

# Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers

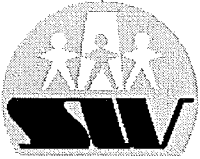
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## EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2012 (PRORATED FOR NEW MEMBERS)

FULL TIME		PART TIME	
JANUARY 1 - JUNE 30	\$350.00	JANUARY 1 - JUNE 30	\$216.00
JULY 1 - DECEMBER 31	\$210.00	JULY 1 - DECEMBER 31	\$129.60
NON PRACTICING	\$92.00	AFFILITATE:	\$74.00

### **Please Note:**

Applicants applying for reinstatement of their registration, do not qualify for prorated fees. A reinstatement applicant must pay the full year of registration fee plus a \$50 reinstatement charge as per the SASW Administrative Bylaws.



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## REGISTRATION/MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA FOR NEW AND REINSTATING REGISTERED SOCIAL WORKERS

Any person who has a certificate, bachelor, master or doctorate in ***Social Work*** may apply to be registered as a social worker with the Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers (SASW). (The Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers accepts only Certificates in Social Work and Indian Social Work from the Faculty of Social Work, University of Regina and from the Northern College where the program was set up by the Faculty of Social Work, University of Regina.)

SASW has been given responsibility for professional self-regulation through *The Social Workers Act*. With this comes the responsibility for protection of the public and to ensure strict requirements for registration. Accordingly, SASW has a set of specific requirements for applicants to become registered. The requirements to be designated as a **registered social worker** and receive the privilege of being able to use the title "**social worker**" are set by *The Social Workers Act*, the by-laws of the Association, and SASW Council. Consequently, the following documents/forms must be filed in order to apply for registration with SASW. These documents/forms are to be submitted together in a complete package:

- ◆ Application for registration which must have an original signature;
- ◆ A cheque/money order for the appropriate registration category;
- ◆ An original current criminal record check from your local police detachment (current being not more than six months from date of issue);
- ◆ An original copy of a character reference from a registered social worker or your most recent social work employer must be provided on the SASW Character Reference Form. In the case of a recent graduate, the SASW form is to be completed by your field practicum supervisor, or by the field practicum coordinator from the university that awarded credential;
- ◆ A current resume/curriculum vitae which outlines education, employment and volunteer history. Please ensure your resume does not indicate you have been using the title of social worker or registered social worker when you are not entitled to do so. If the title of social worker or registered social worker appears on your resume/curriculum vitae, it must be accompanied by the dates you became registered, the dates registration ceased and the name of the regulatory body that approved the registration.

SASW policy requires that an original **transcript of marks** which indicates the date upon which the social work certificate/degree was conferred be ordered from the academic institution where the certificate/degree was awarded. ***This transcript must be forwarded directly in the mail from the academic institution to the SASW Office.*** Once SASW receives the transcript of marks from the academic institution, it will be attached to the application package. Transcripts forwarded by an applicant cannot be accepted and will be returned to the applicant.

It is the responsibility of the Registrar to determine the good character of any applicant admitted for registration. The material and information required of applicants is collected so that the Registrar can form a conclusion about the applicant's character and capacity to practice social work with decency, integrity, honesty and in accordance with the law, including but not limited to *The Social Workers Act* and by-laws of the Association and policy approved by Council. The Registrar may seek additional sources of information.

It is also the policy of SASW to return incomplete application packages with a check-list letter indicating what is required before processing can occur. The SASW Office cannot hold partially completed applications, documentation and/or funds without the ability to process them.

Should you have questions regarding the application process, please contact the SASW Office.

**Canadian Degrees** in Social Work must have been received from a program accredited by the Canadian Association of Social Work Educators (CASWE) in Canada on the date the degree was granted.

**American Degrees** in Social Work must have been received from a program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) in the United States on the date the degree was granted.

**All other degrees**, including the **Federal Republic of Mexico**, must be evaluated by a credential assessment agency approved by the council of the Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers (SASW) to be the equivalent of an accredited program before being eligible for registration.

## **REGISTRATION BENEFITS**

The following are some of the benefits of being a member of the Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers:

- **Professional Credibility:** A registered social worker has agreed to be held publicly accountable for ethical practice by his/her peers. This distinguishes professional practitioners from technical employees. There are approximately 1,175 registered social workers in Saskatchewan.
- **SASW is a member of the Canadian Association of Social Workers (CASW):** When you join SASW, you have joined the CASW. Your voice is added to over 14,000 other social workers across Canada to advocate for social justice and professional recognition. CASW is also affiliated with the International Federation of Social Workers and many national groups.
- **SASW is a member of the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB):** This association is an umbrella for the regulation of social work in the United States and eight Canadian social work jurisdictions. It is a central resource for information on social work regulation. SASW was the 7th Canadian province to be accepted for membership.
- **Professional Publications:** Members of SASW receive *The Saskatchewan Social Worker* which is published three times per year by SASW as well as a journal entitled *Canadian Social Worker* and *The Bulletin* which are published by CASW and placed on their website. These publications contain scholarly articles and new information concerning continuing education opportunities. CASW also develops discussion papers, position papers, and policy documents which are available to members on the CASW Website.
- **Insurance:**
  - a) Access to professional liability insurance coverage including civil liability and professional disciplinary coverage.
  - b) Access to term life, long term disability, medical and dental benefits.
  - c) Access to home & car insurance.
- **Advocacy:** The Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers lobbies the provincial government and others in areas such as:

**Professional Status** - SASW lobbies for improvement in the status and recognition of social workers. On the national level, CASW is doing the same. CASW has lobbied to gain exemption from charging the GST for social workers and for recognition by private insurance carriers. This would also result in clients being able to deduct private social work fees as a health expense.

**Social Justice** - SASW joins with other groups to develop discussion papers, briefs, and position papers to lobby for the "equitable distribution of societal resources" as required by the CASW *Code of Ethics*. CASW works with the Canadian Council on Social Development and other national groups to advocate for a sound social safety net and for human rights.
- **Professional Development Workshop/Conference:** SASW holds annually a provincial conference or continuing education event.
- **Opportunity:** Registration/membership in the Association entitles you to be eligible for election to Council. As well, members have the opportunity to join committees/task teams such as the Aboriginal Social Workers Committee, Health Services Committee, Student Award Committee, Discipline Resource Pool, Education Committee, Mentorship Committee, Professional Conduct Committee, Public Relations Committee, Practice Ethics Committee, Social Justice, and Standards of Practice to shape activities of SASW. Members may choose to become actively involved at the Branch level. SASW Branches are located in the following areas: Battlefords, Northeast, Prince Albert, Regina, Saskatoon, Swift Current, Southeast and Yellowhead East.