

## Acknowledgement & Undertaking for Social Work Applicant to the NSCSW for the Purpose of Electronic Practice

To: The Nova Scotia College of Social Workers

In this acknowledgment and undertaking, the following words and phrases have the meanings set out below:

**“Canadian social work regulatory authority”** means a body, other than NSCSW, that is authorized, under an Act of a Canadian province or the Northwest Territories or the Yukon to issue a certificate of registration, license or permit that authorizes an individual to practice the profession of social work or use the title or designation relating to the profession, or both;

**“electronic social work practice”** means the delivery of social work services by the use of any electronic device (such as a computer, tablet, smartphone, landline) or any electronic format (such as Internet, social media, online chat text, video, and email) and other electronic means;

**“in good standing”** includes, without limiting the generality of the phrase, the fact that the member:

- i. is not in default with respect to any financial obligation owed to any Canadian social work regulatory authority, including payment of an annual fee or any other amount owed;
- ii. is not the subject of any outstanding discipline, professional conduct, remedial, or fitness to practice order;
- iii. is not subject to an ongoing investigation or interim order or agreement arising out of a complaint, investigation, or proceeding; and
- iv. is in compliance with the continuing competence and quality assurance requirements of any and all Canadian social work regulatory authorities in which they are registered.

**“member in good standing (as defined above) of a Canadian regulatory authority”** means an individual who currently holds a certificate of registration, license or permit for social work issued by a Canadian social work regulatory authority that authorizes the individual to practice the profession of social work or to use a title or designation relating to the profession, or both.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, acknowledge and understand that in order to be eligible for registration to practise electronic social work in Nova Scotia, I am required to provide this **Acknowledgement and Undertaking** to the College.

1. I confirm that I am a member in good standing of one or more Canadian social work regulatory authorities;
2. I must continue to be a member of good standing of each Canadian social work regulatory authority of which I am a member in order to continue to be eligible to practise electronic social work in Nova Scotia;
3. I undertake and agree that:
  - a) I shall restrict my practice in Nova Scotia exclusively to electronic social work practice as defined above to clients in Nova Scotia delivered from a Canadian jurisdiction other than Nova Scotia;
  - b) The following information will be posted to the College's online and public Social Worker Registry register:
    - i. the restriction on my practice described in this acknowledgement and undertaking;
    - ii. the date of which the practice registration took effect; and
    - iii. the date on which the practice restriction expires, if applicable, and each Canadian social work regulatory authority in which I am registered as a social worker;
  - c) If I seek to renew my electronic social work practice registration with NSCSW, I shall ensure that any Canadian social work regulatory authority in which I am registered as a social worker will provide NSCSW with a completed [verification form](#), no later than December 31st of each calendar year;
  - d) I shall notify the NSCSW Registrar in writing within 5 days of any of the following events:
    - i. if my registration, license and/or permit issued by a Canadian social worker regulatory authority expires;
    - ii. if I am no longer in good standing as defined above with any Canadian social work regulatory authority; or
    - iii. if my registration, license and/or permit has been cancelled, suspended or revoked by any Canadian social work regulatory authority.
4. I acknowledge and understand that:

- a) a breach of this acknowledgment and undertaking shall constitute professional misconduct and/or conduct unbecoming pursuant to the *Social Workers Act* and may result in the initiation of a complaint against me; and
- b) as a electronic social work practice registrant, I am not eligible for election as a Council member or appointment to a statutory committee of the College.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ (month), 20\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
(city/town), \_\_\_\_\_ (province/territory).

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APPLICANT SIGNATURE

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WITNESS NAME (print)

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