

BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKER LICENSURE
POLICY STATEMENT
REGARDING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS:

Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section 63-1-116, any applicant for a license as a social worker, at any level, is required to complete a criminal background check. This criminal background check is to be included in the applicant's application for licensure. The Board recognizes that some applicants may submit a criminal background check that is outdated. With this in mind, the Board has adopted the following policy for the submission of criminal background checks:

1. A criminal background check shall only be deemed valid for consideration by the Board if it is received by the administrative staff for the Board within six (6) months from the date that the criminal background check was completed; and
2. Upon receipt by the administrative staff, the background check shall remain valid for six (6) months from the date the background check was received.

This Policy Statement was adopted by the Board of Social Worker Licensure on the 3rd day of May, 2012.