



Social Workers Registration Board

Kāhui Whakamana Tauwhiro

SWRB Policy Document: The process for re-recognition of social work qualifications in New Zealand (June 2007)

At its meeting of December 2006, the Social Workers Registration Board adopted the following process for the re-recognition of social work programmes in New Zealand.

1) Process.

The process for re-recognition of social work programmes be the same as the process for recognition of programmes.

2) Desk Audit

Providers will be asked to supply full programme documentation to enable a desk audit of the programme to be conducted against the Board's programme Standards:

Programme Recognition Standards (Bachelor degree in social work)

Programme Recognition Standards (Postgraduate qualifications in social work)

These may be found on the Board's website www.swrb.org.nz

Such documentation to be provided to the Board will include:

- Programme proposal and Curriculum Statements
- Information about student selection
- Information about field work arrangements and support
- Appointment policies, Staff Curriculum Vitae
- All monitoring/audit reports since previous recognition.

2) Site Visit

The Board will undertake a one to two day site visit to enable meetings with institute of technology or polytechnic management and staff, students, advisory committee members and student supervisors.

The site visit to be carried out by two representatives of the Board. The panel members may be board members, staff from the secretariat and/or other suitable persons approved for the role by the Education and Practice Standards committee. In cases of multiple site delivery the site visit will be undertaken by at least one Board representative.

3) Fees and costs

A fee of \$6000 plus GST will be charged for the re recognition desk audit and a single site visit in New Zealand. Additional visits may be required if the programme is delivered at more than one site. Actual and reasonable costs will be charged for any additional site visits or concurrent programme approvals.