



SOCIAL WORKERS

Social Workers help individuals, groups and families adjust to and cope with personal and social problems. They provide counselling, therapy and referral to other supportive social services.

Hospitals, school boards, social service agencies, welfare organisations and correctional facilities employ them. They may also work in private practice.

To work as a Social Worker in the province of Manitoba registration with a professional association is not mandatory. However, many employers recognise registration with the Manitoba Association of Social Workers / Manitoba Institute of Registered Social Workers (MASW/MIRSW) as a beneficial professional qualification.

EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Social Workers wishing to become registered must possess a Social Work degree equivalent to a Bachelor of Social Work, Masters of Social Work or Doctor of Social Work from a school of Social Work approved by the Canadian Association of Schools of Social Work (CASSW) or the Council of Social Work Education (CSWE) or a program assessed as equivalent by the MASW/MIRSW Board of Directors.

WORK EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

Work experience is not applicable in the process of credential assessment.

ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Step One

To become a registered Social Worker in Manitoba a foreign-trained social worker must first apply to **The Canadian Association of Social Workers (CASW)**. The applicant must submit:

- a completed application form (available from CASW);
- certified copies of transcripts; degree or certificates; syllabi;
- description and evaluation of social work field practice, including number of hours of practice;
- proof of membership in a professional social work association(s) from another country (if applicable);
- a verification form (available from CASW) signed and sealed by the Director of the School of Social Work where the degree was earned; and

- credential assessment fee of \$250 - these criteria must be checked by CASW directly for accuracy.

* If documents are in other than English or French, notarized translations are required.

If the program of study is assessed as equivalent the applicant will be given a letter stating that her or his credentials are equivalent to the Canadian standard. This letter can be used for employment purposes and must be obtained before a candidate can apply for membership with a provincial association.

Step Two

To become a Registered Social Worker in the province of Manitoba a candidate must apply to the **Manitoba Institute of Registered Social Workers (MIRSW)**. He/she must submit:

- a completed application form (available from MIRSW);
- the letter obtained from CASW confirming her or his credentials; and
- an application fee of \$20.00.

Once the application is approved by the Board of MIRSW, the applicant will be invoiced for membership fees (\$250). If the applicant wishes to be a member of both MIRSW and MASW a joint membership fee of \$280 must be submitted on acceptance for membership.

The fees, documentation requirements and assessment process detailed above are subject to change without notice.

For more detailed information contact:

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