

Social work regulation in the U.S. and Canada

Clinical, Masters and Baccalaureate License – 38 U.S. jurisdictions

Alabama	Iowa	Nebraska ^{4, 7}	Pennsylvania
Alaska	Kansas	Nevada ^{7, 11}	South Carolina ⁷
Arizona	Kentucky	New Jersey	Tennessee ⁷
Arkansas	Louisiana	New Mexico ⁷	Texas ^{5, 7}
Delaware	Maine	North Carolina ⁷	Utah
Guam	Maryland ^{5, 7}	North Dakota	Virginia
Hawaii	Minnesota ⁷	Northern Mariana	Washington DC ⁷
Idaho ²	Mississippi	Islands	West Virginia ⁷
Illinois ¹²	Missouri ^{3, 7}	Oklahoma ⁸	Wisconsin ⁷
Indiana	Montana	Oregon	

Clinical and Masters License – 7 states

Colorado	Florida ⁹	New York ⁶	Washington ⁹
Connecticut	Georgia	Vermont	

Clinical License – 2 states

California	Rhode Island ¹
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Clinical, Masters, Baccalaureate and Associate/Non-SW Certification – 5 U.S. jurisdictions

Massachusetts	Michigan ⁹	Ohio ¹²	South Dakota	Virgin Islands
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Clinical, Baccalaureate, Associate/Non-SW Certification – 1 state

New Hampshire¹¹

Clinical and Baccalaureate License – 1 state

Wyoming

Clinical Registry and Non-Clinical Social Work Registry – 3 provinces

Alberta	British Columbia	Saskatchewan
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Social Work Registry – 7 provinces

Manitoba	Nova Scotia ¹⁰	Prince Edward Island
New Brunswick	Ontario	Quebec
Newfoundland & Labrador ¹⁰		

¹Clinical licensees may apply for the private independent clinical practice license

² Masters licensees may apply for the independent practice designation

³Baccalaureate licensees may apply for the independent practice designation

⁴Clinical and master's licensees may apply for the independent practice designation

⁵Masters and baccalaureate licensees may apply for the independent non-clinical practice designation

⁶ Clinical licensees may apply for psychotherapy "R" privilege

⁷Jurisdiction has masters license and advanced practice macro masters license

⁸ Jurisdiction has masters license and two advanced practice macro masters licenses

⁹Advanced macro practice is the only masters license

¹⁰Registered social workers may apply for the private practice designation

¹¹Legislation to add one or more license categories adopted in 2021; regulations pending

¹²The LSW encompasses both bachelors and masters practice