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Dear licensees and interested parties:

Alaska's professional licensing statutes (AS 08.01.065) require the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing (CBPL) to "annually review each fee level to determine whether the regulatory costs of each occupation are approximately equal to fee collections related to that occupation." Alaska's licensing fee statutes go on to say, "If the review indicates that an occupation's fee collections and regulatory costs are not approximately equal, the Department shall calculate fee adjustments and adopt regulations...to implement the adjustments."

The Division conducted a thorough fee analysis and proposes a reduction in licensing fee amounts at this time in order to comply with the statute listed above. Although there was an increase in fees in 2014 and 2016, the program expenses have stabilized and a suitable surplus is forecast for the coming years.

The Board of Social Work Examiners reviewed the fee analysis at a meeting on March 13, 2018 and made recommendations to decrease certain fees. The Division took those recommendations under advisement; however, the Division has selected a more ambitious reduction plan in order to fulfill the mandate of AS 08.01.065 and to more closely match revenues with expenditures, allowing a comfortable surplus in the event of unexpected costs. The proposed fee amounts are enclosed and can also be found on the Board's web page at <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/SocialWorkExaminers.aspx>

Fee Type	Current fee schedule			Proposed by board				Proposed by division				Adjustments		
	Current Fee	Projected Units	Projected Revenue	Fee Adjustment	Fee with Recommendation	Projected Revenue after Adjustment	% Change	Fee Adjustment	Fee with Recommendation	Projected Revenue after Adjustment	% Change	Fee Adjustment for Estimated Prorated Renewals	Projected Units**	Projected Revenue Loss
Initial Application	\$ 100	107	\$ 10,667		\$ 100	\$ 10,667	0%		\$ 100	\$ 10,667	0%			
New Clinical SW License	400	44	17,600		400	17,600	0%	-75	325	14,300	-19%	(163)	22	(3,375)
Renew Clinical SW License	400	623	249,200		400	249,200	0%	-75	325	202,475	-19%			
New Master SW License	350	8	2,800		350	2,800	0%	-75	275	2,200	-21%	(138)	4	(550)
Renew Master SW License	350	140	49,000		350	49,000	0%	-75	275	38,500	-21%			
New Baccalaureate SW License	300	4	1,200		300	1,200	0%	-75	225	900	-25%	(113)	2	(225)
Renew Baccalaureate SW License	300	53	15,900		300	15,900	0%	-75	225	11,925	-25%			
Temporary License	75	51	3,800		75	3,800	0%		75	3,800	0%			
Initial Continuing Education Course	100	35	3,500	(50)	50	1,750	-50%	-50	50	1,750	-50%			
Continuing Education Course Resubmittal	50	5	250	(25)	25	125	-50%	-25	25	125	-50%			
Centralized Fees	3,338	1	3,338		3,338	3,338	-50%		3,338	3,338	0%			
			\$ 357,254			\$ 355,379				\$ 289,979				(4,390)

	CALCULATIONS BASED ON CURRENT FEES					CALCULATIONS BASED ON BOARD'S PROPOSAL					CALCULATIONS BASED ON DIVISION'S PROPOSAL				
	FY2014/2015 Actuals	FY2016/2017 Actuals	Projected FY2018/2019	Projected FY2020/2021	Projected FY2022/2023	FY2016/2017 Actuals	Projected FY2018/2019	Projected FY2020/2021	Projected FY2022/2023		FY2016/2017 Actuals	Projected FY2018/2019	Projected FY2020/2021	Projected FY2022/2023	
Revenues and Expenditures															
Revenue	247,540	333,783	357,254	357,254	357,254	333,783	355,379	355,379	355,379		333,783	289,979	289,979	289,979	
Expenses	(306,389)	(215,924)				(215,924)					(215,924)				
Adjustments															
Expenses adjusted for 2% biennial increase			(220,242)	(224,647)	(229,140)		(220,242)	(224,647)	(229,140)			(220,242)	(224,647)	(229,140)	
Fee adjustment for pro-rated renewal			(4,350)	(4,350)	(4,350)		(4,350)	(4,350)	(4,350)			(4,350)	(4,350)	(4,350)	
Projected Net		117,859	132,662	128,257	123,764	117,859	130,787	126,382	121,889		117,859	65,387	60,982	56,489	
Beginning Cumulative Surplus (Deficit)		(21,989)	95,870	228,532	356,789	(21,989)	95,870	226,657	353,039		(21,989)	95,870	161,257	222,239	
Ending Cumulative Surplus (Deficit)			95,870	228,532	356,789	95,870	226,657	353,039	474,928		95,870	161,257	222,239	278,728	

This fee proposal is entering a public comment period. The Division encourages all licensees and interested parties to comment on this proposal through the Division's Regulations Specialist, whose contact information is enclosed on the public notice. After the comment period closes and the Division reviews all comments received, the Division may adopt the regulation as drafted, may amend a proposed fee, or may withdraw the regulations in part or in its whole.

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All comments received will be reviewed and taken into consideration prior to adopting the final regulations. The final decision will result in the fee to be implemented before this season's online license renewal.

Follow the instructions enclosed to make written comments during the public comment period. Comments must be addressed to Jun Maiquis, Regulations Specialist, PO Box 110806, Juneau, AK 99811 or regulationsandpubliccomment@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janey McCullough", is written over a light gray rectangular background.

Janey McCullough
Director

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Chapter 02. General Occupational Licensing Functions.

(Words in **boldface and underlined** indicate language being added; words [CAPITALIZED AND BRACKETED] indicate language being deleted.

12 AAC 02.155 is amended to read:

12 AAC 02.155. Board of Social Work Examiners. (a) The following fees are established for social workers:

- (1) application fee for initial license, \$100;
- (2) clinical social worker license fee for all or part of the initial biennial license period, **\$325** [\$400];
- (3) master social worker license fee for all or part of the initial biennial license period, **\$275** [\$350];
- (4) baccalaureate social worker license fee for all or part of the initial biennial license period, **\$225** [\$300];
- (5) biennial clinical social worker license renewal fee, **\$325** [\$400];
- (6) biennial master social worker license renewal fee, **\$275** [\$350];
- (7) biennial baccalaureate social worker license renewal fee, **\$225** [\$300];
- (8) temporary license fee, \$75.

(b) Notwithstanding 12 AAC 02.020 and 12 AAC 02.030, the initial license renewal fee for a clinical social worker, master social worker, or baccalaureate social worker in (a)(5) – (7) of this section will not be prorated, except as provided in 12 AAC 02.030(a)(1).

(c) The following fees are established for submission of social worker continuing education courses for approval under 12 AAC 18.220:

- (1) initial continuing education course submittal fee, **\$50** [\$100];

(2) continuing education course resubmittal fee, **\$25** [\$50]. (Eff. 5/4/90, Register 114; am 5/28/93, Register 126; am 4/20/96, Register 138; am 4/11/98, Register 146; am 5/5/99, Register 150; am 10/28/2000, Register 156; am 8/12/2001, Register 159; am 6/13/2002, Register 162; am 6/1/2006, Register 178; am 6/11/2010, Register 194; am 5/18/2014, Register 210; am 4/24/2016, Register 218; am ____/____/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.01.065 AS 08.95.110 AS 08.95.125
AS 08.95.030 AS 08.95.120