

# SOCIAL WORK REGULATION

**Social work is a regulated health profession in Newfoundland and Labrador. There are over 1700 social workers registered to practice social work throughout the province. Social workers adhere to a Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice in providing essential, competent, and high-quality services.**

- Social work practice in Newfoundland and Labrador (NL) is governed by provincial legislation titled *The Social Workers Act (2010)*.
- The Newfoundland and Labrador College of Social Workers (NLCSW) is the regulatory body for social work in NL.
- To practice social work in NL or use the title social worker, registration with the NLCSW is required. Registration with NLCSW grants the Registered Social Workers designation.
- An accredited social work degree sets the foundation for social work registration in NL. (For more information about social work registration in NL, visit (insert link)).
- A social work degree alone does not permit someone to use the title social worker or engage in the practice of social work in NL.
- 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, visit (insert link)).
- Registered social worker is a professional designation one holds regardless of job title.
- Regulation ensures social work clients have their right to skilled, ethical, and professional service affirmed.
- Social workers registered in another Canadian jurisdiction and providing electronic services to client's in NL are required to follow NLCSW's electronic practice policy (For more information on electronic practice, visit (insert link)).

Further information about the social work profession can be found at [www.nlcsw.ca](http://www.nlcsw.ca) or by contacting:

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