

## How to Apply to Take the Master's License Exam in Pennsylvania

To be eligible for the master's licensing exam in PA, you must be in the final semester of a master's or doctoral degree program or hold a master's or doctoral degree in social work.

Recommendation: Review the [ASWB Examination Guidebook](#)

### Step One: Register/Create an Account in [PA Licensing System \(PALS\)](#)

The PALS system can be accessed from the PA State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors site. All first-time applicants must start the application process by creating a PA Licensing System (PALS) account. Once you have a PALS account you can start your application.

### Step Two: Start/ Submit PA State Board Application in PALS

Recommendation: Print the Application Checklist that is available in PALS. The application checklist contains all required steps. If you are a current master's student and applying for the LSW, you should select the following when prompted:

For Board/Commission, select "State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Professional Counselors"

For License Type, select "Social Worker"

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Step Three: Register for the exam with [ASWB](#)

Follow the instructions for how to register for the exam provided by the PA State Board your