

## School Social Worker Licensure Information

The following information relates to obtaining or renewing a Minnesota School Social Worker License per [MN Rule 8710.6300](#). A school social worker may provide social work services to prekindergarten to grade 12 students in a school setting.

### Tier 1 and Tier 2 Licenses

Tier 1 and Tier 2 licenses for a school social worker are not available.

### Tier 3 License

A Tier 3 license is valid for three years and expires on June 30 of the expiration year. This license may be renewed indefinitely. Apply [online](#) for an initial Tier 3 license.

#### **Initial Tier 3 Application Requirements**

The applicant must have all of the following:

1. have a bachelor's or master's degree in social work, **AND**
2. hold a current social work license with the Minnesota Board of Social Work.



### Tier 4 License

A Tier 4 license is valid for five years and expires on June 30 of the expiration year. This license may be renewed indefinitely. Apply [online](#) for an initial Tier 4 license.

#### **Initial Tier 4 Application Requirements**

Applicant must have all of the following:

1. meet all Tier 3 license requirements, including Tier 3 clock hours and mandatory requirements if moving from a Tier 3 to a Tier 4 license in the expiration year of the Tier 3 license, and
2. have three or more years working experience as a school social worker.

### **Renewal of Tier 3 or Tier 4 License**

A school social worker must:

1. provide evidence of a current Minnesota Board of Social Work license which must be maintained at all times. Lapse of Board of Social Work licensure is grounds for revocation of the school social worker license, **AND**
2. complete 75 [clock hours](#), including current mandatory requirements if holding a Tier 3 license.
3. complete 125 [clock hours](#), including current mandatory requirements if holding a Tier 4 license.

### **Permissions**

The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board does not authorize or issue permissions for school social workers.

### **Testing**

A school social worker is not required to pass content, pedagogy, or basic skills examinations to obtain or renew a school social worker license.