

# How the fee and disciplinary levy proposals apply to me

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Aotearoa New Zealand's social worker regulator

**I'm a registered social worker or a provisionally registered social worker who wants to renew my practising certificate in the June annual round...**

Most employers pay these for you.

Charge type incl GST	Current	Proposed
<b>Practising certificate fee</b> <i>Fee applies annually</i>	\$368	\$470
<b>Disciplinary levy</b> <i>Levy applies annually</i>	\$100	\$135

## I'm a registered social worker who does unpaid social work as a volunteer and have no paid work as a social worker or otherwise...

Even if, as a registered social worker, you are doing social work as an unpaid volunteer only, you must hold a current practising certificate. We urge employers to pay the practising certificate fee and disciplinary levy for you.

Charge type incl GST		Current	Proposed
<b>Unpaid volunteer practising certificate full fee</b> <i>Fee applies annually</i>	12 months (full 4 quarters, i.e. 1 July – 30 June)	\$368	\$370
<b>Or pro rata unpaid volunteer practising certificate fee</b> Certificate issued for a period of  NOTE: If you have a practising certificate issued for a pro rata period (e.g. 1 quarter), then want to practise for longer within the 1 July – 30 June annual cycle, you need to have your certificate issued again for a further period and pay the applicable fee	9 months (any 3 quarters, e.g. 1 July – 30 September, 1 October - 31 December, and 1 January – 31 March)	\$368	\$278
	6 months (any 2 quarters, e.g. 1 July – 30 September and 1 January – 31 March)	\$368	\$185
	3 months (any one quarter e.g. 1 April – 30 June)	\$368	\$93
<b>Disciplinary levy</b> <i>Levy applies annually</i>		\$100	\$135

**I'm registered social worker who wants to return to practise, my previous practising certificate expired **three years or more** ago, and I haven't been working as a social worker since...**

We urge employers to pay the return to practise fee for you.  
Most employers pay the practising certificate fee and disciplinary levy for you.

Charge type incl GST		Current	Proposed
<b>Return to practise application fee</b>		-	\$360
<b>Practising certificate fee</b> Certificate issued between 1 July - 30 September <i>Fee applies annually</i>		\$368	\$470
<b>OR pro rata practising certificate fee</b> Certificate issued between <i>Full practising certificate fee applies for subsequent years</i>	1 October – 31 December	\$368	\$354 (3/4 fee)
	1 January – 31 March	\$368	\$236 (1/2 fee)
	1 April – 30 June	\$368	\$118 (1/4 fee)
<b>Disciplinary levy</b> <i>Levy applies annually</i>		\$100	\$135

**I'm registered social worker who wants to return to practise, my previous practising certificate expired **less than three years** ago, and I haven't been working as a social worker since...**

We urge employers to pay the return to practise fee for you.  
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<b>Practising certificate fee</b> Certificate issued between 1 July - 30 September <i>Fee applies annually</i>		\$368	\$470
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## I want to register as a social worker and I have a SWRB recognised Aotearoa qualification...

We urge employers to pay the registration application fee for you.  
Most employers pay the practising certificate fee and disciplinary levy for you.

Charge type incl GST		Current	Proposed
<b>Registration application fee</b>		\$345	\$360
<b>Practising certificate fee</b> Registered between 1 July – 30 September <i>Fee applies annually</i>		\$368	\$470
<b>Or pro rata practising certificate fee</b> Registered between <i>Full practising certificate fee applies for subsequent years</i>	1 October – 31 December	\$368	\$354 (3/4 fee)
	1 January – 31 March	\$368	\$236 (1/2 fee)
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## I am a new graduate and want to register as a social worker and I have a SWRB recognised Aotearoa qualification...

We urge employers to pay the registration application fee for you.  
Most employers pay the practising certificate fee and disciplinary levy for you.

Charge type incl GST		Current	Proposed
<b>Registration application fee</b>		\$345	\$360
<b>Practising certificate fee</b> Registered between 1 July – 30 September		\$268	\$470
<b>Or pro rata practising certificate fee</b> Registered between <i>Full practising certificate fee applies for subsequent years</i>	1 October – 31 December	\$268	\$354 (3/4 fee)
	1 January – 31 March	\$268	\$236 (1/2 fee)
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**I'm a provisionally registered social worker who  
has completed 2000 hours of practise and  
met the conditions on my provisional registration...**

We urge employers to pay the provisional to full registration application fee for you.  
Most employers pay the practising certificate fee and disciplinary levy for you.

Charge type	Current incl GST	Proposed incl GST
Provisional to full registration application fee	-	\$60



## I want to register through the experience pathway as I don't have a SWRB recognised Aotearoa qualification...

We urge employers to pay the experience pathway registration application fee for you.  
Most employers pay the practising certificate fee and disciplinary levy for you.

Charge type		Current incl GST	Proposed incl GST
<b>Experience pathway registration application fee</b> <i>Includes the panel assessment and registration application fee</i>		\$2,021	\$3,570
<b>Practising certificate fee</b> Registered between 1 July – 30 September <i>Fee applies annually</i>		\$368	\$470
<b>OR pro rata practising certificate fee</b> Registered between <i>Full practising certificate fee applies for subsequent years</i>	1 October – 31 December	\$368	\$354 (3/4 fee)
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## I have an overseas qualification and I want to register, but I do not have a SWRB recognised Aotearoa qualification...

Most employers pay the practising certificate fee and disciplinary levy for you.

Charge type incl GST		Current	Proposed
<b>Registration application fee</b>		\$345	\$360
<b>Overseas applicant: qualification assessment fee</b>		\$300	\$540
<b>Overseas applicant: provisional registration competence assessment application fee</b> <i>Does not apply to an applicant who has been in Aotearoa 6 months or more and has 2000 hours or more social work experience in Aotearoa</i>		-	\$345
<b>Overseas applicant: full registration competence assessment application fee</b>		-	\$345
<b>Practising certificate fee</b> Registered between 1 July – 30 September <i>Fee applies annually</i>		\$368	\$470
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## SWRB requires me to have a competence review for a complaint or notification made about me...

Charge type incl GST	Current	Proposed
<b>Competence review fee</b> <i>Fee applies per review</i>	\$255.55	\$540
<b>In-person competence review fee</b> Reasonable costs of travel, accommodation & meals incurred by SWRB are additional <i>Fee and additional accommodation &amp; meals costs incurred by SWRB applies per review</i>	\$3,102.70	Up to \$3,330  Fee charged depends on competencies involved and process applied



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## I'm an education provider and want to have a new education programme recognised by SWRB...

Charge type incl GST	Current	Proposed
<b>Education programme recognition vetting fee</b> <i>Fee per education programme</i>	Up to \$29,900	Up to \$35,000

This fee will be reassessed once the programme recognition standards and education framework review is completed

## I'm an education provider with a SWRB-recognised education programme...

Charge type incl GST	Current	Proposed
<b>Education programme annual fee</b>	Up to \$10,350	Up to \$15,000  The fee recovers the cost of SWRB's education programme function, e.g. programme re-recognitions, mid-cycle reviews, programme change consultation, education survey, guidance, research, stakeholder and cross-agency engagement, and overheads

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