

SOCIAL WORK REGULATION

DID YOU KNOW? Social work is a regulated profession in Newfoundland and Labrador (NL). There are currently over 1600 registered social workers practicing in this province.

- Social work practice in Newfoundland and Labrador is governed by legislation titled *The Social Workers Act (2010)*
- To practice social work or use the title “social worker” in this province, individuals must obtain the Registered Social Worker (RSW) designation
- The Newfoundland and Labrador College of Social Workers (NLCSW) is the regulatory body for social work in NL and grants the RSW designation
- A social work degree from a university accredited by the Canadian Association for Social Work Education (CASWE) or international equivalent is required for social work registration in NL
- Individuals with a social work degree without the RSW designation are not permitted to use the title “social worker” or engage in the practice of social work
- Social workers are employed in a diverse range of practice settings including direct practice with individuals, couples and families, community development, health promotion, policy development, administrative practice and research. (For information on the role of social work in diverse areas of practice, please refer to the Did You Know information series on the NLCSW website)
- The RSW is a professional designation one holds regardless of job title
- Regulation assures the public that social workers in this province have specialized knowledge and skills and will practice ethically and competently
- The pursuit of social justice is a fundamental value of the social work profession

There are over 1600 social workers registered to practice social work in Newfoundland and Labrador. Further information about the social work profession can be found at www.nlcsw.ca or by contacting:

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