

NOVA SCOTIA ASSOCIATION OF

Social Workers

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REGISTRATION RENEWAL FOR 2008

Dear Social Work Colleague:

It is time once again for membership and registration renewal for the Nova Scotia Association of Social Workers. This annual procedure is vital to the Association in fulfilling its functions of regulating and strengthening the profession.

For 2008, the renewal forms are available for you to complete and submit on-line.

Registration fees are listed further on in this document.

There are three forms to complete:

(1) **Renewal Information Form**

updates your personal information and notes the method of payment

(2) **Registration Renewal Form**

allows the Board of Examiners to determine whether you meet all the requirements for continued registration

(3) **Professional Development Report Forms**

demonstrate that Professional Development requirements have been met and allow the Professional Development Committee to assess professional development needs

A printable version of each form is available.

If you download the form, print it, complete a hard copy, and mail it in, the address is:

NSASW
#106 - 1891 Brunswick Street
Halifax, Nova Scotia
B3J 2G8

If you are unable to submit the forms on-line or download them and complete a hard copy, please contact the NSASW office at 429-7799, and we will send the forms to you.

Please note: The 2008 renewal forms and your payment are applicable to the calendar year 2008. If you will be practising Social Work anytime from January 1 - December 31, 2008, you must be registered and pay the prescribed fee. THE DEADLINE FOR RENEWAL IS FEBRUARY 28, 2008. Forms must be completed and submitted electronically by February 28, 2008, or completed and signed originals of the renewal forms must be received in the NSASW office by February 28, 2008. Faxed

forms will not be accepted for registration purposes.

After February 28 but before March 31, a late fee of \$50.00 will apply. If your renewal forms and payment in full have not been received by March 31, 2008, your registration and membership with the Association will be suspended and your name will no longer appear on the Register of Registered Social Workers and Social Worker Candidates. This will mean that you are not registered to practice social work in Nova Scotia. Practising while suspended is a contravention of Section 55 of the Social Workers Act.

If you are suspended from the Register, you will have to apply to be reinstated. The Board of Examiners is the body which makes decisions about reinstatement and the Board may require you to appear before it. Please remember that if you have been suspended from the Register, you are not registered to practise social work. You will not be registered until the Board has approved your reinstatement.

Many employers require you to be registered as a condition of employment. If a complaint is brought against you during a time when you are not registered, your liability insurance will not cover you. You can apply to be reinstated from April 1, 2008 until December 31, 2008. After December 31, 2008, if you have not applied for reinstatement, you will be permanently struck from the Register. If you wish to practise social work, you will have to re-apply as a new applicant and provide all of the documentation that any new applicant must provide.

2008 REGISTRATION FEES

Registered Social Worker	\$333.00
Social Worker Candidate	\$333.00
Registered Social Worker in Private Practice	\$383.00
Inactive Registered Social Worker *	\$166.50
Inactive Social Worker Candidate *	\$166.50

*Inactive means unemployed or on maternity or parental leave or on long term disability. Unemployed means not working for any employer and not self-employed. Maternity leave and parental leave are as outlined in the Employment Insurance Act in the sections on pregnancy and parental benefits. (By-law 28(2), adopted November 6, 2006)

Registration fees are income tax deductible for Registered Social Workers and Social Worker Candidates.

2008 MEMBERSHIP FEES (for members who are not Registered Social Workers or Social Worker Candidates)

Retired Member	\$ 58.00
Student Member	\$ 58.00

Fees received after Wednesday, February 28, 2008, are subject to an additional \$50.00 Late Payment Fee.

Fees received after March 31, 2008, in addition to the \$50.00 Late Payment Fee , are subject to interest

charges.

If you have any questions, please call 429-7799 or e-mail nsasw@nsasw.org.

Susan L. Nasser
Executive Director

December 14, 2007