The Social Work Licensing Board was created by Act 791 of 1981 for the purpose of regulating the practice of social work in Arkansas.

The mission of the Social Work Licensing Board is to protect the public by setting standards of qualification, training and experience for those who seek to represent themselves to the public as social workers and by promoting high standards of professional performance for those engaged in the practice of social work.
II. Application Procedures:

G. Licensure for Active Duty Service Members, Retuning Military Veterans, and their Spouses

1. As used in this subsection:
   a. "automatic licensure" means the granting of occupational licensure without an individual's having met occupational licensure requirements provided under Title 17 of the Arkansas Code or by these Rules.
   b. "retuning military veteran" means former member of the United States Armed Forces who was discharged from active duty under circumstances other than dishonorable.

2. The Board shall grant automatic licensure to an individual who holds a substantially equivalent license in another U.S. jurisdiction and is:
   a. An active-duty military service member stationed in the State of Arkansas;
   b. A returning military veteran applying for licensure within one (1) year of his or her discharge from active duty; or
   c. The spouse of a person under Section G(2) a and b above.

3. The Board shall grant automatic licensure upon receipt of all of the following:
   a. Payment of the initial application and licensure fee;
   b. Evidence that the individual holds a substantially equivalent license in another state; and
   c. Evidence that the applicant is a qualified applicant under Section E(ii) above