

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 mean 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:

- (a) be registered as a practicing 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.
- (b) agree and 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.
- (c) meet all requirements of the Canadian Free Trade Agreement.

Terms

Applicants approved and registered with the practice limitation of *electronic social work practice only*, renew their annual registration in accordance with the MCSW By-Laws.

If an applicant will be practicing less than 90 consecutive days in one registration year, they may consider referring the Temporary Social Worker Policy.

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

Renewal Requirements

To qualify for registration renewal, a member who holds a certificate of practice – *exclusive to electronic social work practice* must²:

- (a) Verify that they are *In Good Standing with each* regulatory body in which the member holds registration or practice permission (i.e.: active, temporary, courtesy, etc.).

The College may require verification through a declaration and/or submission of an In Good Standing Certificate

Non-compliance

Where a member fails to comply with a requirement to submit an *In Good Standing Certificate(s)* the Registrar may, at the Registrar's discretion, provide an extension to the member to comply with the requirement by June 30.

Where the Registrar provides an extension, the member's registration will be subject to a formal condition that the requirement must be fulfilled by June 30.

A member who fails to comply with the requirement, by the June 30 extension will be subject to cancellation of registration without further notice. Any applicable fees will **not** be reimbursed.

A member provided with an extension to submit an *In Good Standing Certificate(s)* by June 30 whose registration is then cancelled due to failure to comply, is not eligible for reinstatement but may choose to reapply for registration.