

AN ACT concerning regulation.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The Clinical Social Work and Social Work Practice Act is amended by changing Section 8 as follows:

(225 ILCS 20/8) (from Ch. 111, par. 6358)

(Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2028)

Sec. 8. Examination.

(1) The Department shall authorize examinations of applicants at such times and places as it may determine. Each examination shall be of a character to fairly test the competence and qualifications of the applicants to practice as a licensed clinical social worker or as a licensed social worker.

(2) Applicants for examination shall pay, either to the Department or to the designated testing service, a fee covering the cost of determining the applicant's eligibility and of providing the examination. Failure to appear for the examination on the scheduled date at the time and place specified after the applicant's application for examination has been received and acknowledged by the Department or the designated testing service shall result in forfeiture of the examination fee.

(3) (Blank).

(4) The Department may employ consultants for the purpose of preparing and conducting examinations.

(5) An applicant has one year from the date of notification of successful completion of the examination to apply to the Department for a license. If an applicant fails to apply within one year, the examination scores shall be void and the applicant shall be required to take and pass the examination again unless licensed in another jurisdiction of the United States within one year of passing the examination.

(6) Applicants for a license as a licensed social worker enrolled in an approved program for a master's degree in social work may sit for the authorized examination for licensed social workers in the final semester of the program for a master's degree in social work without prior approval of the Department. The Department may adopt rules to administer this paragraph (6). Applicants for a license as a licensed social worker must still meet all requirements set forth in Section 9A.

(Source: P.A. 90-150, eff. 12-30-97.)

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 2020.