

SOCIAL WORKERS REGISTRATION BOARD

Notes of the 74th Meeting of the Committee on Qualification Assessment and Registration

Date: 4 July 2019
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Venue: Conference Room, 26/F Eastern Commercial Centre, 83 Nam On Street, Shau Kei Wan, Hong Kong.
Present: Dr. KWOK Ngai-kuen, Alvin (Convenor)
Dr. LEUNG Chuen-suen
Dr. TING Wai-fong
Apologies: Ms. CHEUNG Lai-yi
Dr. NG Yut-ming
Secretary: Mr. LEE Wing-po, Eric, Registrar

Confirmation of the notes of last meeting

1. There were no proposed revisions to the notes of last meeting, that they were confirmed the true records of the said meeting.

Matters arising from the previous meetings

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Appointment of the Assessment Panel

7. The meeting followed up with the feedbacks received at the Board meeting about the initial proposal of removing some names from the Assessment Panel. In the ensuing discussion, the meeting agreed applying only the objective criteria, i.e. the failure to respond to conflict or availability check since early 2017, whilst setting the one on appropriateness aside, when recommending who would not be invited for the one-year extension of appointment.

Revised registration form, renewal form and notification of changes

8. The meeting took note of the latest version of the revised forms and the latest comments of the Committee on Administration for a minor refinement to the registration form. The draft revised forms were endorsed for putting forth to the Board for adoption.

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10. (Business information deleted)

Qualification recognition assessment/review

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11. (Business information deleted)

Review of the criteria for being listed as Voluntary Continuing Professional Development organizer

12. In following up a suggestion at last meeting a review of the criteria, the meeting had a quick discussion of it and decided to maintain the status quo.

Anonymous complaint

13. The meeting referred to the letters and agreed that the governing policy of not dealing with anonymous complaint should be observed. Meanwhile, (anonymized) mentioned that she had been enquired by a colleague who would be intending of filing a similar complaint in a named basis. The meeting noted.

14. In the ensuing discussion, the meeting considered the possible ways the Board may act upon non-compliance by tertiary institutions with the recognition requirements. It was noted that the PCS has given the overall authority to the Board to withdraw recognition at the extreme case. The Board may also be conducting enquiries into conducts of the institutions upon receipt of formal complaints, pushing for due action to be taken by the institutions.

Appointment of Assessment Team

15. (Business information deleted)

Individual assessment of overseas social work qualification

Application for individual assessment from applicant holding social work qualification from Taiwan

16. (Business information deleted)

17. (Business information deleted)

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PCS Review

20. To the suggestion of (anonymized) as if the consultation should be extended, the meeting deliberated and resolved not to.

21. (anonymized) initiated a discussion about introduction of competence standards over graduates of the programmes as a quality measure. In the ensuing discussion, the meeting came to the consensus that the end game would be a professional test for admission to the practice, which would be too drastic a departure from the current regime, that this would not be pursued.

22. (anonymized) suggested and the meeting agreed to prepare a separate explanatory letter to address those comments not concerning the main text of the PCS, e.g. the purposes of review etc. He also undertook to write a paragraph into the Foreword to explain the aspiration of competent social workers graduated from the recognized programmes, which would be linked to the social work values embedded in the Code of Practice. He further suggested, and the meeting agreed, to add professional competence as the number one principle on top of autonomy of tertiary institutions.

23. The meeting also resolved to move section 5.7 to section 3 on compliance.

24. At the suggestion of (anonymized), the meeting agreed to assign comments collected from the public consultation among the members for working out recommendations for further deliberation at next meeting. (Business information deleted)

Date of next meeting

25. The next meeting designated for the PCS review would be held at 7:30 pm on either 12 or 15 August 2019, pending advice from the two members not present at this meeting.

26. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00pm.

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