

**645—280.4(154C) Written examination.**

**280.4(1)** The applicant will take and pass the ASWB examination at the appropriate level as follows:

- a. Bachelor level social worker—the basic level examination.
- b. Master level social worker—the intermediate level examination.
- c. Independent level social worker—the clinical level examination.

**280.4(2)** The board will accept only official results from the ASWB examination service that are sent directly from the examination service to the board.

**280.4(3)** The ASWB passing score will be utilized as the Iowa passing score.

**280.4(4)** An applicant may sit for the examination if the applicant meets the requirements stated in rule 645—280.3(154C). Upon written request of the applicant, the board may authorize a student to sit for the examination prior to the receipt of the official transcript if the student is in the last semester of an approved master of social work program. The student shall submit an application for licensure at the master level and the fee, and, in lieu of a transcript, the student shall request that the school submit a letter directly to the board office. The letter shall state that the student is currently enrolled in a master of social work program and the student's expected date of graduation. Upon completion of degree requirements, the applicant shall have the transcript showing the date of the degree sent directly from the school to the board office.

**280.4(5)** In lieu of the requirements in subrule 280.4(2), the board will accept the ASWB Social Work Registry verification of the ASWB examination results.

**280.4(6)** In lieu of the requirements in subrule 280.4(1), the board will accept verification of passing the state of California equivalent level licensing examination.

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