

## APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FEE CHANGES

The Board was created in 1989. Since that time, the Board has primarily charged \$250 for both applications and renewals. The Board receives no money from the State General Fund. In fact, 10% of the Board's funds are automatically transferred to the General Fund. All Board services are funded through the fees charged to applicants and licensees.

The number of licensees and the demand for Board services has steadily increased since 1989 and has dramatically increased since licensure in 2004. In an effort to keep fees as low as possible over the last several years, the Board has been forced to reduce the type and level of services it provides.

The Board can no longer provide an appropriate level of services without a fee increase. With the full support of the ACA, AzAMFT, the Arizona Chapter of NASW, and AzaADAC, the Board has been approved to raise fees. These fees will allow the Board to continue providing its current services and to phase in new services as approved in House Bill 2325.

New Board fees are as follows:

1. For **RENEWAL APPLICATIONS** postmarked AFTER 06/30/08, the fee will be \$350.
  - a. If an individual with multiple licenses renews the licenses at the same time, the 1<sup>st</sup> renewal is \$350. The fee for each additional renewal is \$175 if renewed at the same time.
2. For **NON-INDEPENDENT LEVEL LICENSE APPLICATIONS** (LBSW, LMSW, LAMFT, LAC, LSAT, LASAC) postmarked AFTER 06/30/08:
  - a. \$250 initial application fee
  - b. \$100 license issuance fee due PRIOR to Board approval of the license
3. For **INDEPENDENT LEVEL LICENSE APPLICATIONS** (LCSW, LMFT, LPC, LISAC) postmarked AFTER 06/30/08:
  - a. \$250 initial application fee
  - b. \$250 license issuance fee due PRIOR to Board approval of the license

Applicants need to ensure that they apply for the appropriate licensure level as **all fees are non-refundable**. ONLY submit the license application fee with an application. You will be notified when to submit the license issuance fee PRIOR to your application being scheduled for final Board approval.

These revised fees are effective 07/01/08 for all applications and renewals regardless of the fee amount indicated on the application form submitted.

The Board looks forward to providing professionals with enhanced services as a result of these changes.

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