

Questions and Answers: Waiver Programs for Oregon Social Worker Exams and Licensing Fees

What is the ASWB?

Association of Social Work Boards.

What is the BLSW?

Oregon Board of Licensed Social Workers.

What exams are covered under the ASWB exam fee waiver?

The waiver covers all ASWB social worker exams for those registered in Oregon to take the exams.

Which license fees are covered under the BLSW licensing fee waiver?

1. Initial Clinical Social Worker Associate fees
2. Clinical Social Worker Associate Renewal fees
3. Initial Licensed Clinical Social Worker fees
4. Initial Licensed Master of Social Work fees

Do I need to do anything different to receive either of these waivers?

No, registration and application processes should be completed as normal. The appropriate entity will waive the fee.

What if I have questions about the program itself?

You can direct general (non-technical and non-personal) questions about the program to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) at bh.workforceinitiative@odhsoha.oregon.gov.

How long will OHA waive fees for social work exams?

OHA will waive ASWB exam fees for Oregon registrants from January 12, 2023, through February 19, 2024, or until the funding for this waiver program is exhausted, whichever comes first.

How long will OHA waive fees for social work licensing fees?

OHA will waive covered Oregon BLSW fees from February 1, 2023, through February 19, 2024, or until the funding for this waiver program is exhausted, whichever comes first.

I am a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC). I had to pay for a similar exam and licensing fee. Why are LPCs not covered under either of these fee waivers?

OHA is hopeful that funding will be available to continue agreement discussions with both the Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists and the National Board for Certified Counselors for similar programs.

How many exam attempts does the exam fee waiver cover?

The number of exam attempts is unlimited, but there are restrictions in how often a person can take the exam. Refer to the [ASWB website](#) for more information.

Will funding for these waivers run out?

This is always a possibility, but OHA estimated the amounts allocated for these waiver programs with growth potential in mind.

I registered for my ASWB exam before January 12, 2023, but I completed the exam after that date. Will I get a refund?

No, the ASWB will not issue refunds for those that registered for exams before January 12, 2023.

Are these waivers only for Oregon residents?

Eligibility is based on Oregon ASWB exam registration and Oregon BLSW licensure application, not on Oregon residence. An individual must first be authorized by the BLSW to register for an ASWB exam in Oregon.

How much funding was allocated for the ASWB exam fee waiver program?

Approximately \$130,000.00.

How much funding was allocated for the BLSW licensing fee waiver program?

Approximately \$620,000.00.

Where can I ask technical assistance (TA) questions about how I can receive the licensing fee waiver?

Please refer those questions to the Oregon BLSW at oregon.blsw@blsw.oregon.gov.

Where can I ask TA questions about how I can receive the exam fee waiver?

Please refer those questions to ASWB Candidate Services by calling 888-579-3926.