

Electronic Social Work Practice Policy

for Registered Social Workers in other Canadian jurisdictions

The Manitoba College of Social Workers (MCSW or “the College”) is the provincial body that regulates the profession of Social Work in Manitoba. The College received its authority from the *Social Work Profession Act, 2009*. This legislation requires that all those who use the title “Social Worker”, “Registered Social Worker” or represent themselves as Social Workers in Manitoba, either expressly or by implication, must be registered with the College.

Electronic social work services means the use of computers (including the Internet, social media, online chat, text, and email), mobile phones, video technology and other means of communication and information, acquisition, transmission and storage used on the Internet and with other technology to (a) provide information to the public, (b) deliver services to **clients**, (c) gather, manage and store information about clients; or educate, supervise, and train Social Workers. ¹

Eligibility

In order to be registered and maintain registration to practice electronically in Manitoba, an applicant must be a registered social worker *in good standing* with an active Certificate of Practice issued by a Canadian social work regulatory authority which authorizes them to practice social work or to use the title social worker, or both. Applicants must agree and to adhere to a requirement to restrict their practice in Manitoba *exclusively to electronic social work practice* to clients in Manitoba that is delivered from another Canadian jurisdiction. Applicants must also meet all requirements of the Canadian Free Trade Agreement.

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1 NASW, ASWB, CSWE, CSWA Standards for Technology in Social Work Practice, 2017