

**TITLE 16 OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING**  
**CHAPTER 63 SOCIAL WORKERS**  
**PART 9 BACCALAUREATE SOCIAL WORKER**

**16.63.9.1 ISSUING AGENCY:** Regulation and Licensing Department, Board of Social Work Examiners  
P.O. Box 25101, Santa Fe, NM 87504.  
[9/8/1996; 16.63.9.1 NMAC - Rn, 16 NMAC 63.9.1, 6/19/2002]

**16.63.9.2 SCOPE:** All baccalaureate social workers, master social workers, and independent social workers.  
[9/8/1996; 16.63.9.2 NMAC - Rn, 16 NMAC 63.9.2, 6/19/2002]

**16.63.9.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** These parts are promulgated pursuant to the Social Work Practice Act, Section 61-31-8A, 14-2-1, 61-31-19 NMSA 1978.  
[9/8/1996; 16.63.9.3 NMAC - Rn, 16 NMAC 63.9.3, 6/19/2002]

**16.63.9.4 DURATION:** Permanent  
[9/8/1996; 16.63.9.4 NMAC - Rn, 16 NMAC 63.9.4, 6/19/2002]

**16.63.9.5 EFFECTIVE DATE:** June 22, 1992, unless a different date is cited at the end of a section.  
[9/8/1996; 16.63.9.5 NMAC - Rn & A, 16 NMAC 63.9.5, 6/19/2002]

**16.63.9.6 OBJECTIVE:** To state the minimum requirements for licensure as a social worker at the baccalaureate level, to outline the parameters of practice, and the procedure to renew a license.  
[9/8/1996; 16.63.9.6 NMAC - Rn, 16 NMAC 63.9.6, 6/19/2002]

**16.63.9.7 DEFINITIONS:** [Reserved]

**16.63.9.8 QUALIFICATION OF LICENSURE:** Applicants for licensure as baccalaureate social worker must possess the following minimum qualifications:

- A.** be at least 18 years of age;
- B.** possess a bachelor's degree in social work from a program accredited by the council on social work education;
- C.** successfully pass the association of social work board examination and the jurisprudence examination;
- D.** documents completion of the required course in New Mexico cultures.
- E.** [provide proof of any disqualifying criminal convictions as listed in 16.63.13.9 NMAC.](#)

[1/1/1990, 5/15/1991, 6/22/1992; 16.63.9.8 NMAC - Rn & A, 16 NMAC 63.9.8, 6/19/2002; A, 4/24/2006; A, 11/30/2006; A, 1/17/2008; A, 12/31/2008; [A, x/xx/2021](#)]

**16.63.9.9 PARAMETERS OF PRACTICE:**

**A.** This is the entry licensing level. The baccalaureate social worker ("LBSW") is prepared to assume the beginning level professional role in public and private social service agencies.

**B.** LBSWs are prepared through beginning professional knowledge in human behavior in the social environment, generalist social work practice, knowledge of the history of social policy, knowledge of how to utilize social research findings in their practice and having had supervised field practicum experience. Baccalaureate social work is basic generalist practice that includes assessment planning, intervention, evaluation, case management, information and referral, counseling, supervision, consultation, education, advocacy, community organization, and the development, implementation, of policies, programs and activities. LBSWs may work with individuals, families, communities, groups and organizations at a beginning level.

**C.** The LBSW utilizes the basic problem-solving process of gathering information, assessing that information at a beginning professional level, developing an intervention plan, implementing the plan and conducts follow-up. This process at the LBSW level requires the application of social work theory, knowledge, methods, ethics and the professional use of self to restore or enhance social, psychosocial, or biopsychosocial functioning.

**D.** The LBSW must not practice independently as a private practitioner.

[1/1/1990, 5/15/1991, 6/22/1992; 16.63.9.9 NMAC - Rn & A, 16 NMAC 63.9.9, 6/19/2002; A, 4/24/2006]

**16.63.9.10 RENEWAL OF LICENSE:** Before July 1 of the renewal year, each baccalaureate social worker shall apply for license renewal and shall pay the renewal fee as set forth in Part 8.  
[1/1/1990, 5/15/1991, 6/22/1992, 5/1/1999; 16.63.9.10 NMAC - Rn, 16 NMAC 63.9.10, 6/19/2002; A, 1/17/2008]

**HISTORY OF 16.63.9 NMAC:**

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