



Is the CASW Assessment Right for Me?

Situations where it is not the next step:

1. I completed Social Work Education in Canada

CASW does **not** assess Social Work education completed in Canada. Schools of Social Work in Canada are accredited by the Canadian Association for Social Work Education (CASWE): <https://caswe-acfts.ca/>. Please contact CASWE with any question regarding social work education in Canada. The Directory of CASWE-ACFTS Accredited Programs can be found here: <https://caswe-acfts.ca/our-activities/accreditation/#directory>.

Please contact the [Social Work Regulatory Body](#) where you wish to practice directly for registration requirements.

2. I completed Social Work Education in the United States

CASW does **not** assess Social Work education completed in the United States.

Similarly to the United States, in Canada, regulation of the social work profession is based on provincial legislation and is thus the responsibility of provincial social work regulatory bodies. A list of social work regulatory bodies can be found here: <http://www.casw-acts.ca/en/node/21/policy-and-regulations/regulatory-bodies>.

Provincial social work regulatory bodies do **not** require a CASW Assessment of International Credentials for those who have completed [CSWE](#) (Council on Social Work Education) accredited education in the United States. Information on the Agreement of Mutual Recognition of Accredited Degrees between CSWE and CASWE-ACFTS can be found here: <https://caswe-acfts.ca/our-activities/accreditation/#niab>.

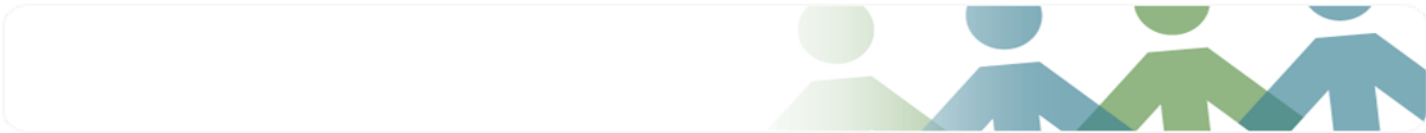
Please contact the [regulatory body](#) in the province or territory where you wish to practice for registration requirements.

3. I do not have either a bachelor or master level education in Social Work

If you have not completed either a Bachelor or Master of Social Work degree, it will **not** be possible for CASW to assess your credentials.

For a degree to be found equivalent to a Canadian Social Work degree (MSW or BSW) it must contain all the elements included in the [Standards of Accreditation](#). For this reason, degrees obtained in disciplines other than social work and education at the diploma level **cannot** be considered for assessment.

The CASW assessment compares the program completed by an applicant in terms of the number of credits in the areas of social work intervention methods, social policy, field of practice and social problems, research methods, and field work, to Canadian standards to determine



equivalence to a Canadian social work degree. These Canadian standards are based on the accreditation standards of the Canadian Association of Schools for Social Work Education (CASWE) and information in this respect can be found on the CASWE website by clicking this link, (<http://caswe-acfts.ca/commission-on-accreditation/coa-standards/>). Note that the evaluation is purely academic in nature and does not consider work or volunteer experience.

The option exists that applicants may directly apply to a [provincial social work regulatory body](#) in Canada to determine if they have an alternative assessment service for those who do not receive equivalency from the CASW assessment service.

For example:

New Brunswick: [NBASW](#) has a Foreign Qualification Recognition (FQR) Program to support eligible applicants who are missing field placement hours and/or course credits, following the CASW assessment of international credentials. This pathway allows eligible applicants to become a social worker or social work technician in New Brunswick, Canada's only officially bilingual province (French and English). Please visit [their website](#) for more information or contact them directly at : info@nbasw-attsnb.ca.

Ontario: [OCSWSSW](#) has an equivalency application stream for those with no Social Work Degree or Non-Accredited Social Work Degree. Information on the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers alternative pathway can be found here:

<https://www.ocswssw.org/applicants/no-social-work-degree/>.

Manitoba: [MCSW](#) offers a Substantial Equivalency program. Information on the Manitoba alternative pathway can be found here: <https://mcsw.ca/applicants/other-degree-substantial-equivalency>.

4. I intend to practice social work in the provinces of either Quebec or British Columbia

The Canadian Association of Social Workers (CASW) assessment is accepted in all Canadian provinces and territories except British Columbia and Quebec. In these two provinces, the CASW assessment is **not** required and will **not** be accepted.

In British Columbia, the regulatory body for social work is the British Columbia College of Social Workers (BCCSW). CASW assessments are not used in this province. Instead, BCCSW has its own assessment process for applicants. You can find more information about their process here: <https://bccsw.ca/>. The direct link to assessment information is:

<https://bccsw.ca/registration-process/degree-outside-of-canada-or-the-usa/>

In Quebec, the regulatory body is l'Ordre des travailleurs sociaux et des thérapeutes conjugaux et familiaux du Québec (OTSTCFQ). CASW assessments are also not used in this province.

OTSTCFQ provides its own assessment and registration process. You can visit their website for more information: <http://www.otstcfq.org>. You should contact OTSTCFQ directly to learn about their specific registration requirements.