

**TITLE 16 OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING**  
**CHAPTER 63 SOCIAL WORKERS**  
**PART 10 MASTER SOCIAL WORKER**

**16.63.10.1 ISSUING AGENCY:** Regulation and Licensing Department, Board of Social Work Examiners  
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**16.63.10.2 SCOPE:** All baccalaureate social workers, master social workers, and independent social workers.  
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**16.63.10.3 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.  
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**16.63.10.4 DURATION:** Permanent  
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**16.63.10.5 EFFECTIVE DATE:** June 22, 1992, unless a different date is cited at the end of a section.  
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**16.63.10.6 OBJECTIVE:** To state the minimum requirements for licensure as a social worker at the masters level, to outline the parameters of practice at this level, and the procedure to renew a license.  
[9/8/96; 16.63.10.6 NMAC - Rn, 16 NMAC 63.10.6, 06/19/02]

**16.63.10.7 DEFINITIONS:** [Reserved]

**16.63.10.8 QUALIFICATION FOR LICENSURE:** Applicants for licensure as master social worker must:

- A. be at least 18 years of age;
- B. possess a master's degree in social work from a graduate program of social work 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.

[1/1/90, 9/13/90, 5/15/91, 6/22/92; 16.63.10.8 NMAC - Rn & A, 16 NMAC 63.10.8, 06/19/02; A, 04/24/06; A, 11/30/06; A, 01/17/08; A, 12/31/08]

**16.63.10.9 PARAMETERS OF PRACTICE:**

- A. The licensed master social worker ("LMSW") provides a wide range of services. The LMSW has preparation as a generalist social worker, as found in the LBSW level in addition to specialization in either direct or indirect services such as work in a field of practice or with a specific population.
- B. The LMSW may provide diagnostic, preventive and treatment services. The practice of master's social work means the application of social work theory, knowledge, methods and ethics and the professional use of self to restore or enhance social, psychosocial, or biopsychosocial functioning of individuals, couples, families, groups, organizations and communities. Master's social work practice requires the application of specialized knowledge and advanced practice skills in the areas of assessment, treatment planning, implementation and evaluation, case management, information and referral, counseling, supervision, consultation, education, research, advocacy, community organization and the development, implementation and administration of policies, programs and activities. The practice of master's social work may include the practice of clinical social work under appropriate clinical social work supervision. The LMSW is able to explain and interpret the results of psychosocial evaluations in the problem-solving process. The LMSW is able to supervise LBSWs and practice in the areas of social work administration, community organization and policy analysis.
- C. The LMSW may not practice independently as a private practitioner.

[1/1/90, 9/13/90, 5/15/91, 6/22/92; 5/1/99, 16.63.10.9 NMAC - Rn, 16 NMAC 63.10.9, 06/19/02; A, 04/24/06]

**16.63.10.10 RENEWAL OF LICENSE:** Before July 1 of the renewal year, each master social worker shall apply for license renewal and shall pay the renewal fee as set forth in Part 8.  
[1/1/90, 9/13/90, 5/15/91, 6/22/92; 16.63.10.10 NMAC - Rn, 16 NMAC 63.10.10, 06/19/02; A, 01/17/08]

**HISTORY OF 16.63.10 NMAC:**

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Rule 10, Master Social Worker, 5/22/92.

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