

FAQ on 2023–2025 LSW/LCSW Licensure

Where can I read more about the CEU requirements? For a complete explanation on CEU requirements, please check out the “CEU Requirements” tab on the NASW-Illinois Chapter website: <https://www.naswil.org/ceu-requirements>.

How will I know if a course fulfills IDFPR CEU requirements? In order for a course to be qualified to provide CEUs in Illinois, it must be from an IDFPR-approved licensed provider. The NASW-Illinois Chapter, the national NASW, and all of our NASW Chapter affiliates are approved providers in Illinois. To find out if another provider is approved, contact IDFPR.

Where can I get CEUs to fulfill these new requirements? The NASW-Illinois Chapter has live, virtual, and recorded CEU trainings available, including courses fulfilling specialty CEU requirements. To check out the latest course offerings, go to: <https://www.naswil.org/events>

Do I need to get CEUs for my license? If this is your first time renewing your LSW or LCSW: you do not need to fulfill continuing education requirements, but you still need to apply for renewal.

If this is your second or subsequent time renewing: you will need to fulfill continuing education requirements for renewal.

I took a course last year/licensure cycle—can I still utilize it for CEUs this cycle? Trainings may only apply to the licensure cycle in which they were taken. That is, any education acquired before December 1, 2023, will **not** be eligible for use for your licensure renewal in 2025. You can only start acquiring CEUs for your 2025 renewal after December 1, 2023.

When can I apply for renewal? IDFPR should notify all license holders via e-mail approximately 60 days out from the November 30, 2025, deadline when the LSW and LCSW renewal period is active. Please note this is subject to change and that, no matter whether you receive the notice or not, you are solely responsible for keeping your license active.

When do I need to fulfill the clinical supervision education requirement? For existing LCSWs or LCSWs who were licensed before December 1, 2025: Your 6 hours may be split between the 2023–2025 and 2025–2027 licensure cycles—you just have to obtain a total of 6 hours before November 30, 2027.

For all LCSWs licensed after November 30, 2025: You will need to acquire 6 hours of clinical supervision training for your second renewal. This is a one-time requirement as once you have acquired your 6 hours, you will need no additional hours.

Will a past course I took on clinical supervision fulfill the IDFPR requirement? IDFPR will accept the course if: 1) you still have a copy of the CEU certificate, and 2) it was given by an IDFPR-approved CE provider. NASW-IL is an approved IDFPR CE Provider, and any of our Supervision Series courses qualify for clinical supervision CEUs.

NOTE: If you took the course during a previous licensure cycle, however, you cannot re-apply those CEUs a second time toward the 30 CEU requirement for licensure renewal.

How can I keep on top of changes to my license? One of the benefits of NASW membership is continued monitoring and communication about changes in social work licensure as well as representation when we speak to government entities about how laws impact the profession. To lend your voice in our efforts, join or maintain your NASW membership today: <https://www.socialworkers.org/nasw/join>