

SOCIAL WORKERS REGISTRATION BOARD

Notes of the 75th Meeting of the Committee on Qualification Assessment and Registration

Date: 12 August 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)
Ms. CHEUNG Lai-yi
Dr. LEUNG Chuen-suen
Dr. NG Yut-ming
Dr. TING Wai-fong
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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Qualification recognition review

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Review of the PCS (Principles, Criteria and Standards for Recognizing Qualifications in Social Work)

15. The meeting decided to walk through section by section the draft PCS document incorporated with proposed refinements put forth by individual Committee members prior to the meeting, but that for definition would be dealt with towards the end, and the discussion covered the following up to section 4.2.5:

(Dr. Ting arrived and joined the meeting at this juncture.)

- (1) (anonymized) explained that reference had been made to those of Australia, Canada and England for the additional paragraph drafted for the Foreword, that he intentionally put them as “training objectives” but not competence to manage expectations.
- (2) In the ensuing discussion, the meeting agreed to replace the word “training” with “educational” to put thing in a better perspective, and on the fourth point, the other disciplines would be qualified as “academic” with no examples to be cited. To the enquiry of (anonymized), (anonymized) pointed out that the document would be for recognizing social work qualifications but not down onto defining the role of RSWs, hence reference to the role of RSW as change catalyst in the document would be unnecessary.
- (3) Simultaneously other reference of “training” should be changed to “education” or “educational” wherever appropriate.
- (4) The compliance requirement under section 3.2 should be extended to include not only the PCS but also those items covered in the final reports of the corresponding recognition assessments or reviews.
- (5) Assessment or review in future would change from programme to qualification base, where the same qualification with different modes of study would be assessed or reviewed together in one exercise. Self-pacing study would be a matter at individual students level which would be within the ambit of individual TIs but not the Board to consider. As a result, sub-section 4.1.1(c) would be removed, whilst the sections

on assessment or review protocol would be beefed up.

- (6) The title “Social Work Knowledge” should be reviewed and revised but this would be deliberated at a later stage during the editorial round.
- (7) “Programme planning” under sub-section 4.1.3(b)(iii) was considered but no change to either “service planning” or else was made.
- (8) Examples under sub-section 4.1.4(d) would be removed and the social sciences and liberal arts knowledge would be qualified with “related”.
- (9) Proposed changes of “diploma” to “sub-degree” would be reverted as the Ordinance is using the term “diploma”.
- (10) Proposed addition of “(in the latter case the first degree must be in social work)” as well as that specification of “(Cat.1 Base 1) to a number of sub-section would be dropped, in view of its adverse impacts on existing teaching staff of TIs.
- (11) The last paragraph of sub-section 4.2.1 need a further review to accommodate changes of the assessment/review to qualification base.
- (12) The proposed revision back to “post-degree professional practicing experience” instead of “post-qualification” was agreed.
- (13) The proposed changes to qualification requirements for teachers of field practicum were adopted.

Date of next meeting

16. The next meeting would be held at 7:30 pm on 27 September 2019.

17. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05pm.

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