

## **SOCIAL WORKERS REGISTRATION BOARD**

### **Notes of the 80<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Committee on Qualification Assessment and Registration**

Date: 1 April 2020  
Time: 8:05 p.m.  
Venue: Online meeting via Zoom  
Present: Dr. Alvin KWOK Ngai-kuen (Convenor),  
Ms. Yvonne CHAK Tung-ching (co-opted member),  
Ms. Kathy CHEUNG Lai-yi,  
Ms. Morgan FAN Yee-kwan (co-opted member),  
Ms. Cherry LAU Chiu-man (co-opted member),  
Dr. Zeno LEUNG Chuen-suen,  
Dr. NG Yut-ming,  
Dr. TING Wai-fong,  
Mr. Ivan YAU Tat-yu (co-opted member)  
Secretary: Mr. Eric LEE Wing-po (Registrar),  
Ms. Emily CHAN May-shan (Assistant Registrar)

#### **Application of reduction of fieldwork hours**

1. Members of the Committee were aware of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the fieldwork arrangements of most of the Tertiary Institutions (“TIs”) and shared their views towards the application from (Business Information Deleted) of reducing the required fieldwork hours during this critical period. They also took note of the reduction of minimum fieldwork hours to 85% of the original requirement adopted by Council on Social Work Education of the United States.
2. Members perceived that there were other alternatives to reduction of fieldwork hours like allowing students to work from home for preparing or completing fieldwork learning tasks and using digital technologies for replacing face-to-face interactions with service users.
3. After a thorough discussion, the Committee resolved not to change the requirements as set out in the document “Principles, Criteria and Standards for Recognizing Qualifications in Social Work” (“PCS”). Members also agreed to send a standard email to all TIs reiterating the principles sent in Feb with an emphasis on the application of flexible fieldwork arrangements, the core component of direct practice with service users; and the respect to their autonomy of making accountable and appropriate adjustments in this adversity.
4. The Secretary will draft the content of email and circulate among the members before dissemination. (Post meeting notes: The email has been sent to all TIs on 3 April.)

*(Ms. Kathy CHEUNG Lai-yi and Mr. Ivan YAU Tat-yu retired from the meeting at this juncture.)*

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**Application for CPD activity organizer – (Business Information Deleted)**

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9. In response to the enquiries from some co-opted members, the Secretary briefed the background and operation of the Voluntary Continuing Professional Development Scheme for Registered Social Workers and recalled that a thorough deliberation had been conducted by the Committee in the previous term. After discussion, members resolved to reject the application instead of revising the criteria or exercising any discretion. The Convenor proposed and members agreed an item to be discussed at the next meeting on whether conducting afresh the review of the scheme.

10. There being no other business.

**Date of next meeting**

11. The next meeting would be held at 7:30 pm on 10 July 2020.

12. The meeting was adjourned at 10:05pm.

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