

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

Beginning at the onset of the 2021 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 Katrine Conroy has expressed approval and we are now providing notice of the fee increase to the College applicants and registrants.

Fee Type	Current Fee	2021 Renewal Cycle Fee
Application	\$120.00	\$132.00
Registration-Renewal Full/Clinical Class	\$255.00	\$281.00
Registration-Renewal Provisional Class	\$200.00	\$220.00
Registration-Renewal New Graduate Class	\$200.00	\$220.00
Registration-Renewal Non-Practicing Class	\$63.00	\$69.00

At the June 20, 2020 College Board meeting, Board members noted that although the College's fees have remained unchanged for over a decade, expenses and operational costs have steadily risen. 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 2021 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 info@bccsw.ca or alternatively feel free to contact Mark Hillenbrand, Registrar-CEO at mark.hillenbrand@bccsw.ca.



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Jim Campbell, RCSW
Board Chair
British Columbia College of Social Workers
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Dear Jim Campbell:

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 August 6, 2020.

I am pleased to inform you that the proposed amendments as outlined in the attached Appendix A are approved. I understand that you will publish the amendments electronically on the College Web site, pursuant to section 10(6)(b) of the *Social Workers Act*, prior to them coming into force on January 1, 2021.

Your continuing efforts to improve the practice of social work in British Columbia are appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Katrine Conroy'.

Katrine Conroy
Minister of Children and Family Development

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

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**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:

Full Registration	\$120.00 \$132.00
Clinical Registration	\$120.00 \$132.00
Transfer from Full to Clinical	\$ no fee

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 Graduates ¹ (year of graduation from a social work program and the following year)	\$200.00 \$220.00
Full Registration ¹	\$255.00 \$281.00
Clinical Registration ¹	\$255.00 \$281.00
Provisional Registration ¹	\$200.00 \$220.00
Non-practising Registration	\$63.00 \$69.00
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

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UPDATED SCHEDULE B – FEES

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