

Canadian Council of Social Work Regulators (CCSWR) Terms of Reference

<p>1. Purpose and Principles</p>	<p>CCSWR provides a national structure for provincial and territorial social work regulatory authorities to act together as the voice, both nationally and internationally, on social work regulatory matters in Canada.</p> <p>CCSWR observes the following principles in pursuit of our goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The autonomy of members will not be compromised. • In matters of importance or of national interest, the CCSWR will clearly articulate any areas of substantial difference among members.
<p>2. Definition</p>	<p>CCSWR has a distinct membership and purpose, with authority for decision making at governance levels, and the ability to come to agreement and form national policy.</p> <p>(*It is important to distinguish CCSWR’s role from that of the Registrars, whose meetings facilitate operational and administrative information- sharing. As part of their roles, the Registrars may advise, influence, develop and implement; in contrast, the CCSWR Board holds authority to approve and make policy and other decisions in relation to Canadian national agreements and governance direction.)</p>
<p>3. Objects</p>	<p>The objects of the CCSWR are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To demonstrate leadership by working to create and maintain an effective forum for the exchange of information; • To identify, consider and make statements on issues related to the regulation of social work practice; • To develop and promote national perspectives on social work regulation; • To support the development of, and promote national standards for, the assessment of competence in social work practice; • To respond to matters relating to licensure and/or regulation and which are of national and international

	<p>importance;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To undertake projects of national interest; • To collaborate with other national agencies and organizations
4. Membership and Procedures	<p>Membership and procedures are described in CCSWR Bylaws. Membership is open to the 10 provincial social work regulatory authorities responsible for regulating over 35,000 registered social workers across Canada.</p>
5. Meetings and Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CCSWR Board of Directors meets a minimum of two times per year including Annual Assembly (face to face meeting) and mid-year meeting (may be held via Teleconference). • The Executive (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and one Director, may meet additionally for planning. • Work of the Board generally takes place through individual and sub-committee tasks, with business conducted via teleconference and E-mail. • For the purposes of communication and/or correspondence with stakeholders or others, the Board of CCSWR agrees that the representative voice of CCSWR shall be the President or a member of the Executive, appointed by the President. • When requested to make statements in media or to represent CCSWR through any forum, the President will seek input, consult or advise members of the CCSWR Executive and Board members wherever possible to confirm consensus in messaging.