INTERNATIONALLY-TRAINED SOCIAL WORKERS

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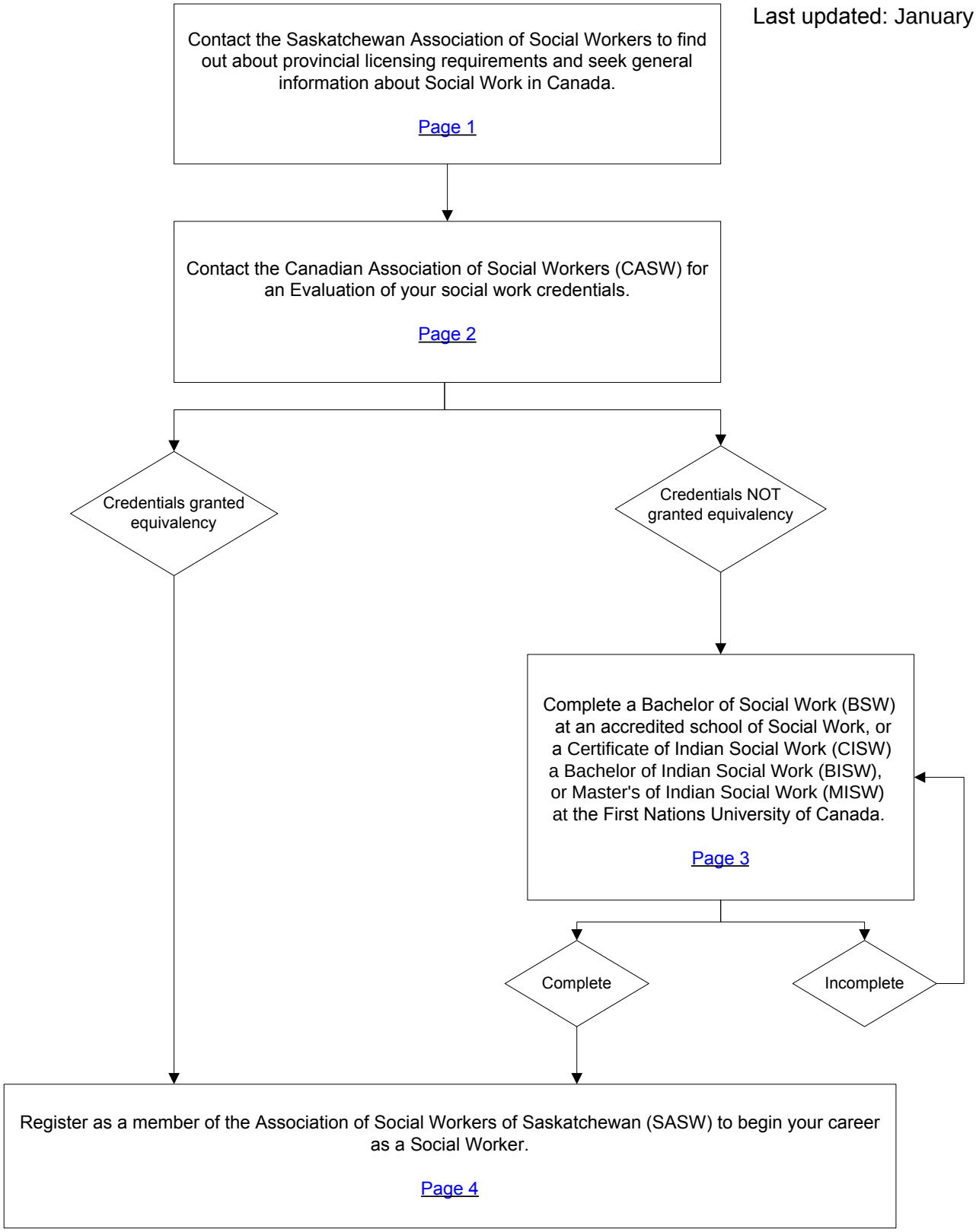

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PROCESS MAP FOR INTERNATIONALLY-TRAINED SOCIAL WORKERS WISHING TO WORK IN SASKATCHEWAN, CANADA

This PROCESS MAP will provide internationally-trained Social Workers with information about the most efficient pathway leading to obtain membership with the Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers (SASW). This roadmap is meant as a guide only, but is based on the experience of many Social Workers that have been through the registration process.

Contact the Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers (SASW) to find out about the provincial licensing requirements and seek general information about Social Work in Canada. Website: www.sasw.ca

The requirements for registration as a Social Worker are different in each Canadian jurisdiction. When making the decision to settle in Saskatchewan, it is important to contact the Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers (SASW) to find out the steps that are required to become a Social Worker in the province.

You may write to the Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers to ask about the requirements and costs for licensing, certification, or registration and the recommended procedure for a credential assessment prior to your arrival in Canada.

Information about parts of the process you can do or start before you leave your home country is available on the Canadian Association of Social Workers (CASW) website. For example you may need to:

- Prepare or obtain documents from your home licensing body or educational institution;
- Obtain and complete forms that are available online;
- Obtain personal or work references;
- Begin necessary educational or language assessments; or
- Begin applications to programs or examinations.

Current application information is available online.

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For general information about Social Work in Canada, a national study of the social work profession in Canada is available. The report is available at the following website: www.casw-acts.ca/canada/sectorstudyintro_e.html

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Contact the Canadian Association of Social Workers (CASW) for an evaluation of your social work credentials.

All individuals holding non-Canadian credentials in social work must apply for an assessment completed by the Canadian Association of Social Workers (CASW). This assessment compares your non-Canadian credentials to Canadian educational standards.

For an evaluation of social work credentials, the applicant can download the application kit from the CASW website or request that the application kit be sent to him/her. A fee of $250 payable to CASW must be submitted with the complete application form and required documentation.

This assessment may be commenced prior to or after your arrival in Canada.

There are two outcomes of the credential assessment. The credentials of applicants are either recognized as considerably equivalent to a Canadian Social Work degree or not.

a) Applicants who receive notification stating the equivalency of his/her credentials to the Canadian standard may begin the application process in order to register as a member of Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers.

b) Applicants who are not granted equivalence to a Canadian Social Work degree may appeal this decision in writing to the CASW President within three months of the decision. If the applicant wishes to pursue the profession as a social worker, they must complete the education program and examinations to obtain a Bachelor of Social Work or Bachelor of Indian Social Work. Advanced placement or exemption from specific courses may be given by the University of Regina or First Nations University of Canada.

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The application for evaluation of foreign social work credentials is available online:
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Complete a certificate or degree accepted as part of the requirements
for registration with the Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers

When equivalence to a Canadian Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) is not granted to an individual he/she will need to complete the same educational requirements as Canadian students to become a registered Social Worker in Canada.

Only registered members of the Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers (SASW) may practice social work in Saskatchewan using the title Social Worker. Academic attainments accepted for registration with SASW include a bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree in social work from a recognized University program, accredited in Canada, by the Canadian Association of Social Work Educators (CASWE) and in the U.S.A accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). Degrees from any other country must be evaluated by the Canadian Association of Social Workers (CASW). Other academic attainments accepted for registration with SASW include a Certificate of Social Work conferred by the University of Regina (the University of Regina no longer offers this program), or a Certificate of Indian Social Work (CISW), Bachelor of Indian Social Work (BISW), or Master's of Indian Social Work (MISW) conferred by the University of Regina in association with the First Nation's University of Canada (FNUC).

Students holding a three to four year degree from a related discipline or a foreign degree will be given transfer credits for the general University Studies portion of the Bachelor of Social Work or Bachelor of Indian Social Work. Individuals who would like to receive transfer credits for their previous academic studies must make this request at the time of application to the program. Applications are reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Advanced placement into the Social Work program is considered on an individual basis.

The Canadian Association of Social Work Education (CASWE) carries out the evaluation and accreditation of Canadian Social Work programs. Most social work programs are accredited by CASWE, you may however wish to consult their published directory of accredited programs.

The Canadian Association of Social Work Education (CASWE)
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Website: www.cassw-acess.ca

The CISW and BISW are offered by the University of Regina Faculty of Social Work in Federation with the First Nations University of Canada (FNUC). To obtain details such as length of courses, registration process, etc., you may contact the FNUC Faculty of Social Work at (306) 790-5950.

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Register as a member of the Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers.

Once credential equivalency has been granted (or all educational requirements have been fulfilled), you may apply to be a member of the Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers (SASW).

The SASW Office cannot hold any partially complete applications, documentation or funds without the ability to process them, therefore all incomplete packages will be returned to sender. The application package must include:

- Original transcript of marks or assessment certificate forwarded directly to the SASW Office from the academic institution or CASW;
- A character reference from a registered social worker or most recent employer;
- An original copy of a current criminal records check;
- A current resume/curriculum vitae; and
- A cheque/money order for the appropriate registration category

The registration process takes 4-6 weeks for internationally-trained applicants.

For more information concerning membership, including criteria, fee schedule and registration information:
www.sasw.ca/membership/CriteriaFeeScheduleSASWServicesSheet.pdf

For the application to register as a social worker:
www.sasw.ca/membership/RSW-2008-2009Application-for-new-members.pdf

The fees effective January 1st, 2011 to December 31st, 2011 are as follows:

- Annual dues for Full Time Membership: $339

Please note, fees and requirements do change. Contact the SASW for the most current information.

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