

Exam Use Policy

In order to qualify for registration with the Manitoba College of Social Workers, the following applicants must successfully complete the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) examination:

Route of Entry	Exam Level
Substantial Equivalency	Associate
Graduate of an Approved Program	Bachelors or Masters
Re-entry to Practice	Associate, Bachelors or Masters

Exam Information

Approved applicants will be informed in writing by MCSW of their eligibility to write the exam.

Applicants will be instructed to contact ASWB directly to register for the exam and to access testing instructions and preparation tools, including study guides/practice tests. ASWB will communicate directly with the applicant prior to the exam and will inform MCSW of any issues that require further review throughout the process.

The exam will be administered electronically at approved ASWB test sites.

Applicants are responsible for paying for all costs associated with preparing for and writing the ASWB exam.

Applicants are responsible for advising MCSW of their exam date(s).

Exam Evaluation

The results of the exam shall be reported as a pass or fail. MCSW will accept the ASWB score report as the official result of the examination for each applicant.

An applicant who fails the examination may apply to retake the examination a maximum of two times. A waiting period of 90 days is required between rewrites unless otherwise approved by ASWB. The applicant is responsible for communicating directly with ASWB to retake the examination and for payment of all examination fees.

If an applicant has successfully completed the ASWB Exam at any time in any jurisdiction, MCSW will accept previous examination results in assessing an application for registration.

An applicant who has failed the exam following two attempts must submit a remediation plan for approval by the College in order to be considered for one additional rewrite. A remediation plan may include but is not limited to:

- Study plan
- Completion of additional education or training
- Waiting period

If an applicant does not successfully complete the exam within 2 years of their initial application, they are required to reapply. Applicants who reapply who have failed the examination two times are required to submit an approved remediation plan in order to be considered for one additional rewrite.

Disability Accommodations

Applicants with disabilities may be eligible to receive testing accommodations. To arrange for special accommodations, applicants must request and receive advance approval from ASWB.

English as a Second Language (ESL) accommodations

Arrangements for test candidates whose first language is not English may be possible with advance planning with ASWB.

Applicants are responsible for timely submission of requests for accommodation in accordance with ASWB policies.

References:

Social Work Profession Act – Subparagraphs 10(1)(a)(ii) and 10(1)(1)(iii)