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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Kentucky Social Work Licensees
FROM: Florence Huffman, Executive Director
DATE: September 19, 2017
RE: **KENTUCKY SOCIAL WORK ETHICS IS REQUIRED FOR RENEWAL**

In our continuing efforts to provide clear direction on license renewal, this notice is to alert all licensees that the **Kentucky social work ethics course** required to renew your license must:

1. Have a **KBSW-Ethics Approval No.** on the certificate of attendance;
2. Be approved by the Kentucky Board of Social Work;
3. Be on the Kentucky Code of Ethical Conduct, codified at [201 KAR 23:080](#);
4. Be a board approved three (3) hour course; and
5. Be taken each renewal period.

In the recent amendment to the regulation, the board approved the Kentucky ethics course to be presented and completed *online* – the Kentucky ethics course *may* be taken online if and only if: see 1-4 above.

[Click here for access to bsw.ky.gov and Board Approved Courses](#)

[Click here to read the regulation, 201 KAR 23:075](#)

Remember:

1. Unless otherwise exempted, practicing social work without a license is illegal and prohibited in Kentucky by [KRS 335.030](#), and may result in disciplinary action by the board.
2. There is no “grace period.”
3. If you don’t take an approved **Kentucky ethics course** by the date of your renewal:
 - You must stop practicing immediately (cease & desist),
 - Pay a late penalty fee, and
 - Reapply through the [reinstatement process](#).

