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| **EXPERIENCE PATHWAY (SECTION 13)**  **SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE FRAMEWORK**  ***STAGE ONE – INITIAL ASSESSMENT***  Under section 13 of the Social Workers Registration Act 2003 (the Act), the Social Workers Registration Board (SWRB) can decide if a person’s social work experience (10-15 years plus) in New Zealand is enough to compensate for the lack of a Board-recognised qualification.  The experience pathway (section 13) was included to acknowledge the contributions of social workers who had been working in their communities before the Act came into force, and when social work qualifications were not as accessible. Section 13 recognises the experience, knowledge and contribution of these social workers and helps protect the public by including these workers under the provisions of the Act.   * Stage One is in three parts and is the first stage in assessing the extent of your social work practice and professional development in Aotearoa New Zealand and internationally. * The cost for the Stage One assessment is $276.00 * Once you have submitted Stage One and paid your fee, your application will be assessed by the SWRB. Part of the SWRB’s assessment will involve a phone/video interview with you. * The SWRB will advise you on completion of their assessment whether they believe you have enough practical experience in social work to apply for registration.   *NB: The assessment fee is non- refundable. All applicants have the right to submit a full application for registration through the experience pathway regardless of the recommendation given by the SWRB.* |

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| **EXPERIENCE PATHWAY (SECTION 13)**  **SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE FRAMEWORK** **– STAGE ONE** | | | | | | | |
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| **PART 1: THE PATHWAY THAT LED YOU TO A SOCIAL WORK CAREER** | | | | | |
| In 500-700 words:   1. summarise your background, life experiences and values that led you to social work as a profession, and 2. tell us about your social work practice in Aotearoa New Zealand and internationally. | | | | | |
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| **PART 2:** **THE EXTENT OF YOUR SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE IN AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND AND INTERNATIONALLY**  This is similar to your curriculum vitae but with more details on what you actually did in your social work roles (e.g. tasks and responsibilities).  List below your social work roles (including where you used or developed your social work skills and knowledge), years working in those roles and what your tasks and responsibilities were in those roles. Please start with your most recent position working your way back to your oldest one so that we can track the development of your career. Include both paid and voluntary positions that you have held (e.g. community work, iwi engagement, committees). | | | | | |
| *Social work experience (position title and location)* | | *Years in role (give dates)* | *Tasks and responsibilities of role that were social work. Please also indicate whether you received professional social work supervision for each role.* | | |
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| **PART 3: YOUR CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD)**  This section is for you to list the CPD you have undertaken.  CPD is the strengthening and enhancement of your knowledge, expertise and competence in social work throughout your career.  CPD can include educational qualifications, training courses, conferences, workshops, seminars, professional reading, research and supervision or mentoring.  Please provide details of the CPD activities you have undertaken over your career that have enhanced your social work practice. List in order from most recent to oldest. We recognise that over a long career it may not be possible to recall every single CPD activity that you have undertaken. The intent of this section is to ascertain your commitment to your development as a social worker.  You will find examples of CPD on our website <https://swrb.govt.nz/social-workers/practising/continuing-professional-development/> | | |
| *Professional development (identify what you did)* | *Date* | *Relevance to your practice* |
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