



Continuing Education Requirements for Massachusetts Licensed Social Workers (And How to Stay on Track)

As a licensed clinical social worker (LCSW) in the state of Massachusetts, it is your responsibility to adhere to continuing education requirements each period in order to renew your license. Beyond license renewal being key to you maintaining your practice, continuing education is essential to stay abreast of what is happening in your field – something your clients will always appreciate you taking seriously. Education is how we all continue to learn and further hone our skills and expertise, so it's certainly something to be celebrated. Though education is fantastic, keeping on track with the many hours you need to fulfill can be a challenge. Thankfully, there is a fantastic resource available to help you with that. Before we dive into the resource, let's start by outlining what is required of Massachusetts LCSWs in order to renew their license.

Licensee Requirements for Massachusetts Licensed Social Workers

Licensed clinical social workers in Massachusetts must complete 20 hours of continuing education every two years, with at least 25% of those hours being earned from American Psychological Association (APA)-approved sponsors. The Massachusetts Board of Registration of Social Workers accepts online and home-study hours toward the continuing education requirement, providing flexibility in the learning process as there is no live, in-person, requirement. For added simplicity, as of October 1, 2020, LCSW licenses are now renewed on the licensee's birthday. A renewal reminder will be received via mail 60 days ahead of the expiration date, along with instructions for renewing online.

Key Takeaways:

- **Massachusetts LCSWs must fulfill a 20-hour continuing education requirement every two years.**
- **25% of the 20 hours must be obtained via an APA-approved sponsor.**
- **Licenses now expire on the licensee's birthday, as of October 1, 2020.**

Given licensed social workers are likely to achieve their continuing education certificates in increments, from various workshops, conventions, agencies, and institutions, there is a lot of documentation to keep track of (potentially 20 or more certificates throughout the course of two years). As proof is required when you apply for renewal, it's imperative you keep all of those certificates in a safe place – easily accessible and easy to track your progress. CE Hub is the safe place you need to work through your continuing education with ease.

What is CE Hub?

CE Hub is an app built specifically for social workers. Recognizing the difficulty that is storing continuing education certificates and keeping track of your hours, CE Hub was created to take the stress out of continuing education requirements. Instead of worrying throughout the period that you may not be on track, or perhaps that you may have lost a document or two, CE Hub provides you the peace of mind you need to enjoy the learning process. Using the platform is simple: you sign up, upload your continuing education certificates as you obtain them, then CE Hub handles the rest. Your hours and certificates are tracked, then you are notified when it's time to submit for your renewal – something you'll never have to monitor yourself again. Alleviate the stress of continuing education requirements by taking advantage of CE Hub today!

Disclaimer: this content is for informational purposes only. Licensees should always confirm their continuing education requirements with their respective governing agency. In the state of Massachusetts, LCSWs can clarify anything about their license by contacting the Board of Registration of Social Workers at the number (617) 701-8681 or the email swboard@mass.gov.

Reference Link: <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/board-of-registration-of-social-workers>