



Registration Overview For New Grads

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Land Acknowledgment



We acknowledge that the office of the BC College of Social Workers is located on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the x^wməθk^wəjəm (Musqueam people). Further, this acknowledgment, gratitude and respect extends to all the First Nations communities on whose traditional territories the BCCSW builds relationships and conducts business.

The College recognizes the need to not only acknowledge the harm that has occurred within Indigenous populations throughout Canada because of colonization, but we also understand the need to deeply embed the knowledge of this history into the social work profession, so that it never again plays such a role in the future. For this to happen, strong relationships with Indigenous peoples and communities must be established so that Indigenous knowledge, perspectives and values are inherent within the work of the College and the social work profession in BC.

Introducing

- ▶ Dr. Lise Beauchesne MSW RSW, Registrar/CEO (Interim)
- ▶ Anisa Hussein MD, Manager, Registration
- ▶ Hoon Kim JD, Director, Registration
- ▶ Alana Prashad MSW RSW, Director, Professional Practice



Regulatory Framework

What's the Difference Between Association and Regulation?

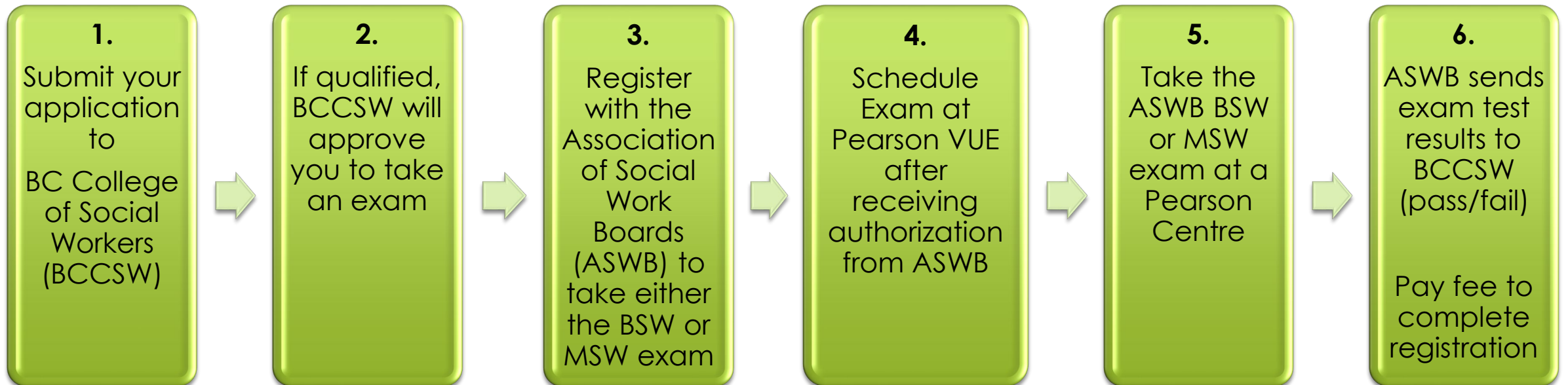


- ▶ Promotes the Profession
- ▶ Advocates for Social Justice
- ▶ Resources for Private Practice (insurance)
- ▶ Holds branch meet-ups / networking
- ▶ Posts career and training opportunities
- ▶ Newsletter (Perspectives)



- ▶ Protects the public
- ▶ Legal right to use RSW or RCSW
- ▶ Quality Assurance
- ▶ Accountability
- ▶ Strengthens professional identity
- ▶ Newsletter (College Conversations)

Registered Social Worker in Six Steps



Taking the Exam



- ▶ Exam assesses for **minimum core competencies** at each degree level to practice social work.
- ▶ 4 hours to complete the Exam. 170 multiple-choice questions. 150 questions count toward score.
- ▶ Exams are developed by social workers from different backgrounds across North America. (US States & Canada's Provinces & Territories take part)
- ▶ Topics and questions undergo reviews and trials to eliminate gender, culture, race, ethnic, and practice specific biases.
- ▶ Exams are applicable to all practice settings as focus is minimum core competencies.

Taking the Exam (continued)



- ▶ Most applicants pass the BSW or MSW Exam the first time. (NOTE: BC has a very high pass rate compared to the overall average).
- ▶ Those that don't pass the first time can re-take the test. You must wait 90 days before re-taking.
- ▶ You have three attempts within one year to pass from when BCCSW approved you to take the exam.
- ▶ A final fourth attempt may be permitted with BCCSW approval.

Exam Equity and Preparation Resources

- ▶ The exam is created and administered by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) aswb.org
- ▶ ASWB recently released data analysis on social work licensing exam pass rates.
 - ▶ [Association of Social Work Boards releases data analysis on social work licensing exam pass rates - Association of Social Work Boards \(aswb.org\)](#)
 - ▶ Link above provides access to Provincial and School specific pass rates.
- ▶ Applicant Test taking preparation resources are available from ASWB.
 - ▶ [Exam - Association of Social Work Boards \(aswb.org\)](#)
- ▶ Educator resources are available from ASWB
 - ▶ [Exam resources for educators - Association of Social Work Boards \(aswb.org\)](#)

How to Maintain Registration



Adhere to the standards of practice



Submit annual renewal fee



Update BCCSW with address and practice location(s)



Complete annual continuing professional development

n.b. CPD program does not require registrant to take paid courses

Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice

Set	minimum acceptable level of practice
Provide	a guideline for Registered Social Workers to assess their own practices
Establish	criteria for the assessment of complaints about the practice of Registered Social Workers
Inform	the public of what to expect from Registered Social Workers



Thank you !

Questions?

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