

COUNTRY ASSESSMENT GUIDANCE: INDIA

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The purpose of this guidance is to tell you the criteria that you must meet for us to assess that you hold a professional qualification in social work that is equivalent to the UK qualification standard. The guidance also tells you the sections of the application form you need to complete and the documentary evidence that you need to provide.

To apply for registration as a social worker you should hold:

- a three year Bachelors degree in social work
- or**
- a Masters degree in social work awarded by an Indian university
- and**
- have completed a minimum of 130 whole days in supervised and assessed social work practice, taking into account your training **and** relevant post-qualifying social work employment up until the date of your application.

If you have completed less than 130 days, you should delay your application until you have reached this minimum period of employment in a social work role. If you do apply for registration and have not completed 130 days, you are likely to be refused registration on training grounds and your application fee will not be refunded.

If you should apply for registration and do not hold the social work qualification listed here, your application for registration is likely to be refused on training grounds and your application fee not refunded. This is because you have not trained and qualified in social work in India.

The assessment process

Your application will be assessed to compare your social work education and training with the United Kingdom standard to see if there are any substantial gaps. If we find that any substantial gaps have not been made up through relevant post-qualifying social work employment, we may require you to complete a period of additional training in the UK before allowing you to register. Alternatively, you will have the option to request an aptitude test.

Completing Section four: Your social work qualification

You must complete all questions in Parts A and B of Section four (Your social work qualification). You must provide:

- a verified copy of your qualification certificate
and
- a verified copy of your course transcript as evidence of your course content.

Your qualification certificate must state the title of your qualification, the name of the training establishment where you studied, the name of the awarding body (if different from the training establishment where you studied) and the date that the qualification was awarded.

Your course transcript must list **all** of the courses studied throughout your training, including supervised and assessed practice placements (and any periods of block placements) and the marks, grades or credits awarded.

Translation and verification of documents

A translation into English is required for all documents in a language other than English. Copies of the document in the original language and the English translation must be checked by your endorser.

For more information, about translations and your endorser's role, see the Guidance for Social Workers who trained and qualified outside Scotland, England, Northern Ireland and Wales applying for registration on the part

Supervised and assessed practice

If you have not completed a minimum of 130 whole days in supervised and assessed practice in a social work role during your training and you want us to take your relevant post-qualifying social work employment into account to make up this shortfall, make sure you complete question 15 in Part A of Section four. You must also tell us about your work as a social worker in the employment sections of the application form (Sections two and three) from the time that you qualified up until the date of your application.