

SOCIAL WORKERS REGISTRATION BOARD

Notes of the 71st Meeting of the Committee on Qualification Assessment and Registration

Date: 6 November 2018
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Venue: Conference Room, 26/F Eastern Commercial Centre, 83 Nam On Street, Shau Kei Wan, Hong Kong.
Present: Mr. SHIU Ka-chun (Convenor)
Mr. KWAN Wing-shing, Vincent
Dr. KWOK Ngai-kuen, Alvin
Dr. LEUNG Chuen-suen
Mr. LUN Chi-wai
Apology: Dr. CHU Cheong-hay
Mr. IP Kim Ching
Ms. LAW Yee-ming
Ms. LUK Ka-mei
Secretary: Mr. LEE Wing-po, Eric, Registrar and
Ms. FAN Lai-yee, Veronica, Assistant Registrar

Confirmation of the notes of the last meeting

1. In response to a member's comment on paragraph 11, the Secretary had checked the audio record and noted the member had not mentioned "without going through proper procedures of discussion at the Committee". The Committee agreed that the notes should record what had mentioned at the meeting and the paragraph should be amended as "...to have amended para. 5.7(b) under Document C and D of PCS2014 and put into effect immediately without going through discussion at the Committee, despite the fact that the Board was rightful to make the final decision of the matter".

Matters arising from the previous meetings

2. There is no matter arising from the previous meetings.

Qualification Recognition Assessment

Business information deleted

3. Business information deleted
4. Business information deleted
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Progress report

Business information deleted

8. Business information deleted

Application for registration as RSW (category 2)

9. Business information deleted

10. Business information deleted

Review of the PCS

11. The Secretary walked through the changes of PCS made after the last meeting as in Appendix E1 and invited the Committee to consider the outstanding and new items as listed in Appendix E2. Members agreed to discuss items 1, 2.1, 2.2 and 3 in Appendix E2 but not the new items in this round of review exercise. The discussion was summarized as follows:

Item 1

- (a) The Secretary reported that regarding the testing of SSR calculation, only one TI provided useable data, three refused and one provided obsolete data. The only one set of data showed that it could meet the requirement of SSR 1:25 under the proposed model.
- (b) Dr. Chu sent his apology to the Committee right before the meeting (business information deleted). He proposed to keep the existing model intact.
- (c) There were views that the new model would duly address the criteria of attention to students and the calculation methodology would be simple and clear. The meeting agreed to put forth the current ratio as the standard under the proposed model and counter-proposals received during the next consultation would be considered in view of any merits and justifications outlined by the proposers.

Item 2.1

- (d) A member expressed concerns that the higher and full authority of the Appeal Panel under the appeal mechanism would undermine the authority of the Board. The Secretary reminded that the Committee had initially accepted the new idea of having the Board delegating authority of recognition or not to the Committee and the Board assuming the role to deal with appeal, but at the last meeting and in response to query of the member, the Committee

had reversed its decision to retain the independent appeal panel model, and at this meeting, the drive to reverse emerged again. In the ensuing discussion, the Committee resolved to adopt the independent appeal panel model.

Item 2.2

- (e) The Secretary invited the Committee to consider the proposed working path for interim and final reports with the purpose of simplifying the process. It was proposed that the interim report would be a document between the AT and the TI, without involving the Committee and the Board. The Committee would be briefed when the AT was concluding its final report and the Committee or the Board might step in and formulate their own views and resolved on the applications for recognition. The Committee considered that the draft interim report should be presented to the Committee for inputs but not necessary to go through the Board so that the Committee would be alerted of the deliberation and make earlier contributions or comments to the AT. The Secretary would revise the document accordingly.

Item 3

- (f) Regarding item 3, the Committee agreed to revise the definition of TIs to include those TIs registered under the Education Ordinance.

Paragraph 4.2.1(a) in PCS

- (g) As an extra point of observation, the Secretary invited the Committee to consider whether it was necessary to define “recognized social work professional qualification awarded overseas”. An example cited by the Secretary was a social work qualification awarded and recognized in New Zealand or Ireland where there are professional qualifications as social workers awarded but the social work qualifications conferred in those countries were not currently recognized by the Board for registration. After discussion, the Committee decided that similar enquiry should be considered on individual basis with no clarification or definition of such in this round of review.

Any other matters

Application for being listed as VCPD organizer

12. Business information deleted

Invitation from an overseas tertiary institution for meeting

13. Business information deleted

Qualification recognition review

(Mr. Shiu and Mr. Kwok declared conflict of interest and abstained from discussion for this item)

14. Business information deleted

Date of next meeting

15. The Convenor expressed that if there was matter that could not resolved by email correspondence and further meeting would be required, he might not be available to attend and an acting convenor would then be elected to preside the meeting. He took the opportunity to thank the co-opted members, other Committee members as well as the Board office for their effort in the past three years.

16. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 pm.

9 November 2018