

Social Workers Registration Board

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Introducing the new Registrar



Hello everyone! I am delighted to meet you as the newly appointed Registrar. Social work is a profession with a strong sense of mission, and joining the Social Workers Registration Board to work with all of you in advancing the profession is truly a great honor for me.

I have worked in the education field for many years, where I was responsible for programme administration, as well as managing a number of large-scale local and overseas examinations. These experiences gave me a deep understanding of education systems and examination processes, and taught me to approach the needs of people from different backgrounds with care and patience. In addition, I have also served in professional bodies, where I learned that every country has its own professional standards and codes of conduct, and I came to deeply appreciate the importance of transparency, fairness, and professional regulation. These experiences have enabled me to engage openly and inclusively when facing diverse cultures and different systems.

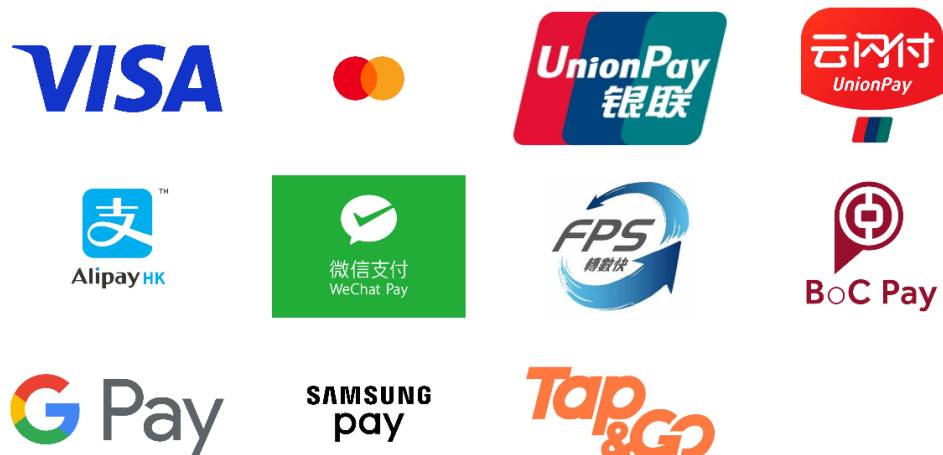
Social workers, in their daily work, need to interact with people from different walks of life and varied backgrounds. This profession is full of challenges, but also rich in human warmth. I look forward to embarking on this meaningful journey together with all of you.

Karen Lau

Work Report

1. New payment methods

To better serve applicants, the Board has made registration fee payments more convenient by offering popular electronic payment methods at its office since late 2025.



2. Qualification Recognition Assessment and Review

The Board is currently conducting qualification recognition assessments and reviews for three new and six existing social work qualifications during the 2025/26 academic year. For details of future reviews and their previous review results, please visit https://www.swrb.org.hk/en/ga_schedule.asp.

3. Promotion Work

Over the past six months, the Board office introduced the Board's functions to social work students through virtual meetings and in-person visits at the following institutions.

- City University of Hong Kong
- Gratia Christian College
- Hong Kong Baptist University
- Hong Kong Community College, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education (Sha Tin), Vocational Training Council
- Hong Kong Nang Yan College of Higher Education
- Hong Kong Shue Yan University
- Saint Francis University
- School of Professional and Continuing Education, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- The University of Hong Kong
- UOW College Hong Kong
- YMCA College of Careers

Social Work Day 2026

This year's "Social Work Day" was held on Tuesday, March 17. Spearheaded by the Hong Kong Social Workers Association, and organised in collaboration with various tertiary institutions, the Social Workers Registration Board, Heart-to-Heart, and the Hong Kong Council of Social Service, the "Social Work Day Organizing Committee" coordinated a series of activities under the theme "*Hope and Harmony: Our Sustainable Society*". These include:

1. "Social Work Day 2026: Advancing Together" Launch Ceremony

Social work students were divided into five teams and deployed across Hong Kong Island, Kowloon, the New Territories, and the Outlying Islands. In partnership with local social welfare organizations, they planned and delivered community service projects, promoting professional exchange and community inclusion.



2. Social Work Long-Distance Run 2026

The event commenced with a starting ceremony at the Chinese YMCA of Hong Kong Wu Kwai Sha Youth Village. Participants then took part in individual races, relay races, and fun walks along the Ma On Shan Promenade according to their respective categories.



Statistics (as at 22 April 2026)

1. **Total Number of Registered Social Workers:** 29,190

2. Gender Distribution:

- Male : 9,385 (32.15%)
- Female : 19,805 (67.84%)

3. Qualification for Registration

- Recognized degree : 20,429 (69.98%)
- Recognized diploma : 8,718 (29.86%)
- Possess social work experience that fulfills the requirement of the Ordinance : 42 (0.14%)
- Not holding a recognised social work qualification, but currently occupied or has been accepted for a social work post : 1 (0%)

4. Number of Complaint Cases (*since establishment*)

- Total cases received : 845
- Total cases for disciplinary inquiry : 188

For details, please visit <https://www.swrb.org.hk/en/Content.asp?Uid=34>