

## What's New

January 2, 2018

**NEW EXAMINATIONS ADMINISTERED:** Effective January 2, 2018, ASWB shall begin administering new social work licensing examinations based on the most recent analysis of social work practice in the United States and Canada.

The newest ASWB examinations are the result of a multi-year project that involved volunteers, ASWB staff, consultant experts, and thousands of social workers in North America. The survey of practice on which the examination blueprints are built was the most extensive in ASWB's history, involving more than 25,000 social workers from diverse geographic regions, practice settings, and ethnicities.

For more information on the new ASWB examinations, please visit [www.aswb.org](http://www.aswb.org).

### **PUBLIC NOTICE STATEMENT REQUIRED FOR ALL APPLICATIONS BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2018:**

Beginning with this new year, all occupational licensing boards are mandated to require all individuals ***applying for initial or renewal of a license or certification*** to sign an acknowledgement statement affirming that they have read and understand the "Public Notice Statement" maintained by the N.C. Industrial Commission, Employee Classification Section. Applications will include the required acknowledgement statement and will not be processed without receipt of the signed statement. The Public Notice Statement can be viewed on the Commissions' website at [www.ic.nc.gov](http://www.ic.nc.gov). Follow the link to ***Employee Classification***, then the link to ***Public Notice***.

**NEW WEBSITE COMING:** The Board's website is being revised and visitors to the website can expect to see a revamped, more user-friendly website in the not-too-distant future. The new site design will include online submission for many activities, including certification and licensure renewal. We are hopeful to have online renewal and many other features in place by the end of March 2018.

### **2016 CE AUDIT:**

The Board annual audit of CE activity of the 2016 Renewals has been completed by ASWB, and selected individuals should have already received notification from ASWB about the outcome of their review. All non-compliant audit outcomes and those determined to be not fully compliant are reviewed by the Executive Director and individuals are notified independently if additional action is required. Most of the second reviews have been completed as of December 31, 2017 and correspondence has been sent regarding individual outcomes. The remaining audit reviews will be completed within the next few weeks and a final audit summary will be presented to the Board at their February meeting. An update will be posted here on the website under the ***What's New*** page. In the meantime, the audit of CE activities for a sampling of the Renewals received June 2017 will begin shortly so please make sure the Board has updated contact information. Failure to respond to the audit request for information may subject your certificate/license to disciplinary action.

***\*\*Please take time to participate in the brief survey accessible from the Quick Links section at the bottom of our home page to let us know how we are doing.***