

ELECTRONIC SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE CRITERIA FOR REGISTERED SOCIAL WORKERS IN NL

The title *social worker* and the practice of social work are regulated in NL. NL residents wishing to engage in the practice of social work using electronic technologies with clients who reside in this province or in any other jurisdiction must be registered with the Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Social Workers (NLASW). Further information about the criteria for social work registration in NL is available at http://www.nlasw.ca/registration_process.html.

Registered social workers must adhere to the:

- [Social Workers Act \(2010\)](#)
- [Canadian Association of Social Workers \(CASW\) Code of Ethics](#)
- [CASW Guidelines for Ethical Practice \(2005\)](#) and
- [NLASW Practice Standards](#)

As detailed in the NLASW *Standards for Technology Use in Social Work Practice*, social workers have a responsibility to be aware of inter-jurisdictional issues when providing therapy or social work services using electronic technologies.

Regulatory requirements vary across provinces, US states and countries therefore social workers who reside in NL but provide services to clients in other jurisdictions are responsible for knowing the registration requirements governing all forms of social work practice in the jurisdiction where the client resides. There are several jurisdictions that require social workers to be registered to provide services within that area and may require different levels of licensure depending upon the nature of the social work practice. Further information can be obtained by contacting the appropriate regulatory agency.

Social workers need to consider how to address awareness of local resources to assist clients and integrate this into the informed consent process.

Social workers should also ensure that they have professional liability insurance policies which provide adequate coverage for the practice and the jurisdiction in which practice is being provided.