



Social Workers  
Registration Board  

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Kāhui Whakamana Tauwhiro

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### **1. Practicum requirements**

The SWRB requires that the practicum arrangements for students in recognised New Zealand social work degrees meet the following standards.

Each student will:

- a) undertake a minimum of 120 days of supervised practicum;
- b) do a minimum of two practica
- c) do one practicum for at least 50 days
- d) do at least 2 practica in different organisational settings
- e) be exposed to at least 2 different fields of practice.

### **2. Recognition of prior learning**

Recognition of prior learning will not be approved for practicum.

### **3. Transfer of credit**

Transfer of credit for practicum will be approved in the following circumstances:

- a) Where students have already completed a recognised Social Work New Zealand qualification.

***That is a qualification that was completed within the time frame that entitles the qualification holder to be eligible to apply for registration.***

- b) Where students are transferring between programmes on the schedule of recognised Social Work New Zealand current qualifications.

***That is qualifications listed on Schedule 1 of the SWRB Recognised New Zealand Social Work Qualifications policy. This does not include historical qualifications listed on Schedule 2.***

### **4. Practicum in place of employment**

A student may only undertake **one** practicum in their place of work. Such a practicum must have:

- a. Learning goals related to the integration of new skills and knowledge; and
- b. A practice supervisor who is not the student's employment manager or person responsible for their performance appraisal.

### **5. Supervision**

Supervision should be consistent with the Board's policy on *Supervision Expectations for Registered Social Workers*

Ideally all practicum supervision should be carried out by Registered Social Workers.

All Students should have at least one practicum with on- site supervision by a social worker.  
Wherever possible this social worker will be registered.