

VIRGINIA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

DISPOSITION OF APPLICANT CASES INVOLVING PRACTICING WITHOUT A LICENSE

The Board of Social Work (“Board”) delegates to the Executive Director for the Board the authority to offer a prehearing consent order to resolve disciplinary cases in which an applicant for Licensed Social Worker (“LSW”) or Licensed Clinical Social Worker (“LCSW”) has been found to be practicing without a license in a non-exempt setting.

In order to engage in the practice of social work, it shall be necessary to hold a license in accordance with Code of Virginia § 54.1-3706 unless practice setting is exempt from the requirements for licensure as outlined in Code of Virginia § 54.1-3701.

Disciplinary Action for Practicing without a Clinical Social Work License (“LCSW”) or a Social Work License (“LSW”), depending on the license for which the applicant has applied.

The Board adopts the following guidelines for resolution of cases of practicing without a social work license:

- *Up to five years of unlicensed practice*: Consent Order; Reprimand; Monetary penalty equal to renewal fee(s) for number of years of unlicensed practice rounded up to the next renewal date
- *More than five years*: Informal Conference