



Social Workers
Registration Board

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

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.