



STATE OF NEVADA  
BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR SOCIAL WORKERS  
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**IMPORTANT NOTICE REQUIRING YOUR PROMPT ATTENTION**

**ASSEMBLY BILL 93**

During the 78<sup>th</sup>/2015 Legislative Session, two bills were passed which will significantly impact those licensed by the State of Nevada Board of Examiners for Social Workers (Board). PLEASE READ ALL OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS LETTER REGARDING THE REFERENCED LEGISLATIVE BILLS AND ITS IMPACT ON YOUR SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE.

**Assembly Bill 93 (AB 93)**

AB 93 requires ALL licensed professionals listed in this legislation to complete, as a "prerequisite" for continued licensure **annually**, proof that he or she has completed, "...at least 2 hours of instruction on evidence-based suicide prevention and awareness." This bill goes into effect, July 1, 2016.

**What this means to ALL social work licensees**

The total number of Board approved continuing education hours for each level of licensure will remain the same. LASW'S and LSW'S will continue to take 30.0 continuing education hours during his or her two-year continuing education collection cycle, including 2.0 continuing education hours in Board approved courses on ethics. LCSW'S and LISW'S will continue to take 36.0 continuing education hours during his or her two-year continuing education collection cycle, including 3.0 continuing education hours in Board approved courses on ethics. AB 93 WILL NOT change the total number of CEU'S you will be required to complete during each two-year continuing education collection cycle.

**AB 93, however, WILL change requirements to renew your license ANNUALLY (i.e. each year).**

All individuals licensed by the Board, whose date of renewal occurs ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2016, will be required to submit proof (via a copy of a continuing education certificate of course completion) of at least **2.0 (Board approved) continuing education hours**, on the topic of **suicide prevention and awareness**. This proof of course completion **MUST be attached to EACH ANNUAL RENEWAL**, effective July 1, 2016. The Board will consider courses on the topic of suicide prevention and awareness which were completed by a licensee within the year immediately preceding the date of the renewal application. (A table, reflecting the dates falling within the year immediately preceding the date of application renewal are located on the back of this notice).

Failure to submit a copy of your continuing education certificate for each annual renewal will result in:

1. A delay in the processing of your renewal application; and
2. Non-renewal of your license if the continuing education course certificate is not completed within the year immediately preceding the date of the application renewal, and received in the Board office by the deadline posted on your license renewal form.

A licensee whose license is not renewed by the postmarked deadline on his or her renewal application is considered, "delinquent". It is unlawful for an individual to practice as a social worker under a delinquent license. ***There will NOT be any exemptions or grace period offered.***

To review AB 93 in its entirety, please go to the Legislative website:  
[http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78<sup>th</sup>2015/Bills/AB/AB93\\_EN.pdf](http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78<sup>th</sup>2015/Bills/AB/AB93_EN.pdf)

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## SUICIDE AWARENESS CONTINUING EDUCATION COLLECTION CYCLE

<b>MONTHS</b> If you are renewing in the month of:	<b>2016</b> Your suicide awareness CEU collection cycle for this year is:	<b>2017</b> Your suicide awareness CEU collection cycle for 2017 will be:
<b>July</b>	August 1, 2015 – July 31, 2016	August 1, 2016 – July 31, 2017
<b>August</b>	September 1, 2015 – August 31, 2016	September 1, 2016 – August 31, 2017
<b>September</b>	October 1, 2015 – September 30, 2016	October 1, 2016 – September 30, 2017
<b>October</b>	November 1, 2015 – October 31, 2016	November 1, 2016 – October 31, 2017
<b>November</b>	December 1, 2015 – November 30, 2016	December 1, 2016 – November 30, 2017
<b>December</b>	January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016	January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017
<b>January</b>	(exempt this cycle)	February 1, 2016 – January 31, 2017
<b>February</b>		March 1, 2016 – February 28, 2017
<b>March</b>		April 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017
<b>April</b>		May 1, 2016 – April 30, 2017
<b>May</b>		June 1, 2016 – May 31, 2017
<b>June</b>		July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

PLEASE VISIT THE BOARD'S WEBSITE, [www.socwork.nv.gov](http://www.socwork.nv.gov), FOR A LIST OF BOARD APPROVED CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES ON THIS SUBJECT.