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IDFPR Implements Automatic Exam Approval for LCSW Applicants

Beginning in January 2025, IDFPR is implementing the LCSW automatic exam approval language of [PA 103-708](#) which requires IDFPR to provide exam approval at the time of application to LCSW applicants who have applied in good faith. Before this language was implemented, IDFPR only provided exam approval after an application had been evaluated and determined to meet all requirements for licensure such as education and experience. Now, LCSW applicants will be able to register for the examination and sit for the ASWB Clinical exam while their application makes its way through the various IDFPR processing and evaluation stages.

Moving forward Continental Testing Services Inc (CTS) is assisting with the new licensure process. **An applicant who has already registered with ASWB and scheduled an exam appointment with PSI does NOT need to apply to Continental Testing Services at this time.** All other applicants **must** apply to CTS. LCSW applicants who have NOT yet scheduled with PSI or registered with ASWB must apply to CTS. Applicants who are not successful on the exam must apply to CTS for new exam attempts.