12). Make additional copies as needed.
  - b. Two professional individuals familiar with the applicant's professional experience in the field of social work shall complete section A of a reference form. **References must provide a copy of their professional license.**

# New Applicant Summary Checklist

New licensure applicants must provide the following:

- 1. Application, signed and notarized
  - Signature date must correspond to the date of notarization
- 2. Payment by certified check or money order (payable to Government of the VI), or credit card information
- 3. Passport size Photo
- 4. Official transcript of the highest relevant degree
- 5. A total of three reference forms completed per instructions
  - NOTE: CISW, CSW, LSW AND LSWA APPLICANTS- At least one reference form must be completed by an individual currently licensed at the CISW or CSW level (or equivalent).
- 6. Signed and notarized criminal history acknowledgment form (attached)

### **Reciprocity Applicant Information**

- 1. Applicants must possess a current, valid license substantially equivalent to the appropriate US Virgin Islands license in education and experience requirements. A certified licensure verification form for all licenses, current and expired, must be submitted in the original, sealed envelope from the issuing jurisdiction. The form on page 13 of this packet may be used, or the issuing jurisdiction may use its own form.
- 2. Applicants must have **passed the ASWB examination** required for the appropriate level of licensure in US Virgin Islands. **Refer to page 6** of this application to review the examination requirements. **An official ASWB-certified passing score report is required.**
- 3. An official, **certified transcript** is required. Please review the educational requirements **on pages 1-2** of this application for the applicable license level. The transcript must be in a **sealed** school envelope.
- 4. **Three** professional references shall complete section A of a reference form:
  - a. All references must be able to evaluate the applicant's social work experience.
  - b. CISW, CSW, LSW and SWA applicants: at least one reference must be licensed at the CISW or CSW level, or equivalent. CISW applicants: at least one reference must be licensed at the CISW level, or equivalent.
  - c. The waiver of liability must be completed for each reference.
  - d. The reference form is attached (pages 11-12). Make additional copies as needed.

# Reciprocity Applicants Summary Checklist

Reciprocity applicants must provide the following:

- 1. Application, signed and notarized
  - Signature date must correspond to the date of notarization
- 2. Payment by certified check or money order, payable to "Government of the Virgin Islands,"; or credit cardinformation
- 3. Passport size photo
- 4. Official transcript
- 5. Two reference forms completed by professional individuals, and one reference form completed by an appropriately licensed social worker, as instructed above.
- 6. Certified **verification from** all prior licensing jurisdictions. **The form included on page 13** of this packet may be used, or the issuing jurisdiction may use its own form
- 7. An official Certified Score Report of passed ASWB examination from ASWB (888-579-3926)
- 8. Signed and notarized criminal history acknowledgment form (attached).

Requirements for Social Work Licensure in US Virgin Islands This is a summary; applicants must review the US Virgin Islands regulations for detailed requirements.

Education	Examination	Professional References	Supervision	Documented Experience
CISW MSW, DSW or PhD in Social Work from a CSWE accredited school of social work	Clinical	Two professional references from appropriately <b>licensed</b> individuals (see instructions p. 2)	One supervisory reference from CISW	Hold a current LCSW (or equivalent); two years (3,000 hours) <b>post-CSW</b> documented clinical experience with 50 face-to-face supervision hours per year (100 hours total) under a CISW
MSW, DSW or PhD in Social Work from a CSWE	Masters	CSW Three professional references *	One 2 <sup>nd</sup> year field placement	None Required
accredited school of social work			supervisory reference *	
Bachelors degree in Social Work from a CSWE accredited school of social work	Bachelors	Three professional references *	One supervisory reference *	None required
Bachelors degree in Social Work	Bachelors	Three professional references *	One supervisory reference *	None required
Bachelor's degree	Bachelors	SWA Three professional references *	N/A	None required

<sup>\*</sup> At least one of the professional and/or supervisory references <u>must</u> be licensed as a CISW or CSW

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Licensure Information:								
<ul> <li>List ALL Social Work licenses/certifications, current and expired, from any jurisdiction.</li> <li>Certified verification form is required from each jurisdiction, except US Virgin Islands.</li> </ul>								
1) License	Desi	gnation:				State	·/Province:	
License number:					Date Iss	ued/E	xpiration date:	
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Supervisor/	Refere	nce Contact	Info	ormati	on:				
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1) Name (supervisor or reference):									
Address:									
City:			Sta	ate/Provir	nce:			Postal code:	
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**NOTE:** please state the details of any 1 thru 5 "yes" answer on a separate sheet and attach the explanation to this application. DLCA through VIPD will access data about convictions and pending criminal cases. Those records—and other Federal and professional records—will be checked as part of your licensing process. No records are automatic disqualifiers; you will be given an opportunity to discuss any issues with the Board.

By signing this form, you are providing your consent for the US Virgin Islands Board of Social Work Licensure and, where relevant, their supervising state agencies and the US Virgin Islands Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs, and where relevant, its provider enrollment vendor, to obtain, read, copy, and share with each other information regarding your VI Board application and enrollment status and US Virgin Islands licensure status.

I certify under the pains and penalties of perjury that the information in this application has been reviewed and signed by me, and is true, accurate and complete, to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the failure to provide accurate information may be grounds for the US Virgin Islands Board of Social Work Licensure to deny me the right to sit as a candidate or to suspend or revoke a license issued to me in accordance with US Virgin Islands' Law. I further attest that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, I have filed all state tax returns and paid all state taxes required by law. I further certify under the pains and penalties of perjury that, if I am applying for licensure as a CISW, I have submitted a completed application to be a fully participating or nonbilling provider to VI Board. I understand that I may be subject to civil penalties or criminal prosecution for any falsification, omission, or concealment of any material fact contained herein.

*Applicant's signature:	**Date:	
Notary name (printed):	Date:	SEAL
Notary signature:	Commission Expires:	

<sup>\*</sup> Must be signed in the presence of a notary public

<sup>\*\*</sup> Signature date must correspond with notarization date; the application must be received within 90 days of the datenotarized

Applicant's Name:					
<b>NOTE:</b> This page will not be retained with your application.					
U.S. Social Security Number					
Social Security Number (mandatory):					
<b>NOTE</b> : Pursuant to G.L. c. 62C, s. 47A, the Social Work Board is security number and forward it to the Department of Revenue are in compliance with the tax laws of the US Virgin Islands.				ocial	,

### **Application Payment** Application Fees: (due with this application) Indicate application type and fee: (All fees are non-refundable and subject to change.) Applicant is providing all documents (circle **Application Type** (check below) fee below) ☐ New application Fee \$50.00 (all licenses) Certified Indep SW \$195.00 Certified Soc. Wrk \$130.00 Licensed Soc. Wrk \$91.00 ☐ Social Wrk Assoc \$91.00 Payment Method: Certified check or money order- payable to Government of the Virgin Islands OR Visa MasterCard Exp. Credit card number: Date: MM YYYY Card Holder's Zip Code: -CID code (last 3 digits from signature panel on back of card) Card Holder's Name (please print): Card Holder's Signature:



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This section	n mı	ıst be con	npleted by the	licensure applicant
Applicant's name:				
Maiden name or another na	me:			
Address:				
City:		State/Prov	vince:	Zip/Postal Code:
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List the highest professional licens	e held	:		
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License applied for (check one):		CISW	□ CSW	□ LSW
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(hereinafter "the reference") to pro any kind that the reference may, in an applicant. I hereby release and o provision of such information.	his or	her absolute	e discretion, deem	relevant to my qualifications as
Applicant's signature:			Date:	

### INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR REFERENCES

General information for references completing this form:

- 1. The Board assumes that you, in recommending this applicant, will be willing to interpret or to substantiate to the Board your recommendation, should the Board desire to contact you. The Board will keep all information confidential to the maximum extent permitted by law.
- 2. Complete this reference form only if the applicant has signed the above waiver of liability.
- 3. Professional References- complete section A and the signature block.
- 4. **Supervision References-** complete <u>sections A and B and the signature block.</u> *NOTE:* experience/supervision hours must correspond to employment dates, please explain if they do not
- 5. Return pages 11 and 12 of this reference form to the applicant in the envelope provided.



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# Licensure Verification

(Use this form <u>ONLY</u> if you currently hold or ever held a license in a jurisdiction other than US Virgin Islands)

Board instructions: return this verification form to the applicant in a sealed envelope

name:		License Number:	
	The Social Work licensing board	verifies the following:	
Date lic	ense issued:	Expiration date:	
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2. License o	r registration was issued based upon: tion	□ Other e: ing	, please explain:
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	vas based on this degree:   BSW   Su	MSW ☐ Social Work ☐  Doctorate	Other (please specify below)
4. A prograi	n accredited by CSWE or CASSW issued the degree	<b>:</b> :	☐ Yes ☐ No
5. This licer	se required documented post-masters-degree sup	ervised experience:	☐ Yes ☐ No
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7. This indi	idual has been subject to disciplinary action that	is public information:	☐ Yes ☐ No
8. There is	pending disciplinary action against this individual	that is public information:	☐ Yes ☐ No
9. There are	unresolved complaints regarding this individual t	hat are public information:	☐ Yes ☐ No
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	Board Signature/Date:		
(Board Sea			
	Social Work Licensing Board/Jurisdiction: _		
	Email Address/Phone Number: _		



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#### VI SOCIAL WORK SUPERVISION CALCULATION WORKSHEET

Applicant Name:			A	Applicant License #:					
Supervisor's Name	Start Date of Supervision (MM/YYYY)	End Date of Supervision (MM/YYYY)	GENERAL SUPERVISION Hours Completed	FACE TO FACE SUPERVISION Hours Completed	Supervisor's License #	Supervisor's Signature			
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General Supe	rvision Hours:		Immedia	te / Face to Face					
			Supervisi	on Hours:					

NOTE: If the applicant's experience was obtained in the Virgin Islands, then verify that the applicant and his/her supervisor held a valid VI. license during that period. If the applicant and/or supervisor were not licensed during the period that the applicant's VI. experience was obtained, then the application packet must be forwarded to the Board for review.



# Securing the Virgin Islands through Professional Service

July 20.2021

Department of Licensing and Consumer Affair

Process for requesting a background check from Secure VI.

Send the following documents via E-mail to (rfrancis@secure.vi)

- 1. Filled Authorization form
- 2. DLC Application (copy)
- 3. Submit payment VIA PayPal to <a href="https://www.PayPal.me/secureVI">www.PayPal.me/secureVI</a>
- 4. Results will be submitted to DLC as they become available



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#### AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE FOR A BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION

I, the undersigned, do hereby authorize <u>DLCA</u>, by and through its independent contractor, Dennis R. Sheraw and Associates, Inc. DBA Secure VI, to conduct a Background Investigative History Search on me. I understand that this search can include Federal, State, County and/or Territorial, Criminal and/or Civil Court Records, Credit Bureau, Educational Institutions degrees and transcripts and any other public information sources and agencies. A verification of my Social Security Account Number, Date of Birth, present and past addresses may be required.

I further authorize any person, public information source, court, court agency, and/or law enforcement agency who may have information relevant to this Investigative History Search to disclose same to <u>DLCA</u> by and through DRSI including, but not limited to any court, public agency, and any and all law enforcement agencies, regardless of whether such person, business entity, or governmental agency compiled the information itself or received it from other sources.

I hereby release <u>DLCA</u>, Secure VI, and any and all persons, business entities and governmental agencies, whether public or private, from any and all liability, claims and/or demands of whatever kind, to me, my heirs or others making such claim or demand on my behalf for procuring, providing, brokering and/or assisting with the compilation or preparation of the Investigative History Search hereby authorized.

#### PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

PRINTED NAME		
FIRST	MIDDLE & MAIDEN	LAST
Alias		
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DATE OF BIRTH		
M Place of Birth	D YEAR	
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CURRENT PHYSCIAL ADDRESS		

Places lived in the past 7 years (Country, State, Territory)

(See back of page)



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Ensure that there are no gaps in the dates. Use additional space below in necessary

Complete Address – Physical and Mailing	From	То
Example (35 Estate Welcome, PO Box 11111, Christiansted, VI 00820)	(Date)	(Date)
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SIGNATURE	DATE	