

Protecting the Public

Social Work Licensing

**WHEN IS A LICENSE
REQUIRED?**



MINNESOTA

BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

If you have a social work degree, a license is required to provide social work services

Social work services include:

- ▶ Assessment
- ▶ Intervention
- ▶ Case management
- ▶ Client education
- ▶ Consultation
- ▶ Counseling
- ▶ Crisis intervention
- ▶ Referral
- ▶ Clinical practice including diagnosis and psychotherapy
- ▶ Advocacy
- ▶ Research
- ▶ Development and administration of social service programs and policies
- ▶ Community organization
- ▶ Supervision of licensed social workers
- ▶ Teaching social work students

A license may be required **even if the employer does not require a license, the job does not require client contact, or the job title is not social worker**

As a licensed professional, **you are responsible** for being aware of and complying with all licencing requirements

IT'S THE LAW: Social work practice is defined in Minnesota Statutes section 148E.010, subdivisions 6 and 11

Only the Board has the authority to determine whether a person is engaged in social work practice and must be licensed

Licensure is voluntary if you are employed by a county or a federally recognized tribe

Minnesota Statutes section 148E.065



Visit the Board's website:

- Review the definition of social work practice
- Find complete information about license requirements

mn.gov/boards/social-work