



Preferred Name Policy

In accordance with section 5-1(a)(viii) of the Manitoba College of Social Workers By-Law, all members are required to use their legal name when they are engaged in the practice of social work to ensure public transparency.

MCSW recognizes that some members may prefer to identify themselves by a *first name* or traditional name other than their legal name. Members may request authorization to be registered and practice under a preferred first name or traditional name by submitting a statutory declaration in which they certify that they will represent themselves and practice *only* under the preferred first name/traditional name requested, which will be listed on the public register.

Where a member has been authorized to use an alternate name as a registered member of the College, their legal name will continue to be used for College records and processes that require use of legal name including but not limited to official documents required to obtain and maintain registration and/or verification of registration in another jurisdiction.

A preferred name/traditional name cannot be used for the purpose of misrepresentation or fraud and must otherwise comply with the values of the social work profession.

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