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**EXPERIENCE PATHWAY APPLICATION & ASSESSMENT**

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| He Arapaki – Pathways of discovery & transformation   |  | | --- | | He ara pūkenga, he ara tauwhiro, hei whakamana mātā waka  The many pathways of knowledge, the many pathways of Social Work, upholding the dignity of all. |   A Section 13 Experience Pathway application is for people who can apply for registration based on their practical experience in social work.  He ara pūkenga – the strands of becoming and knowing. This application process supports you to tell your stories and the narratives that have helped to define your life as a social worker.  He ara tauwhiro - it then supports you to share the knowledge and experiences you have gained along the way and how you have weaved this knowledge into your practice.   Hei whakamana mātā waka - the SWRB upholds your dignity by protecting your mana in the application and assessment process.  Please use your own words to complete this application.  We use a software screening tool to detect the use of Generative Artificial Intelligence (Gen AI) for material submitted in relation to our regulatory work. This screening ensures that all applications are authentic and verifies it is original content. The use of this Gen AI detection tool is an important step to protect public safety by ensuring we can make an accurate assessment of an applicant’s skill level and maintain the enduring integrity of registered social workers in New Zealand. |

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| **STRUCTURE OF THIS TEMPLATE**  **PART 1. KO WAI AHAU?**  1. THE PATHWAY THAT LED YOU TO A SOCIAL WORK CAREER  2. EMPLOYMENT  3. BACKGROUND  4. QUALIFICATIONS  5. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT LOG  6. PROFESSIONAL SUPERVISION  **PART 2**  7. PRACTICE STUDY  **PART 3**  8. SELF-REFLECTION ON THE SWRB CORE COMPETENCE STANDARDS 1-10  **PART 4**  9. SCOPE OF PRACTICE  10. DECLARATION  **PART 5. ADMINISTRATION**  11. ENDORSEMENTS |
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| **PART 1**   1. **KO WAI AHAU? THE PATHWAY THAT LED YOU TO A SOCIAL WORK CAREER**   In no more than 500 words:   * Tell us about who you are * Where you are from * And what led you into social work |
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| **2. EMPLOYMENT**  Please map out your relevant social work employment history using the following form, with most recent employment first. Please include any other voluntary work that you would like us to consider. | | | | |
| **Role/job title** | **Role description and your main tasks/responsibilities for each role** | **Employer organisation and address** | **Dates start/finish for each role (give specific dates)** e.g., 12/05/2015-04/10/2018 | **Total time worked in each role** years and months |
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| **3. BACKGROUND**  In approximately 500 words:   1. You are applying for registration on the basis of your significant social work experience. Your complete work history is listed above. Please describe your most significant social work practice experiences in Aotearoa New Zealand, **include any voluntary or paid work.** |
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| **4. QUALIFICATIONS**  Please provide a list of relevant qualifications you hold, **with** **most recent first.** | | |
| **Qualifications (if any)** | **Place of study** | **Dates** dd/mm/yyyy |
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| **5. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT LOG**  Please provide a list of your continuing professional development, with most recent first. CPD is not only formal training, but it can also include informal professional development such as reflecting on an ethical issue with your kaumatua or kuia, or reflecting on a practice situation with a leader or colleague that results in new insights / learning. You can find more information around CPD <https://swrb.govt.nz/practice/continuing-professional-development/> | | |
| **Continuing professional development (CPD)**  Name of course or training | **Description of CPD: this could include what you learnt, how you have applied the knowledge to your practice and how it links to the 10 Core Competencies.** | **Dates** dd/mm/yyyy |
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| **6. PROFESSIONAL SUPERVISION (IF ANY).**    You can also tell us about cultural supervision, informal supervision, peer supervision, supervision hui, or supervision that was not scheduled but arose because you were seeking an opportunity to reflect on your practice with your kaiako, leader, advisor, kaumatua, kuia, professional colleague. | |
| **Name of Supervisor** | **Dates (Last 12 months only)** |
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| **FREQUENCY OF SUPERVISION** | | | |
| **Weekly** | **Fortnightly** | **Monthly** | **Other** |
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| **6.1 BRIEF STATEMENT ON HOW YOU USE YOUR SUPERVISION TIME TO ENHANCE YOUR PRACTICE.**  Please see the note above about the types of supervision you may wish to comment on. |
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| **Assessor’s Comments:** Click to enter text |
| **Questions for APPLICANT (if required)** |
| **Responses from Oral assessment** |
| **SOCIAL WORK ADVISOR: Please select one of the following:**  **TICK BOX The type, frequency and understanding of supervision demonstrates awareness of the role of supervision in social work practice.**  **TICK BOX The type, frequency and understanding of supervision DOES NOT demonstrate awareness of the role of supervision in social work practice.** |

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| **PART 2**  **7. PRACTICE STUDY**  A practice study is a written account of a social work intervention that demonstrates the competency of your social work practice. It is the account of your intervention from first referral to closure. It describes what you did in that practice situation, demonstrates what theories, models or thinking informed your practice, and shows your ability to reflect, learn, and share your practice. Use the end column to number the competence standards that relate to questions 7.2-7.7.  When completing this template please ensure that you:  • Write in first person  • Provide evidence of meeting SWRB Core Competence Standards 1-10 and record the numbers.  • Maintain confidentiality by protecting peoples’ identifying details  A copy of the Core Competence Standards is available <https://swrb.govt.nz/practice/core-competence-standards/> |

**DECLARATION OF ORIGINAL WORK**

By completing this application I confirm that my competency assessment is created independently, in my own words and without assistance from artificial intelligence (AI) or other generative tools. I am aware that my assessment will be run through a digital tool to detect AI-generated content and plagiarism. I understand that if my competency assessment is found to contain more than 10% AI-generated content that my application is at risk of being declined (which is ultimately the Board's decision). I understand that all application fees are   
non-refundable. This means I will not receive a refund if my application is unsuccessful.

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**How to complete this form:**

Please indicate the Core Competencies you have demonstrated in each section of your practice study by using the column ‘Core Competence standard/s demonstrated’ on the right-hand side of the template. Enter the number that corresponds with the standard(s) you think (or believe) you are evidencing. Please note that you can demonstrate more than one standard in each section.

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| 7.1. Introduction: State the position title of the role you held when this practice situation occurred, e.g., social work manager, educator, community worker, whānau worker, youth worker, private practitoner etc. and area of practice. |  |
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| **Assessor’s Comments:** Click to enter text | |
| 7.2. Presenting situation: this may be a particularly difficult piece of work, an ethical dilemma, or complex process that you have been involved in. Describe your role within the practice being presented. | Core competence standard/s demonstrated. Please enter the number of the competence below. |
| Click to enter text | Identify the standard/s |
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| 7.3. Social work assessment: How did you undertake an assessment of the situation? What did you do to engage the person or people you were working with, in the assessment process? | Core competence standard/s demonstrated. Please enter the number of the competence below. |
| Click to enter text | Identify the standard/s |
| **Assessor’s Comments:** Click to enter text | |
| 7.4. Plan: What actions did you undertake to ensure there was a plan of action. What was your role in setting up this plan of action? | Core competence standard/s demonstrated. Please enter the number of the competence below. |
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| 7.5. Interventions: Please explain, what you did, how you did it, and why you did it. | Core competence standard/s demonstrated. Please enter the number of the competence below. |
| Click to enter text | Identify the standard/s |
| **Assessor’s Comments:** Click to enter text | |
| 7.6. Outcome: What was the result of your actions? Consider how you directly or indirectly made a difference. | Core competence standard/s demonstrated. Please enter the number of the competence below. |
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| 7.7. Reflection: Your feelings and thoughts about your practice and what occurred, e.g.:   * What did you do well? * What could you have done differently? * What learning are you taking from this? * How was it for others involved? What informed your practice? e.g. knowledge, past experiences, supervision, agency expectations, other colleagues and professionals * How did you manage ethical dilemmas? * If you did not demonstrate all the core competencies what are your reflections on how you would do this in the future? * Any other factors? | Core competence standard/s demonstrated. Please enter the number of the competence below. |
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| **PART 3**  **8. SELF-REFLECTION ON THE SWRB CORE COMPETENCE STANDARDS 1-10**  Reflect on your social work practice against the SWRB’s Core Competence Standards 1-10. Provide a short narrative that demonstrates and presents evidence to support your competence to practise social work. Where possible use examples from your social work practice to demonstrate your competence. Please use your own words and if you refer to another person’s work, please reference it as a quote by using quotation marks and their name.  Each competence begins with the request to provide examples of your knowledge, skills and experience to demonstrate your competence. Knowledge is the theoretical and practical understanding that you have gathered, skills are the expertise that you bring to a task or role, and experience is the social work that you have undertaken with individuals, whānau, hapū, iwi, and diverse communities.  Where your self-reflection has identified areas of your practice that could be strengthened through further professional development, provide comment on these areas, for example, what steps you are taking to gain this development? |

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| **Competency 1**: Please provide examples of your knowledge, skills and experience to demonstrate your competence to practise social work with Māori. If you are working, or have worked, primarily with Māori and your mahi is threaded throughout this assessment template, please feel free to note that here and move onto the next question. |
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| **Competency 2**: Please provide examples of your knowledge, skills and experience to demonstrate your competence to practise social work with ethnic and cultural groups in Aotearoa New Zealand |
| Click to enter text |
| **Assessor’s Comments:** Click to enter text |
| **Competency 3: Please** provide examples of your knowledge, skills, and experience to demonstrate your competence to work respectfully and inclusively with diversity and difference in practice |
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| **Competency 4:** Please provide examples of your knowledge, skills and experience to demonstrate your competence to promote the principles of human rights and social and economic justice |
| Click to enter text |
| **Assessor’s Comments:** Click to enter text |
| **Competency 5**: Please provide examples of your knowledge, skills and experience to demonstrate your competence to engage in practice which promotes social change |
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| **Competency 6:** Please provide examples of your knowledge, skills and experience to demonstrate your competence to understand and articulate social work theories, indigenous practice knowledge, other relevant theories, and social work practice methods and models. |
| Click to enter text |
| **Assessor’s Comments:** Click to enter text |
| **Competency 7:** **Please** provide examples of your knowledge, skills and experience to demonstrate your competence to apply critical thinking to inform and communicate professional judgments |
| Click to enter text |
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| **Competency 8**:Please provide examples of your knowledge, skills and experience to demonstrate yourcompetence to promote empowerment of people and communities to enable positive change |
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| **Competency 9**: Please provide examples of your knowledge, skills and experience to demonstrate your competence to practice within legal and ethical boundaries of the social work profession |
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| **Competency 10**: Please provide examples of how you have represented the social work profession with integrity and professionalism |
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| **PART 4**  **9. SCOPE OF PRACTICE** |
| Drawing on the Scope of Practice as an additional lens through which roles you have held can be viewed, broadens our understanding of your experience.    As we mentioned in the beginning, the application process supports you to tell your story and the narrative that defines your life and practice. We hope it has supported you to tell us where you have come from - he ara pūkenga – the first strands of becoming and knowing.   We also hope that responding to the questions in this template has supported you to share your knowledge and experience that you have gained along the way and begin to weave this knowledge into your social work practice - he ara tauwhiro.   Our goal is to uphold the dignity of every applicant by protecting your mana in the application and assessment process - hei whakamana mātā waka.  Is there **any additional information** you would like to comment on, that demonstrates elements of the Scope of Practice, within the roles you have held. A series of practice statements follows to assist you to think about additional information that may support your application. |

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| **Social Work Practice Statement**   * Social work is a relationship-based profession and an academic discipline that incorporates analysis of current and historical influences including cultural, ecological, social, political, economic, spiritual, and psychological factors. |
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| * Social workers promote social change and empowerment by adhering to the principles of social justice, human rights, collective responsibility, and respect for diversity. |
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| * Social workers establish caring and respectful relationships with authenticity, intention, and purpose, to strengthen, restore and uphold the safety and wellbeing of those they work with. |
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| * Social workers identify strengths, needs and support networks to prioritise goals that will enhance social connectedness, and assist in addressing life challenges and major events. |
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| * Social workers use a range of indigenous and social work theories, methods and techniques drawn from a recognised social work qualification, training, and experience. |
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| * Social work practice is based on Te Tiriti o Waitangi, the Aotearoa New Zealand Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics, and the Social Workers Registration Board’s Code of Conduct. |
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| * Social workers apply their knowledge and expertise in a variety of ways and roles at micro, meso and macro levels. This includes direct work with people and whānau, therapeutic social work, community-led development, consultancy, research, education, supervision, facilitation, advocacy, management, policy development and leadership. |
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| **Kaiarotake comments on the Scope of Practice:** |
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| **10. DECLARATION: I confirm the enclosed application content and Self Reflection to be an honest and true reflection of my practice** | | | |
| **Sign:** | Signature | **Date:** | dd/mm/yyyy |

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| **PART 5**  **11. KAIAROTAKE AND SOCIAL WORK ADVISOR ONLY** |

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| **Kaiarotake Advice** |
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| **12. ENDORSEMENTS**  Please provide contact details for your manager/supervisor and at least one other registered social worker who can comment on your practice. We will contact them to request an endorsement of your practice. | | |
| **Name:** | **Position (+registration number if SWRB registered):** | **Contact details:** |
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