

British Columbia College of Social Workers to increase Application, Registration and Renewal fees.

Beginning at the onset of the 2024 renewal cycle, the British Columbia College of Social Workers (the College) will increase Application, Registration and Renewal Fees by 10 %. In accordance with the Social Workers Act and BCCSW’s bylaws, we have informed the Ministry of Children and Family Development. Subsequently Minister Mitzi Dean has expressed approval and we are now providing notice of the fee increase to the College applicants and registrants.

| Fee Type | 2023 Current Fee | 2024 Renewal Cycle Fee |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Application | \$132.00 | \$145.20 |
| Registration-Renewal Full/Clinical Class | \$281.00 | \$309.10 |
| Registration-Renewal Provisional Class | \$220.00 | \$242.00 |
| Registration-Renewal New Graduate Class | \$220.00 | \$242.00 |
| Registration-Renewal Non-Practicing Class | \$69.00 | \$75.90 |

At the April 15, 2023, College Board meeting, Board members noted that to ensure operational needs are met and that the College remains fiscally responsible and sound, Board members passed a resolution to increase fees. This is something that will continue to be a consideration each year.

The College recognizes that the increases will represent a significant change for registrants and applicants. Please accept this information as a 90-day notice of the new fees before the 2024 renewal cycle.

How will the fee increase funds be utilized?

The fee increase will ensure that the College is adequately resourced to deliver efficient application and registration processes, a comprehensive quality assurance program, rigorous investigation of complaints and applied discipline. Increased fees will also support the continuous modernization and cultural optimization of the Social Workers Act, Bylaws, Policies and Procedures. Ultimately the fee increase will enable the College to effectively and efficiently continue to fulfill its mandate of protecting the public by superintending the practice of social work in British Columbia.

For more information:

If you have questions or comments about the fee increases, please send them to office.coordinator@bccsw.ca



May 31, 2023

VIA E-MAIL

Ref: 279025

Jason Lam, RSW
Board Chair
British Columbia College of Social Workers
E-mail: jason.lam@bccsw.ca

Dear Jason Lam:

In accordance with the *Social Workers Act*, I have reviewed the proposed amendments to the bylaws of the British Columbia College of Social Workers, as submitted by the Board of the College on April 15, 2023.

I am pleased to inform you that the proposed amendments, as outlined in the attached Appendix A, are approved. I understand you will publish the amendments electronically on the College website at least 3 months prior to the bylaws coming into force on December 1, 2023, pursuant to section 10(6)(b) of the *Social Workers Act*.

Your continuing efforts to improve the practice of Social Work in British Columbia are appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mitzi Dean
Minister of Children and Family Development

pc: Carolyn Kamper, Assistant Deputy Minister,
Strategic Integration, Policy and Legislation Division, MCFD
Aleksandra Stevanovic, Executive Director, Policy, Legislation and Litigation, MCFD
Renaee Snell, Acting Director, Legislation and Legal Support, MCFD
Sarah Gosman, Director, Strategic Policy and Research, MCFD
Lise Beauchesne, Interim Registrar, British Columbia College of Social Workers

Enclosure: Appendix A: Amendments to the Bylaws of the British Columbia
College of Social Workers

APPENDIX A:

Amendments to the Bylaws of the British Columbia College of Social Workers

REDLINE OF COLLEGE BYLAWS, SCHEDULE B - FEES

British Columbia College of Social Workers

Application Fees

Applicants for registration must pay to the college an application for registration fee in the following amounts for:

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|--------------------------------------|---------------------|----------|
| Full Registration..... | \$132.00 | \$145.20 |
| Clinical Registration | \$132.00 | \$145.20 |
| Transfer from Full to Clinical | \$ no fee | \$145.20 |
| Temporary Registration..... | \$145.20 | |

Annual Registration Fees

Each registrant must pay to the College an annual registration fee on or before January 31, in the following amounts for:

New Graduates¹

(year of graduation from a social work program and the following year)

| | | |
|---|---------------------|----------|
| | \$220.00 | \$242.00 |
| Full Registration ¹ | \$281.00 | \$309.10 |
| Clinical Registration ¹ | \$281.00 | \$309.10 |
| Provisional Registration ¹ | \$220.00 | \$242.00 |
| Non-practising Registration..... | \$69.00 | \$75.90 |
| Temporary Registration..... | \$00.00 | |
| Transfer from Full/Clinical to Non-practising | \$ pro-rated | |
| Transfer from Non-practising to Full/Clinical | \$ pro-rated | |

Reinstatement Fees

35% of annual registration fee

¹ The annual registration fee is pro-rated the first year.

UPDATED SCHEDULE B - FEES

British Columbia College of Social Workers

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Applicants for registration *mw* - pay to the college an application for registration fee in the following amounts for:

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| Full Registration..... | \$145.20 |
| Clinical Registration..... | \$145.20 |
| Transfer from Full to Clinical..... | \$145.20 |
| Temporary Registration..... | \$145.20 |

Annual Registration Fees

Each registrant must pay to the College an annual registration fee on or before January 31, in the following amounts for:

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| New Graduates ¹ (year of graduation from a social work program and the following year) | \$242.00 |
| Full Registration ¹ | \$309.10 |
| Clinical Registration ¹ | \$309.10 |
| Provisional Registration ¹ | \$242.20 |
| Non-practising Registration..... | \$75.90 |
| Temporary Registration..... | \$00.00 |
| Transfer from Full/Clinical to Non-practising | \$ pro-rated |
| Transfer from Non-practising to Full/Clinical | \$ pro-rated |

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