

SOCIAL WORKERS REGISTRATION BOARD

Notes of the 86th Meeting of the Committee on Qualification Assessment and Registration

Date: 25 Jan 2021 (Mon)
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Venue: Online meeting via Zoom Meeting platform
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. YAU Tat-yu (co-opted Members)
Secretary: Mr. Eric LEE Wing-po (Registrar),
Ms. Emily CHAN May-shan (Assistant Registrar)

Confirmation of the notes of the last meeting

1. While Ms. CHAK, Ms. FAN, Ms. LAU and Dr. TING were yet to join in the meeting, the Convenor started the meeting with the quorum present.
2. There were no proposed revisions to the notes (CQAR86-1) of said meeting, that they were confirmed the true record of the said meeting.

(Ms. CHAK, Ms. LAU and Dr. TING joined the meeting at this juncture.)

Review of the Principles, Criteria and Standards for Recognizing Qualifications in Social Work

3. The meeting first followed up the advice sought from our legal advisor as attached in CQAR86-2.1. For the consideration of whether the appeal hearing could be open to the public for the reasons of public interests and with reference to (Business Information Deleted), since the recognition process is not open to the public, members concluded that the hearing should be conducted in private unless with the agreement of both the Appellant and the Board to make it open.
4. Other than the above advice, members accepted the minor changes of wordings recommended in Section 6 (Appeal Mechanism) and the forms.

(As (Anonymized), the Professional Consultant, was ready to join the meeting, Dr. KWOK decided to move to discuss the agenda of Qualification Recognition Review at this juncture.)

Interim Report of Qualification Recognition Review of (Business Information Deleted)

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(Ms. FAN joined the online meeting at this juncture.)

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((Anonymized) left the meeting.)

11. (Business Information Deleted)

((Anonymized), the Professional Consultant, joined the meeting at this juncture.)

Interim Report of Qualification Recognition Review of (Business Information Deleted)

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(Ms. CHAK left the online meeting at this juncture.)

Review of the Principles, Criteria and Standards for Recognizing Qualifications in Social Work (Continue)

23. The meeting continued to follow up the legal advice on the PCS. For the suggestion of considering to seek consultation of the stakeholders on the appeal rules in the future, the Committee did not see the need to take this opinion at this stage.
24. The Secretary reported that the office has recently received enquiries from some TIs of their intention to apply for recognition of new social work qualifications, aiming for launch in AY2022-23, that means the assessment would be taken place in AY2021-2022, i.e. prior to the revised PCS taking effect. According to our schedule, the revised PCS will be published on 1 April 2021 (or at least in the first half this year), with effect from 1 Sept 2022.
25. According to sub-section 3.1.1 of the present draft of revised PCS, applicant TIs are to follow the requirements of the current version for those qualification assessments conducted before 1 Sept 2022, whilst under sub-section 3.1.3, those TIs which are currently running a recognized programme may already apply the requirements of the revised PCS during the interim. As an interim measure to deal with the transition, the Committee agreed to allow flexibility for the applicant TIs (for both new qualifications and existing ones seeking continual recognition) to choose adopting the revised PCS for both the qualification assessments or reviews conducted in AY2021-22.

Appointment of Assessment Panel

26. The updated progress of the nomination was reported by the Secretary as attached in the document CQAR 86-3.2. To ensure a pool of sufficient panelists, the Committee agreed to send invitation to sub-group B members who are consider eligible for re-appointment subject to their confirmation that their latest status do meet the criteria.
27. The list of nominees of other sub-groups were accepted by the Committee in principle except for sub-group D that needed further clarification on whether the two nominated organizations namely (Business Information Deleted) and (Business Information Deleted) have provided social work positions.

Date of next meeting

28. The next meeting would be held at 7:00 p.m. on 3 March 2021.
29. The meeting was adjourned at 10:20p.m.

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