

SPOTLIGHT



On Social Work Regulation

What regulatory documents must be adhered to by social workers in NL?

Social work practice in NL is regulated by the

- [Social Workers Act \(2010\)](#) - Provincial legislation which regulates social work practice in Newfoundland and Labrador.
- [Canadian Association of Social Workers \(CASW\) \(2005\) Code of Ethics](#) - Sets forth the values and principles that guide professional social work practice.
- [CASW Guidelines for Ethical Practice \(2005\)](#) – A companion document to the CASW Code of Ethics which provides guidance on ethical practice by applying values and principles in the Code to common areas of social work practice.
- [NLCSW \(2020\) Standards of Practice for Social Workers in NL](#) - Informed by the CASW Code and Guidelines, this document outlines the practice requirements for social workers in NL to ensure safe, ethical, and competent professional practice.

The [June 2021 edition of Practice Matters](#) helps bring this topic to life with various case scenarios detailing how the above documents are integrated into social work practice.